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Pastor Pierson boards a Fokker Friendship at Kathmandu en route to Calcutta.

We Travelled With Dr. Pierson

by CECIL B. GUILD

R. H. PIERSON, R. S. Lowry and the writer left Poona and Bombay, December 8, to attend the Northeast Union constituency meeting at Falakata. A large group of Calcutta church members were at the airport that evening to greet Pastor Pierson.

Before leaving Poona, G. J. Christo had advised that our ninth morning flight to Gauhati be cancelled if the plane was delayed by more than one and one-half hours. When the plane left Calcutta two and one-half hours later than scheduled we were on the plane for Dr. Lowry said he believed in crowding luck. Arriving at Gauhati we were met by R. N. Baird with his car. The original plan called for us to eat lunch at Assam Training School but since we arrived late Pastor Baird telephoned his wife at Shillong to prepare lunch there. Later he telephoned her again to cancel that arrangement. Instead we ate some sandwiches which

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Vacation time ATS students had prepared a short programme for the General Conference president.



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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,

During my teen years on the farm it was my responsibility to bring about a dozen head of cattle from pasture in the evening. The field where the cattle grazed was surrounded by a wire netting fence with openings about the size of the creature's head. The grass on the other side of the fence was better than that inside. At least, the cow thought so and when a cow was missing from the herd she could usually be found with her head through the opening. Having once put her head through the opening, she could not retract it because of her curved horns. After consuming all of the grass within reach of her long tongue the position was uncomfortable. With some manipulation and hazard I would get her head back on the same side of the fence with her body.

Some Christians try to be on both sides of the fence at once—the Lord's side and the devil's side. In spiritual things this is not possible. The Bible says so. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21). Treasure is not only money. Most of us have little of that. It is mental faculties, speech, influence, time, health, strength, money, affections and any other talent. To be on God's side these will be dedicated to Him. Christ is the Master Psychologist and knows all about the mind. Here He is giving a simple law or fact. The mind will be where the treasure is.

Christ is also the Master Optician. He says that the eye should be single. Matthew 6:22. Two eyes focus on a single point. Otherwise a person may be cross-eyed or wall-eyed. This is a physical handicap. However it is not necessary spiritually. Nor can it be imagined how a person would keep one eye on things of the earth and the other eye toward heaven. Some people might think they can have double vision when they are only drunken with the cares of this life.

The Lord also knows all about administration. "No man can serve two masters" (Matthew 6:24). This is not advice: "Do not serve two masters." It is rather a statement of a simple fact. Those who are trying to serve two masters cannot. They are serving one or the other and one only. Let them ask: Which one is it? They cannot try to serve two and find themselves comfortable here or have hope of the hereafter.

Christ does not share His place in your heart with any other. "Nothing less than entire consecration in His service will Christ accept. This is the lesson which every one of us must learn."—*Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 42.*

Let us consecrate our all to Christ,

C. B. Guild

Cecil B. Guild, Secretary



Mrs. Chhangte displays the ATS library to Pastor Pierson.

Travelling with Pierson

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Pastor Baird had with him. We arrived at Shillong at 1 P.M., stopped a few minutes, and continued on to Assam Training School.

To everyone's surprise the system of one-way traffic between Shillong and Jowai was discontinued that very day. Time was thus saved when it was not necessary to wait for the "gates." The visit to ATS lasted for an hour and a half and was enough for a brief inspection and a short pro-



Mrs. Paswet, ATS food matron, and Naga students talk with Drs. Pierson and Lowry.

gramme by students who were still there during the vacation. We arrived back in Shillong in plenty of time for a 6:30 meeting there that evening when Pastor Pierson spoke.

The morning of December 10 began at 3 A.M. for those of us who were to travel the 320 miles by car to Falakata. This group now included Mrs. Baird, as well as her husband, who shared in driving the car. The road was not the best but the day's trip was punctuated by two delightful picnic meals in the midst of trees along the way. We arrived at Falakata in time



At ATS Pastor Pierson told how the little African boy had more than anyone else when the In-gathering field day was over.

for supper and the evening meeting.

About 9 o'clock the morning of December 14 we left Falakata in the Union Chevrolet station-wagon (nicknamed "Golden Goose") for the 32-mile run to Cooch Behar. The plane for Calcutta was to leave at 11:40. The road was rough. About half way we smelled rubber and got out to find the left front wheel fallen completely off. The wheel had wobbled and rubbed the body, scorching the rubber. When we looked it was flat under the hub. The brake was broken and wheel



With others, R. H. Pierson listens while Nurse Suhasinee tells the Christmas story.

bearings and nuts missing. Borrowing a bicycle from a passer-by I rode back a mile and half but found no pieces. Just as I returned a bus came along and we piled in. Another eight miles and we met a taxi which we had sent a boy ahead for. Alighting from the bus we took the taxi straight to the airport. It was nip and tuck to reach there in time. But when we arrived at the airport no plane was in sight. Had it gone without us, we wondered. Inside the airport building we were informed that the plane would be an hour late! It was while waiting there that Pastor Pierson wrote a Heart

Message for the *Review*. The moral is patience. I learned that these messages are written a year in advance of publication.

A bus load of Delhi members and workers were waiting for Dr. Pierson at the New Delhi airport as we arrived there that evening. Both Monday and Tuesday were spent with the Northwestern India Union committee but time was taken for Drs. Pierson and Lowry, S. James and S. M. Moses to have a 15-minute interview with India's president, V. V. Giri.

During our stay in Delhi I obtained Burma and Nepal visas. In the Nepal embassy a large num-

ber of hippies were also applying for visas. In fact, these seemed to dominate the scene. We will have unusual company, I thought. However, it turned out that many of them travel by means other than plane, although we found many hippies in Nepal.

From Delhi Dr. Lowry joined B. H. Stickle to attend the Pakistan Union committee meetings in Lahore. As soon as Pastor Pierson and I had taken to the air, December 17, from Delhi, the Himalayan range appeared in the distance to the north. We came progressively closer to this beautiful range of snow-capped peaks as we proceeded to Kathmandu. Charles Shultz met our plane with the hospital jeep station-wagon.

It seemed that each worker at Scheer Memorial Hospital placed a garland around our necks. These were made of flowers or of popcorn. The stay of more than 24 hours in Nepal was delightful and gave promise for the future. An evening Christmas programme and supper was held in Dr. and Mrs. R. I. Clark's living room and greatly enjoyed by members of the staff and leaders of Banepa.

In Calcutta again we were joined by M. E. Kemmerer who had attended the Ceylon and South India committee sessions and had visited Vellore. With some change in schedule he had travelled by night plane and arrived at the Park Hotel in Calcutta at 6 A.M., December 19.

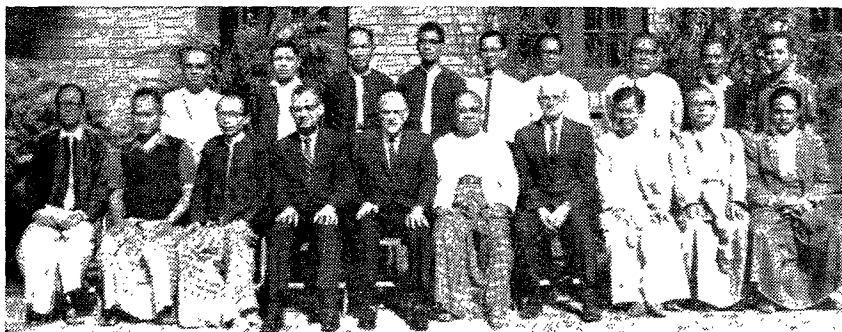
Pastor Pierson wanted a good



Banepa children sang "Silent Night" and "Away in a Manger."



As local helpers have gained experience Scheer Memorial Hospital has become an efficient and widely known medical unit. At the time of R. H. Pierson's visit Dr. William Borge was in charge. Dr. and Mrs. Richard Clark had not yet returned from the Northeast Union constituency meeting.



Members of the Burma Union committee, with section treasurers, met, December 21 to 23, in Rangoon.

Indian meal before leaving India so the three of us went to Kwality. Pastor Pierson ordered egg currys, dahl and nan with Kwality

ice-cream to finish. Pastor Pierson had not eaten in a Kwality restaurant before and thought it excellent.



Pastor Pierson urged Burma Union committee men to place responsibility on the shoulders of the youth of the church.

An evening meeting was held in the Calcutta church, Dec. 19.

Pastors K. Paw and Pein Gyi were waiting at the Rangoon airport upon our arrival in Burma. Several meetings were held with the Rangoon church group. Pastors Pierson and Kemmerer left Ran-



Arthur Ba Tin translated for M. E. Kemmerer at the Oct. 21 Rangoon morning devotional service.

goon and Southern Asia the evening of December 21. Mrs. Pierson expected to meet her husband at Andrews University where they were to spend Christmas with son, Bob, and his family. Pastor Kemmerer was spending Christmas with Peggy at Loma Linda.

The visit of these two former Southern Asia workers and officers, now in the General Conference, brought great courage to the field. Their time with us is treasured.

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• Under date of Jan. 7, Robert
• H. Pierson writes: "The
• January, 1970 SOUTHERN
• ASIA TIDINGS has just reached
• us. I feel very humble as I
• see all of the publicity given
• to the recent visit of an Indian
• missionary home on a brief
• furlough after some sixteen
• years' service in America and
• Africa.... This issue will be
• a treasured reminder of the
• wonderful five weeks it was
• my privilege to spend in
• Southern Asia with all the
• warm-hearted people there."
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Garos Construct Seventeen Churches

by R. M. NEISH

THE NORTHEAST UNION CONSTITUENCY meeting convened, December 10 to 13, 1969, at Raymond Memorial Higher Secondary School, Falakata. One hundred eighty delegates present included the General Conference president, Dr. R. H. Pierson, and J. M. Curnow, C. B. Guild, R. S. Lowry, I. K. Moses and E. M. Stiles from the Division. The delegates called to mind many former Northeast Union workers: J. F. Ashlock, R. J. Borrowdale, H. T. Burr, M. C. Champion, C. J. Jensen, O. W. Lange, Mrs. G. G. Lowry, O. A. Skau, W. F. Storz and W. B. Votaw.

At mid-1969 there were 4,411 members in the Northeast Union and 239 workers. During the past four years 17 were ordained to the ministry, including the first Garo and Naga workers to be ordained. G. C. Halder, who was placed on sustentation in October, was a literature evangelist for 34 years.

Lay tithes has increased 54 per cent over the previous four years. The 1968 Week of Sacrifice offering was Rs. 11,862 compared to less than four thousand rupees in 1966. Only two units show adequate working capital: the Raymond Memorial Higher Secondary School and the Ranchi Hospital.

The new Assam Training School building—recipient of the 1967 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering Overflow—was built for less than the estimated cost. Thus some thirty thousand rupees is in hand to apply toward a new boys' hostel.

Sabbath school offerings increased from Rs. 29,168 in 1963 to Rs. 53,640 in 1968. To the end of July, 1969 sixteen vacation Bible schools were held with nearly double the enrolment of previous years. The 1965 Investment offering increased from Rs. 1,250 to Rs. 4,711 in 1969.

Laymen take a special interest in the Bible in the Home Plan.



Members of the J. M. Dkhar family sang at the opening meeting of the Northeast Union constituency session.

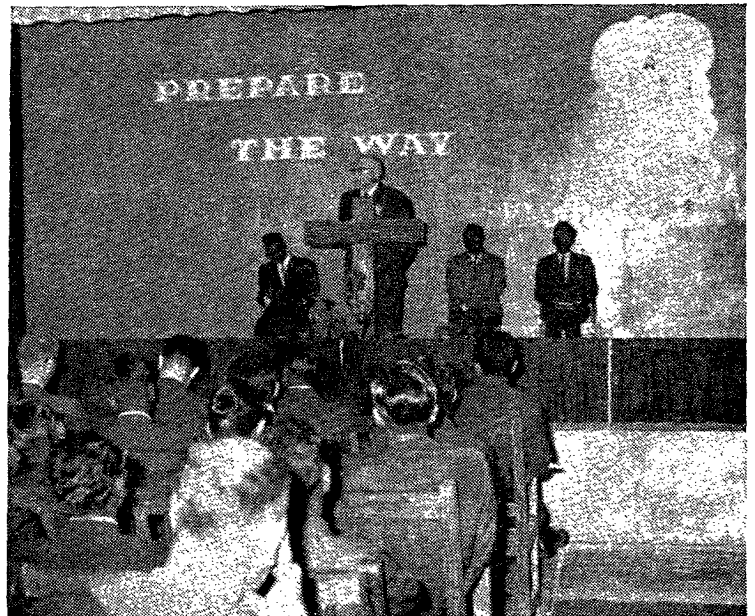
Through this means more than one hundred persons were introduced to Bible truth and were baptized. The lessons which accompany this plan are being prepared in seven languages. Subscriptions to *Our Times* magazine in the Northeast surpassed the assigned goal of 2,000 copies for three years running.

Three youth camps were held in 1969.

In the Northeast fifty elementary schools are conducted with 87

teachers and 1,322 students. Fifty-seven per cent of the students have a Seventh-day Adventist background. Two boarding schools have 29 teachers and 143 high school students. Seventy-five per cent of the high school students are members of the Adventist church.

During the past few years the Voice of Prophecy programme has shared in the establishment of seven churches, ten companies and 28 branch Sabbath schools. At the



Pastor Pierson called for a total mobilization of the whole church to reach 140 million people in the Northeast Union.

Organizations and institutions in the North-east Union showed the following percentages of self support:

	1965	1968
Assam Section	37%	30%
East India Section	36%	38%
Assam Training School	62%	62%
Raymond Memorial Higher Secondary School	70%	64%
Ranchi Hospital	85%	103%
Scheer Memorial Hospital	69%	72%

present time 23 VOP group studies are conducted. A young man studying in one of the Government colleges of Calcutta was discouraged with life. One day he came to the great Howrah bridge and, while he thought no one was looking, jumped into the Hooghly River. But a tidal wave washed him ashore. After that he came in contact with a friend who introduced him to the Voice of Prophecy Bible lessons. He writes that now he has a hope in life.

In a temperance rally at Patna, the health minister of the Bihar Government presided over the meeting. Impressed by the Adventist health message he immediately directed that such temperance programmes be conducted in all the colleges of Bihar. At the Jagarnath Mela (fair) where three hundred thousand people gather every year, a tem-

perance and VOP booth was installed. As an experiment tracts were sold at ten paise each. All of the supply was exhausted. Three Five-Day Plans to overcome the tobacco habit were held at Banepa, Calcutta and Ranchi. One thousand attended the latter meeting.

Literature sales in 1968 were Rs. 327,294 compared to Rs. 170,171 in 1966. Among literature evangelists, Jiwan M. Guria has a weekly meeting for one hundred interested people. R. Khorei won 22 people to Christ in 1968. R. K. Paul saw 22 people baptized in 1968. C. Pherim working in Kohima, Nagaland, sold one hundred copies of Pastor Pierson's Book of the Year, *Though the Winds Blow*. His customers seem to buy any religious material in print, including a high school Bible textbook, *Principles of Life* and the *Church Manual*.

In his concluding remarks, G. J. Christo said, "The Sabbath schools are winning people to Christ, laymen are stirring to accomplish great things, Missionary Volunteers actively participate in evangelistic activities, Adventist schools are winning and saving people for Christ, the temperance work is winning friends, the radio-TV department through its correspondence schools is reaching into isolated places, literature evangelists are scattering literature among the rich and the poor, the intellectual and studious. The ministers and evangelists are leading the Northeast Union into greater exploits for God."

Assam Section

In the Assam Section alone more than one thousand Adventist members were added during the past four years. In the Assam Valley where there were no members now there are forty baptized believers. The Manipur elementary school was opened in 1968 under the leadership of Yuimi Luikham. This year 22 young people were baptized there. Of 17 churches erected in the Garo circle only one was built with the help of organizational funds. In the Assam Section, 1966 lay tithe of Rs. 29,554 increased to Rs. 59,524 in 1968. Ingathering of Rs. 18,162 in 1966 increased to Rs. 28,652 in 1969. As a result of vacation Bible schools, 71 children became members of the Sabbath school and 66 enrolled in Adventist church schools. Literature sales in 1964 of Rs. 36,967 increased to Rs. 107,289 in 1968. In a spirit of lay activity at Runtung, Mizo Hills, members put a big basket on the



Thirty-six ministers took part in the ordination of Dennis Marang, left, Shillong church pastor; David Poddar, centre, headmaster, Raymond Memorial Higher Secondary School; and Donald R. Bankhead, right, principal, Assam Training School, here standing with their wives.

After a sermon by C. B. Guild, R. H. Pierson offered the ordination prayer. The charge was given by R. S. Lowry. G. J. Christo welcomed the three brethren to the gospel ministry.



Robert Bazroy, left, K. S. Kongari, K. S. D. Charles and D. P. K. Haldar display temperance charts used in East India Section.

1,539 members in the East India Section has the responsibility of witnessing to 87,719 people. During the past four years one hundred evangelistic series of meetings were conducted. Most of the new members are young people. These have helped to win 230 people to Christ since 1964. They participated in 181 youth projects and earned 225 reading course and 70 Bible year certificates. By setting up school boards for the 26 Adventist schools at local church level, members take a great interest in the work of the schools and seven of these are self-supporting.



With the help of three students from Banepa, Virginia Clark told about their home branch Sabbath school.



Charles Shultz uses a variety of hand puppets in public health work.

roadside leading from their large garden plot to the village. Villagers dropped contributions of corn, cucumbers, melons and other produce. Each evening three members distributed this to the poor of the village.

East India Section

The East India Section has experienced more than its share of draught, famine, pestilence, flood and epidemics. With its tremendous population each one of the

Dorcas welfare societies which have increased from eight to 24 since 1965, sponsor adult education classes in churches where many women cannot read. During the past two years, 61 of the vacation Bible schools were conducted in the East India Section with 1,825 children in attendance.

Literature evangelists carry Adventist literature to every area in East India where sales amounted to Rs. 548,709 during the past four years as compared to Rs. 202,124 during the previous four years. Forty scholarships were earned in four years. The Hindi church paper, *Dhanya Asha*, is re-



C. John Gorde's babies help promote stewardship.



R. M. Neish's chart and figures were designed to stimulate active Northeast laymen to do even more in the future.

vived with a circulation of 450 copies. During four years lay tithe in East India increased 53 per cent over the previous four years.

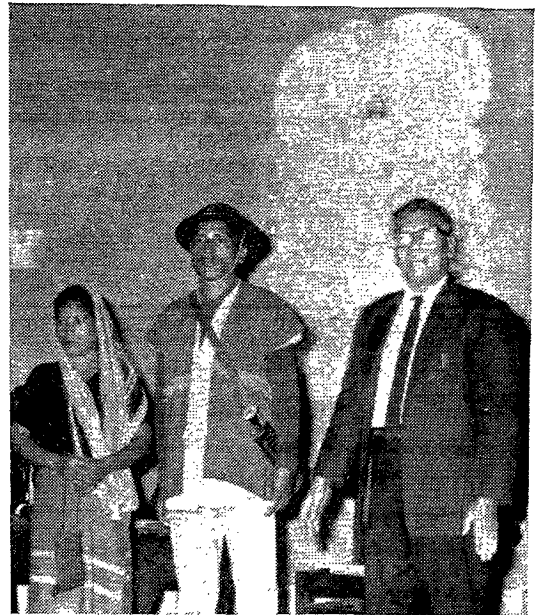
Ranchi Hospital

Seven of the 34 regular Ranchi Hospital workers have served in the institution more than ten years. In-patients in 1969 numbered 1,591 and out-patients 11,

204. Blood bank bottles average 143 monthly and laboratory tests, 426. Monthly major operations average twenty, minor operations, 84 and maternity cases, 11,

Scheer Memorial Hospital

Scheer Memorial Hospital now has two physicians and five quali-



B. Nowrangi, right, introduces Mr. and Mrs. Borjo Teyeng from the Abhor tribe, Assam Valley.

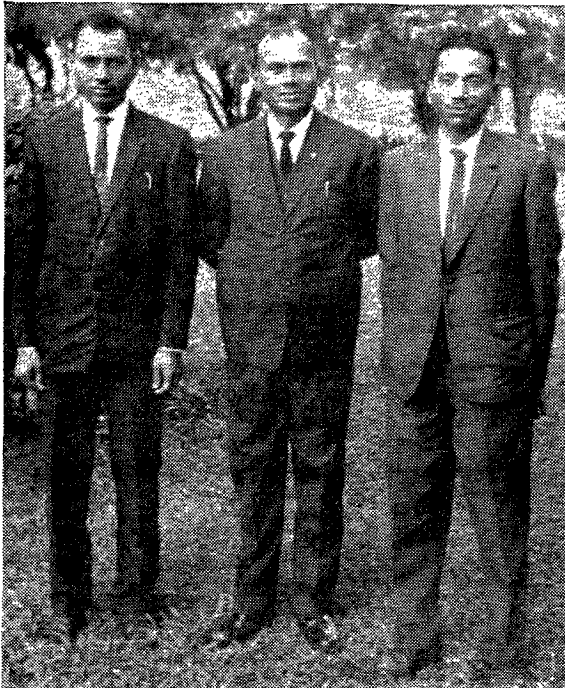
fied nurses. The bed capacity is increased from 24 to 32.

Raymond Memorial High School

Raymond Memorial Higher Secondary School students speak a dozen languages. Good contacts with educational department officials make it possible to largely avoid Sabbath examination. This year, for the first time, school grown rice is sufficient for the needs of the school. With the rehabilitation of a four-bottom plow and a good pumping system, crops are somewhat promising but other equipment is seriously antiquated. Starting from a branch Sabbath school, a children's charity clinic under the direction of Mrs. A. W. Matheson, a nurse, brings one hundred patients on each of two days per week.

Assam Training School

Almost invariably when students return to their homes from Assam Training School they become student evangelists. About one hundred do so each year. Eighty per cent of the hostel students come from Seventh-day Adventist homes. Under the direction of Marcellan Murmu, crops from the school farm include beans, corn, *tyrso*, pumpkin, cabbage and cauliflower. Three thousand rupees



Three brothers attended the Northeast Union constituency session. From left they are: Robert Bazroy, Voice of Prophecy and temperance secretary, East India Section; Prem Bazroy, Garo district circle leader; John Bazroy, pastor of Ranchi district,



D. R. Bankhead stated that representatives from nearly one-third of the 126 tribes in Assam have attended Assam Training School. During the past four years 66 students have been baptized.

worth of farm produce was sold to the school kitchen during the past year. The school press, under the leadership of I. Rajan, profits two thousand rupees per year. Patras Baa with his workshop had a business of Rs. 1,100 in November.

Several ATS students are able to play the piano due to the teaching of Mrs. Helen Boykin.

A special offering for evangelism taken on Sabbath, Dec. 13, amounted to Rs. 5,300. Eighteen one hundred rupee notes were given in this offering.

New union appointments made during the meeting include:

M. V. secretary and assistant auditor—J. I. Konghat

Stewardship secretary—B. Nowrangi

Ministerial and temperance secretary—W. G. Jenson.

Calcutta transportation—Thomas Francis

Seeho Thomas, formerly in charge of Calcutta transportation, becomes the first treasurer of the Scheer Memorial Hospital, Banepa.

CHURCH CALENDAR 1970

- February 1-28 Christian Education Emphasis Month
- February 7* Lay Members' Ingathering Launching Day
- February 14 Baptism Sabbath
- Christian Home and Family Altar Day
- February 14-21 Christian Home Week
- February 28 Education Day and Offering
- March 7* Ingathering Victory Day
- March 14 Sabbath School Visitors' Day
- World Concern Offering
- March 21 Day of Fasting and Prayer for Evangelism
- Baptism Sabbath
- Communion Service and Poor Fund Offering
- April 4* Bible in the Home Evangelism
- April 11 SMC Lay Student Aid Offering
- April 18 Baptism Sabbath
- April 25 Stewardship Day
- May 2* Health and Welfare Evangelism
- May 9 Final 50,000 Goal Baptism Day
- May 16 Spirit of Prophecy Day
- World Concern Offering
- June 6* Visitation Evangelism
- June 20 Communion Service and Poor Fund Offering
- MV Evangelism Day
- July 4*

*On the first Sabbath of each month the offering is for the Lay Activities Department.

- THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERINGS**
- March 28 Northern European Division
 - June 27 Central European Division
 - Sept. 26 Southern European Division
 - December 19 Inter-American Division

An appeal from the General Conference president:

Within a few months - Atlantic City

The General Conference Central Planning Committee has been working for months on the programme for the Session to be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, U.S.A., June 7 to 20. The theme of every phase of the pre-meetings and the Session itself will be spiritual renewal—revival and reformation.

Before the Session opens Thursday evening, June 11, there will be nearly a week of departmental and business meetings. Every one of these pre-session meetings are being planned prayerfully around revival and a finished work. Each morning the first service will be a deeply spiritual revival service with prayer band arrangements following immediately. Volunteer prayer bands among the various division delegations will be meeting all over Atlantic City. Each morning just before lunch the business meetings will be interrupted for an hour of old-fashioned Bible-in-the-Hand Bible study. Prayer and the study of the Word must characterize the Session.

Fellow believers around the world, *pray for this great gathering of God's people*. It must be a time of deep heart searching, of true conviction and conversion. It must be the place of beginning again for many of our dear people and for all of us it must be a season of deep spiritual challenge. *Pray earnestly and perseveringly for the General Conference Session.*

OUR UNIONS REPORT

BURMA

BAIIRD, Harold, died of a heart attack at Warners Bay, N.S.W., Australia, on Dec. 24, 1969 at the age of 72. Bro. Baird and his wife (who preceded him in death on May 17, 1969) arrived in Burma in 1920 where they joined Pastor and Mrs. Eric B. Hare in work for the Karen people, taking up their station at Kamamaung. They continued this work until evacuation in 1942. Many Burma workers began their training at Ohndaw during the time of the Bairds stay in Burma. When World War II came the Bairds continued their mission service in Rawalpindi, West Pakistan. In 1945 they returned to Australia. Pastor Baird was the father of R. N. Baird, president of the Assam Section.

Officials Invite Temperance Secretary

THE BURMA UNION year-end committee met December 19 to 22 in Rangoon.

Pe Yee, president of the Upper Burma Section, made a visit to Nagaland in October but found that church activity is discouraged in the Burma Naga area.

The former Jenny Pya is evangelist at Taunggyi where an interest in the Bible is developing. Two Seventh-day Adventist workers and 13 members are in

Kayah State.

Thirty girls and 50 boys are cared for by one preceptress and one preceptor at the Myaungmya hostel. The principal of the school where the Adventist students attend is a Buddhist lady. She permits the Adventist children to be free from school on the Sabbath day. Eight Delta village schools are taught by Adventist teachers.

In the Tenasserim Section new work in Kawkereik was started by lay women. One village near Tavoy has a Seventh-day Adventist member in every home.

Six workers and one Bible worker assist Maung Twa in the Rangoon area. The four churches in this area have a combined membership of 430. Thirty people were baptized in the Rangoon area during 1969.

The sixth Bible Seminary class at Myaungmya is a group of 35 members, nine of whom are young ladies. These 35 students represent 17 language groups. In the Myaungmya area the students are divided in eleven Bible in the Home groups. A near-by village is alerted to Bible truth from studies being held in 11 homes.

One hundred fifty new Sgaw Karen hymns and 198 Pwo Karen hymns are translated for a new Adventist hymn book.

Burma officials find that alcoholism is a major factor in causing mental disturbances and eventual internment in the Rangoon Mental Hospital. In forming a committee to study the problem,

Aung Win, secretary of the Burma Union temperance department, was invited to be a member.

—C. B. Guild

CEYLON



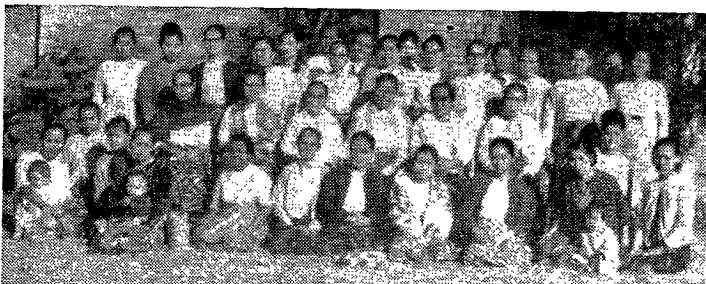
Dr. H. W. Miller, age 90, arrived in Ceylon Nov. 19 to assist T. B. Sadler, principal, Lakpahana Training Institute, in setting up soy milk machinery. Having completed the task within two or three days, soy milk was supplied to those who gathered at the reception for R. H. Pierson.

• D. S. Ariyaratnam, lay activities secretary of the Ceylon Union, reported: "Ceylon has been struck by the worst flood disaster ever in history."

During the last few days of 1969 rain, flood and wind made havoc in Ceylon. Reports of the number made homeless ranged from two hundred thousand persons up. Hard hit cities where Adventist centres are located include Jaffna, Galle and Batticaloa. These represent the west, north and eastern portions of Ceylon. Half of those made homeless seemed to be in Batticaloa where eight inches of rain fell. Helicopters and boats were called into action to rescue marooned people. Fishermen and daily labourers deprived of income faced want.

The Ceylon Union voted its entire relief budget of Rs. 3,500

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While their husbands looked after the homework, Burma ladies gathered in special institute, Dec. 2 to 4 at the Rangoon Seventh-day Adventist Church. Topics for discussion included establishing a home, the ideal housewife, communication in the home, bringing up children, healthful living, family altar and home finance,

Congress Trophies 1

WITH the assistance of union and section leaders, J. Ernest Edwards and George W. Maywald, lay activities secretaries of the General Conference and the Southern Asia Division respectively, held 12 lay congresses beginning October 1 in Burma and ending December 13 in the Kananda Section in South India. Two thousand two hundred four delegates attended these meetings, bringing 547 candidates to the meetings for baptism. These lay workers, representing a total of 3,714 working members, set a goal of more than thirteen thousand baptisms before General Conference.

DURING the months of November and December four lay congresses were conducted in the South India Union by J. Ernest Edwards from the General Conference, and G. W. Maywald, Division lay activities secretary. The 972 delegates brought 355 people for baptism and pledged to win 6,900 people for Christ in 1970. The

delegates came from as far north as Bobilli in Andhra, and from as far south as Cape Comorin in Tamil Nadu. They travelled from

the politically troubled areas of Kerala and from the staunch Hindu areas of North Kanara. They came down from the hill areas and up from the costal plains. Each congress represented weeks of faithful and fearful planning on the part of local section committees.

The welcome received by the visitors were as varied as the people who gave them—but always there were necks made heavy with garlands of flowers. There was a 1920 vintage model Ford to take them to the opening meeting at Nuzvid—past singing delegates lining the road and through a nurses' guard of honour; and a decorated jeep and fire-crackers at Prakasapuram. School children threw petals and held up coloured archways while bandsmen played their instruments and beat their drums—all making a swirl of impressions and leaving behind unforgettable memories.



U Pe Nye, Delta layman, won his two grandsons for Christ and saw them baptized in Rangoon at the time of the Burma Union Lay Congress. Thein Shwe, Delta Section president and lay activities secretary, stands at right.



Burma Union and sectional leaders joined General Conference and Division lay activities secretaries in dedication to an accelerated lay movement.

Left to right: Tun Maung, Thein Shwe, Tun Sein, J. Ernest Edwards, K. Paw, Pe Yee, Pein Gyi, G. W. Maywald, Ba Nyein, Elisha Paul.

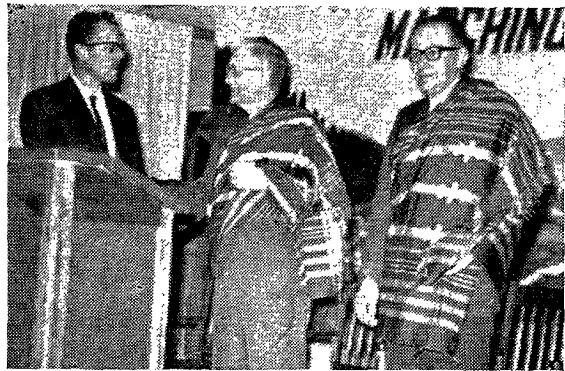
Broken Hopeful Trend



Burma Union four Laymen of the Year are, left to right: U Po Nyo, Delta Section; Enoch Paul (not shown), Central Burma; Bogyi Oom Poom, Upper Burma; Saw Torkwe, Tenasserim.

The meetings were not without their problems; a cyclone, the second within the space of six months, hurled itself along the coast of Andhra just two days before the congress at Nuzvid was due to start. Trees were uprooted. Houses collapsed. Floods paralyzed rail and road communications all around Vijayawada. The temporary accommodation erected for the expected four hundred delegates was completely destroyed. Electricity was cut for 48 hours, flickering on just thirty minutes before the opening meeting was due to start. Water supplies failed. A tree crashed through the roof

of the auditorium, leaving a large hole above the platform.



On behalf of Assam delegates R. M. Neish presented J. Ernest Edwards and G. W. Maywald with Naga shawls.



Delegates pledged to hold the torch of truth high in Assam.

Pastors Edwards and Maywald had to wade thigh-deep through a racing torrent that just a few hours before had breached the only road to the hospital. The opening of the congress was postponed for 24 hours since only two delegates had been able to get through on time. Delegates were still coming in on the last day; three arrived after travelling for three days, sleeping where they could, catching buses wherever possible, walking wherever not—and in all of that time having nothing to eat. Many champion laymen were unable to get through—among them was Layman of the Year Yohan, from Mandepata; Albert, from Narsapur, a foreman on a building site who broke a strike of his workers by praying with them, and who ultimately ended up by having Bible studies with 25 of them; and Dr. Devadanam from Vanukuru who is presently holding

meetings in three villages and expected at least a hundred baptisms by the end of 1969.

In his usual style Pastor Maywald preached the opening message: "If we want Christ to come, we must GO. If we want to be ready when He comes, we must GO." The delegates in attendance responded to the challenge by pledging to GO and win 1,300 people for Christ during 1970. At the closing session, the majority of



Four people were baptized during the East India Section Lay Congress held at Khunti.

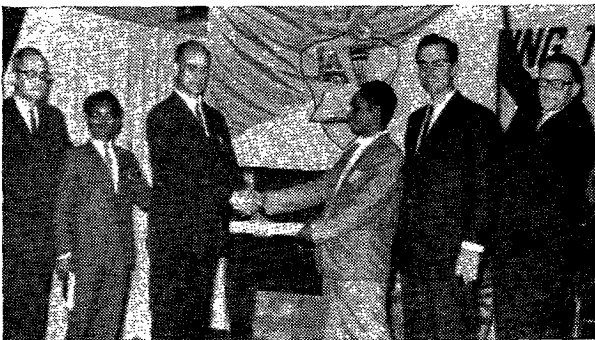


Probod Sangma, fisherman by trade, attended Assam Training School and returned to lead believers in Bordampitbari, Garo Hills, in building a church. He is studying the Bible with five candidates.

those present stood to pledge their agreement with the words of Pastor Edwards: "We have one purpose — to win people for Christ and to prepare them to meet Jesus."

Seven hundred fifty miles from Nuzvid, reached by rail and air,

is Trivandrum, capital of Kerala, a garden city washed by the water from many monsoons. Kerala is the most literate state in India. Christianity has flourished there since the third century. The congress meetings were held in the central Seventh-day Adventist

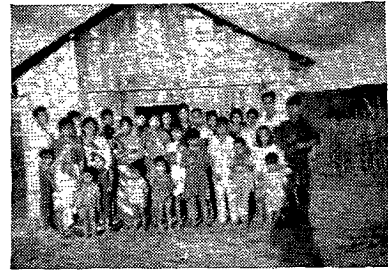


Laithan Khuma was thanked by R. N. Baird for his good work as Assam Section Layman of the Year. A Better Life Picture Roll was presented,

church, half a mile from Kaudiar Palace, home of the Maharaja of Travancore. For most meetings there was standing room only. A wonderful spirit prevailed throughout! One hundred of the delegates asked for 2,360 Bibles for use in the Bible in the Home Plan in 1970. They pledged to use them in winning more than two thousand people.

Among those who covenanted to take part in a strong and earnest evangelistic programme was P. T. Abraham, baptized just 42 days before, a former Pentecostal minister who was first contacted by a layman ten years ago. Bro. Abraham is now working and witnessing with the members of his former congregation.

Baby Matthew who travelled the 350 miles from S. Wynad, has been an Adventist since April only. A former Communist, he is now channelling his zeal into avenues



R. Laltawna and lay members of Khawrihnim held meetings at Thenzawl, Mizo Hills. Six people were baptized Sept. 13. The believers have built their own church which is seen here.

of Christian witness. When his friends learned that he intended to become a Seventh-day Adventist they found him a girl to marry. She was not only beautiful but would have a dowry of Rs. 10,000. If he wanted to marry this girl he must give up all ideas of becoming an Adventist, his friends told him. Bro. Matthew refused. He steadfastly pledged his loyalty to the Bible truth that had been brought to him. Already, since his baptism, he has influenced two others to join in his faith.

On the Sabbath of the congress, 120 people were baptized—each one brought through the efforts of laymen. This was the largest single baptism ever conducted in one



N. D. Roy and S. K. Samaddar baptized 33 candidates during the East Pakistan Lay Congress. Twelve of these were students attending Kellogg-Mookerjee High School.

place in the history of Adventist work in Kerala. Literature Evangelist J. Benjamin presented 30 candidates, bringing his total to 74 during the past twelve months. Stalwart lay workers such as Y. Joshua, M. Asirvatham and Layman of the Year V. Christudas also brought people for baptism, a testimony of their consecrated and earnest work throughout the year.

The road from Trivandrum to Prakasapuram, venue for the third congress, is 110 miles long and passes down the western coast of India to Cape Comorin at the

tip, before turning north to Nazareth and Prakasapuram. Here is some of the most beautiful scenery in the whole of South India — where the Western Ghats come to an end, and where three seas foam together at the base of the large rock on which Swami Vivekananda, first Hindu missionary to the West, sat and pondered before leaving his country for America. Here, too, the sun rises gloriously morning after morning over the Land of the Lay Preachers. We are now in Tamil Nadu.

Everything at Prakasapuram

smelled fresh, clean and sodden. More rain and yet another cyclone were forecast for the following day. God heard the many earnest prayers that were raised to Him. The cyclone turned north before reaching the Tiruchendur area, and the rain held back until briefly the clouds burst on Friday morning. But nothing could dampen the enthusiasm of those men and women who pledged, standing in the rain that was forming lakes over the floor of the pandal, to win 3,010 people for Christ by the end of 1970.

Four hundred of the 1,470 active lay evangelists in the section came as delegates to the congress. Up to the time of the meetings they had brought more than seven hundred people for baptism.

The congress victory hours echoed the exploits of men like bearded Layman of the Year Swamidass, Blind Abraham, Paul Ebenezer who belong to a lay association, the members of which have pledged themselves to enter every village and town in the Tirunelveli District. The association was formed by old Father Monickam, now 90 years old, who, together with three fellow church members, have over the years begun 52 new churches and companies and have brought 1,500 people for baptism. The young people from Madras, inspired by the example of lay evangelists Samuel and Ebenezer, have this year conducted their own youth evangelistic meetings with much success.

Literature Evangelist Raja Singh was there — the first colporteur anywhere in the world to see more than one hundred people baptized through his efforts in one year. God not only blessed LE Singh in 1969 in winning people for Him but He also blessed him with sales. During the month of August—at a time when Raja Singh was busily engaged in preparing his candidates for baptism, he won South India's annual sales competition with sales totalling more than eight thousand rupees for the one month.

The Sabbath meetings were climaxed with the baptism of 107 people in a large tank just ten



The East Pakistan Lay Congress met October 22 to 25 at Jalirpar.



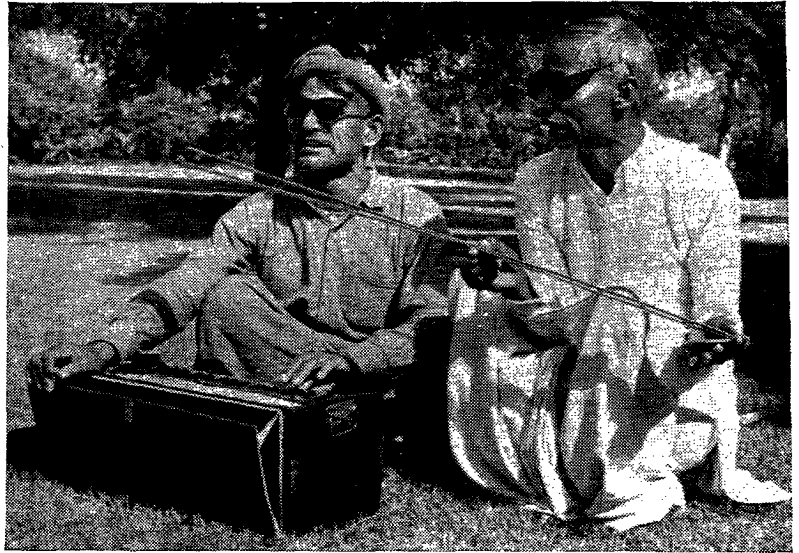
Under the leadership of J. B. Trim Western India laymen set a goal of 1,300 new members before General Conference.

minutes' walk from the congress compound. It was a heart-stirring sight to watch ten workers march their candidates 50 yards out into the water while five hundred singing onlookers crowded the water's edge.

The highlight of the whole congress—and an unforgettable event that will live in the memory of every delegate for many years—was the arrival, late Friday after-



G. W. Maywald introduces Rahmael Masih who was instrumental in raising a church of 18 members. Bro. Masih was selected as the Layman of the Year for the Northwestern India Union.



Among the delegates assembled at the October 26 to 29 lay congress, which met at the Pakistan Adventist Seminary for the sixth of Southern Asia's 12 lay congresses, were two blind laymen.

noon, of Robert H. Pierson, former president of the tiny Tamil Section, as it was 30 years ago, and now president of the General Conference. He was welcomed by five hundred people outside the Nazareth railway station and conducted joyfully through the narrow village streets. His attempts to speak the language he learned so many years ago and had now almost forgotten were joyfully appreciated by the people to whom he spoke. When, at the close of his Sabbath morning sermon, he appealed for a united endeavour on the part of church worker and church member in the winning of people for Christ, the response was immediate and spontaneous and was a clear indication to all present that the section goal of four thousand people set for 1970 can be and will be reached, under the blessing of God.

The candles that all held aloft at the close of this great congress were a fitting symbol of the eager willingness of Seventh-day Adventist members in the Tamil Section to light every home in every community in the territory with the light of the gospel story.

Bangalore is 428 miles north of Prakasapuram and is situated three thousand feet above sea level. Here, in the Spencer Road auditorium, 168 delegates met for what was the first lay congress most of them had ever attended. They came from 21 churches and

companies spread throughout the State of Mysore. More than half of them were below the age of thirty. At all four congresses in the union it was evident that more and more young people are taking an active part in church evangelism and are winning more and more youthful converts.

The great thrill of the Kannada meetings came from the way in which the Spirit of God is taking control of the section's total church programme. In the past one of the greatest hindrances to the work in the Kannada Section



Samuel, left, and A. Rao, age 85, here seen standing with I. M. Chand, union lay activities secretary, were youngest and oldest delegates at the Northwestern India Union Lay Congress.



G. E. Gorkum welcomes Mallika, age 18, who was baptized at the Ceylon Lay Congress. Mallika's father was a patient at Lakeside Medical Centre. Before his death he instructed his family to contact Adventists. Dr. Merle Fernando, left, G. Wiratunga and Mrs. M. Swishemuthu, rear, had a part in follow-up of interest.

has been the lack of consecrated lay members willing to give themselves to the work of winning people for Christ. This picture has changed radically within the past few months. A new day is coming for the Kannada people; the sun is beginning to rise gloriously over this section as it has over other parts of the union. The change is reflected partially in the record number of baptisms conducted in the section since the beginning of 1969, but most perfectly it was mirrored in the faces and hearts of all the delegates present, and in their ready response to the call

to evangelism. One hundred seven delegates signed the Scroll of Service on Friday night and covenanted to win more than one thousand people for Christ in 1970. Sixty-four were commissioned with the "120" pin.

Illustrative of the new spirit taking hold of Adventist members is T. K. Murthy, a 10-year member of the Bangalore Kannada church. Bro. Murthy is a business man converted from a non-Christian background. This year, from business contacts alone, he has enrolled seven thousand people in Voice of Prophecy courses.



J. Ernest Edwards is here seen acknowledging Bro. and Sr. S. T. Jabez as Ceylon's Lay Couple of the Year. Bro. Jabez is a textile loom owner. Before becoming a Seventh-day Adventist he was a politician. After they became members of God's remnant church, Bro. and Sr. Jabez held a vacation Bible school, then a branch Sabbath school. Of 45 who attended these schools, 22 were baptized.

He has brought five people for baptism and is currently studying with thirty others. During the congress victory hours he told the assembled delegates of his plans for devoting the whole of 1970 to a lay evangelism programme, supporting himself entirely while doing so. God will bless and help him to reach his goal of winning thirty people for Christ.

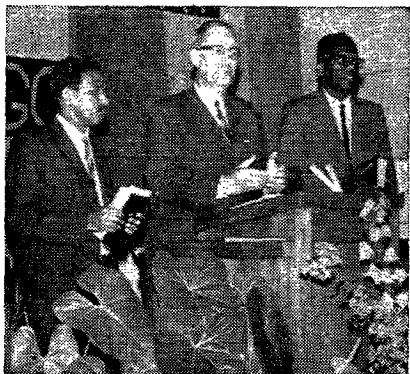
The delegates from Bunnimuti, Central Mysore, brought courage to the meetings. From a conservative non-Christian area they report that a number of villages are miraculously opening up for the Seventh-day Adventist message. Bro. Yohanappa, himself still unbaptized, has become the centre around which Adventist work in that region is now evolving.

A year ago Bro. Yohanappa found a Voice of Prophecy card in a dust-bin. He took it out, filled it in and sent it to Bangalore. At the conclusion of the course he wrote to N. Y. Chelliah, director of the school. A worker was sent to visit him who promised that someone would come to hold meetings in his village. This promise was not realized soon enough to suit Bro. Yohanappa so he wrote letter after letter. He wrote ten letters to J. Daniel and two to V. T. Thomas. When letters did not bring the desired result, Bro. Yohanappa came the two hundred miles to Bangalore three times. Each time his request was repeated. Please send someone to my village to teach the Bible, he pleaded.

At last Pastor Daniel was released from other duties and asked to conduct meetings in Bunnimuti. He arrived to find that Bro. Yohanappa had aroused interest in the Bible in several other villages. He reported that two hundred could be baptized after thorough work is done amongst the people. When the section president recently visited the area he wondered why Bro. Yohanappa looked sad.

"Aren't you happy to see us?" Pastor Watts asked.

The translated answer quickly came back, "He's so happy he feels like crying!"—a reply that per-



As J. Ernest Edwards spoke at Ceylon Union Lay Congress, R. Aranze, left, translated into Sinhalese and D. S. Ariyaratnam, right, translated into Tamil.

fectly describes the feeling of the members of this section as they see what God is doing for them.

There are many openings—openings that cannot be immediately followed up due to lack of personnel and funds. During the Sabbath meetings an appeal was made for a special offering of Rs. 500—enough to enter one of the new villages where people are calling for the Bible message to be preached to them. Giving as they have never given before, the delegates placed Rs. 586 in the offering bags. One lady donated her watch, a memorial to her love for the cause of God and to her longing for the work of God to be finished so Jesus can come.

Cold print can never convey the warmth of these meetings and a writer's pen can never adequately portray the new spirit of earnest consecration that seems to have taken hold of both workers and laity in the Kannada Section. It all points to a grand, glorious day of evangelism that has come to Mysore State.

God be praised for all that He has done, and will do, not only in the Kannada Section but through this vast South India Union.

—R. D. Riches

IN a small prayer band at the close of a morning devotional at the East India Section Lay Congress a young man prayed, "Lord, help me to win millions of people for Thee!" This prayer exemplifies the fervent spirit of

workers and laymen in the Southern Asia Division. Co-ordinated evangelism is becoming a reality.

How inspiring it was to witness an evangelistic breakthrough under the outpouring of God's Spirit and to know that we have come to the time when hundreds are being baptized as the result of total evangelism! What a privilege to meet laymen who are centurions and to hear in the trophy hours the remarkable victories from the Bible in the Hand programme! The baptism of hundreds of youth and older ones whom laymen helped win points to the significant



S. Pinto, of Matale, Ceylon, brought in 14 new members.

place of laymen in the finishing of God's work in Southern Asia.

It was a blessing at the eleven congresses to present successful methods that make effective the winning of people for Christ. Ever will I remember the earnest dedication of the laymen as they indicated their commitment to win, with God's help, 13,424 people for Christ before General Conference. Then to see 927 laymen in Burma, Ceylon, East and West Pakistan and India come forward in response to the challenge of a larger evangelistic ministry and sign the scroll, "Here am I, Lord, send me!" thrilled my heart.

The evangelistic spotlight focuses on 3,046—for in finishing the work of God each member in Southern Asia is responsible to contact 3,046 families. Every believer is obligated to be a Bible worker, to energetically engage in the Bible in the Hand programme, lifting up Christ in teaching and preaching.

The privilege of service fellow-

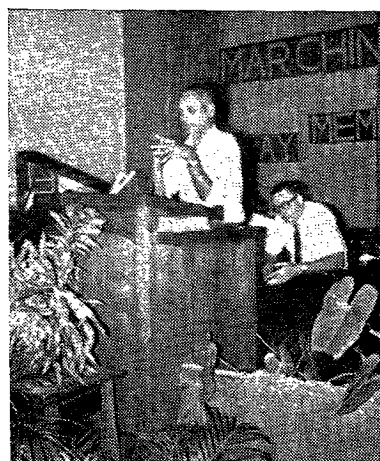
ship with dedicated workers an enthusiastic laymen and la women is cherished. Ever will treasure the memory of the determined spirit and dynamic leadership manifest in pressing together in a final advance for Christ.

Let us unite in praying at noon for each other that the vision of a completed task may ever motivate us.

"Give me a vision, Lord, I plead,
Vision of souls and people in need
Loved ones and friends—the one
next door,
Then let me see there are million
more.

"Give me a vision, heartstirring
vision,
Open my eyes, Lord, today:
Show me the sighing, doomed and
the dying,
Give me a vision I pray."

Laymen in Southern Asia are on the march working with pastors in winning people for Christ and together they will exceed the 50,000 membership objective by May. The Fiftieth Anniversary of the organization of the Southern



J. E. N. Ginger is a never tiring Ceylon lay worker.

Asia Division can best be celebrated by

Daily Praying,

Victorious Living,

Sacrificial Giving,

Service Going,

Soul Winning.

—J. Ernest Edwards



At the conclusion of the Ceylon Union year-end budget meeting a Dec. 13 ordination was held in Colombo. Candidates ordained are here shown standing with their wives. From left: Christopher Eder-singhe, Tudor Perera and K. Alagappan.

After M. E. Kemmerer, associate treasurer of the General Conference, spoke, B. F. Pingho offered the ordination prayer. L. G. Lowe gave the charge and R. S. Fernando the welcome to the ministry.

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toward flood relief. The Southern Asia Division sent Rs. 10,000 and appealed to the General Conference for substantial help.



NORTHWESTERN INDIA

CHAND, Faqir, died in Delhi, Jan. 4, at the age of 65. Pastor Chand was born in what is now West Pakistan. He was baptized by O. O. Mattison in 1927 and the same year took up work as a teacher in the Punjab Mission at a monthly salary of Rs. 25. He became an evangelist in 1938 and in 1942 was ordained to the ministry. For a number of years Pastor Chand served as director of the East Punjab Mission. In 1954 he pioneered work in Kashmir. From 1960 until the time of his retirement in 1965 he held the post of Northwestern India Union Voice of Prophecy and temperance secretary.

Clerk Shouts Signs Praises

AN unselfish hospital helper, one who is always on hand

and never too tired to work, is the literature box on the hospital verandah. Patients who must wait their turn to see the doctor find it convenient to take a booklet or a magazine. And people do read! Young people especially long for good reading material.

Friends from abroad make the *Signs of the Times* magazine available. Locally Bibles, Testaments and Gospels are purchased in the vernacular. Almost every day a patient asks to take a New Testament home. Four or five Bibles are given away during the course of a week.

While waiting in the Jullundur post office recently I overheard a clerk call to a man in the opposite corner. In his hand the clerk waved a copy of the *Signs of the Times*.

"You must read this," he called to his friend. "It's a first-class magazine from the Ruby Nelson Memorial Hospital."

An invitation in English, Punjabi and Urdu encourages patients to fill in a card for a Voice of Prophecy Bible or health course. The invitation suggests that the filled-in card be left with the receptionist for posting. One Sabbath afternoon an old gentleman came to the hospital and insisted

on seeing Dr. Werner. The man was not ill as my husband discovered. He just wanted to share his joy at receiving an "Excellent" grade on his lesson returned from Poona.

Sleeva Dass, who recently joined the hospital staff, sees that the verandah literature boxes are kept in good order and are filled every morning. Bible texts are written in the Punjabi and Urdu languages by Sushma Joseph and Samuel R. Chand.

Before we came to India some of our friends envied the opportunity extended to us to work in a Mission hospital. Once on the job, however, we found the task of treating the sick occupied twelve or fourteen hours a day. There seemed to be no time for the "missionary" type of work we had dreamed of doing. The literature box on the verandah helps to bridge the gap.

—Eva Werner

- A telegram, dated Jan. 9, from I. M. Chand, lay activities secretary of the Northwestern India Union, stated that Delhi's Ingathering goal of Rs. 24,000 was reached in four days. The total received to that date was Rs. 27,100.



SOUTH INDIA

Raja Singh Prepares Candidates and Wins Contest

ON SABBATH, August 23, Literature Evangelist Raja Singh stood on the bank of a small river running through the outskirts of Maruthur village, near Erode in the Tamil Section, and watched A. J. Johanson baptize 67 people—67 people with whom he studied and prayed for many weeks. This brought his total of baptisms for the year to one hundred.

Working with V. Navamony, his church pastor, 33 people were baptized earlier. Together with Bro. Navamony, LE Singh worked from village door to village door.



Raja Singh, Tamil Section literature evangelist, took Bible truth to an entire village.

They spent many hours each week in giving Bible studies. Carrying storm lanterns and torches their bed was often a space on a cowdung floor, shared with other family members where they were studying. When Bro. Navamony was transferred, Bro. Singh continued to work but now his wife and brother are partners.

Bro. Singh secured 25 Bibles and lesson sets from the section office and he purchased his own petromax light. During the week he canvassed from morning until night. The week-ends were occupied with village evangelism. Twenty-five families live in Maruthur and the 67 people who were baptized represent all but one of the 25 families.

God rewarded Bro. Singh with the largest sales he ever experienced as a literature evangelist. During the month of August—the time when he was most occupied in preparing his candidates for baptism—he won the annual sales contest with sales of more than eight thousand rupees, the highest ever recorded in the South India Union.

In Trivandrum, Kerala, Literature Evangelist J. Benjamin brought thirty people for baptism

during the lay congress held there. Using Bibles and lessons he studied with the candidates since the month of May. In September he organized a Sabbath school. In this work of lay evangelism, Bro. Benjamin is assisted by his wife and teenage daughter. This baptism brought the number of people baptized through Bro. Benjamin's efforts during 1969 to seventy-four.

—Japagnanam John

WOODWARD, H. G., age 84, died Dec. 6 in Fresno, California. Pastor and Mrs. Woodward became Seventh-day Adventists in Madras. Continuing in this country to serve the Lord, Pastor Woodward pioneered work in Kerala and worked there for 17½ years. He was ordained in Bangalore in 1921. Pastor Woodward also worked in the Tamil mission, was president of the Telugu and Kanarese missions and later became president of the Northeast Union. Before concluding his 35½ years of service in India, Pastor Woodward was connected with the Voice of Prophecy in Poona for two years. His widow and five children survive. "My husband's heart was always in India," writes Mrs. Woodward, "and he was always happy to hear of the progress of God's work there."

Evangelism News

Andhra

- K. J. Prasada Rao baptized five people, Nov. 1, at Gantigamapudi.
- Heavy rain hindered people from coming to T. Prakasam's evangelistic meetings at Narsapur which began during the last week of October. Then the cyclone of Nov. 7 levelled his meeting place to the ground. But when the water dried up and the shed was rebuilt the meetings began again on November 23.
- Twenty-five people decided for Christ as a result of nightly meetings which P. Krupa Rao held in Paidipally village, near Warangal during the months of Oct. and November.

- Fifteen people were baptized, Nov. 24, in Guntur. E. N. William held evangelistic meetings there.
- A Vandanam works in the village of Chendarlapadu in the Nandigama taluk of the Krishna District. Nineteen candidates were baptized in his district by R. S. Prasada Rao and Judson Moses by the end of October. Another twenty candidates from this village were baptized, Nov. 12, at the time of the lay congress in Nuzvid.
- Through the combined efforts of J. V. Prasada Rao, MV and educational secretary of the Andhra Section, and N. Subhakar Rao in the village of Gudapalli, 59 people were baptized on Nov. 29. One of the new believers donated a piece of land of 20 cents, or 1/5 of an acre, on which to erect a house of worship.
- K. Prakasam, in Chirala, reports 13 baptisms on Oct. 25. This makes a total of 81 people baptized in Chirala in ten months as a result of Bro. Prakasam's work.
- O. B. Jonathan baptized seven people, Nov. 15, who became members of the Visagapatnam church. Heavy rain, caused by the cyclone in the Bay of Bengal, did not hinder the baptism of five young people on Nov. 29. They walked the five miles to attend Sabbath school and were then baptized.
- A transfer in leadership at Cuddapah left the town without an Adventist pastor for two months. P. Lazarus found when he arrived in mid-summer that laymen had, during the interim prepared seven people for baptism. Laymen are now holding evangelistic meetings in villages surrounding Cuddapah. From meetings which Pastor Lazarus led in Cuddapah, 28 people were baptized, Nov. 29 and Dec. 6.
- Three hundred people were enrolled in Voice of Prophecy courses during the evangelistic meetings K. Israel conducted in Nellore during the last three months of 1969. These meetings were held three nights each week. Two meetings were held in each of two villages, five miles distant, the other week nights. Seven people from the

villages and 30 people from the Nellore meetings were baptized, Dec. 6. This doubles the membership of the Nellore Seventh-day Adventist Church.

- A baptism of twelve people, Nov. 2, at Nuzvid brings Nuzvid's 1969 baptisms to 69. Five series of evangelistic meetings and an MV effort are being conducted by Nuzvid church members.
- One hundred sixty-eight people were baptized in three villages near Bobbili on Sabbath, Dec. 6. T. J. S. Fredarichs prepared these people for baptism. Pastors O. B. Jonathan and J. M. Lucas conducted the baptism on his behalf. To that date Bro. Fredarichs had prepared 423 people for baptism in 1969.
- One hundred fourteen people are baptized from the Oct. 5 to Nov. 6 evangelistic meetings held in Vijayawada. A non-Christian gentleman who was approached for the renting of his bus to transport the baptismal candidates to the Krishna River, declined payment when he learned it was a Christian service. After attending the several baptisms, he himself desires to become a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. The staff of 14 people who assisted P. S. Prasada Rao and P. Judson Moses in these meetings are now divided into thirds and meetings are in progress in Baptistpalam, Ajit Singh Nagar and Petanglepet.

Kannada

- V. T. Thomas and D. R. Watts broke ground in the month of November for a new church building at Nagavalli. R. Sathyaseelappa is the worker there.
- Seventeen students from Lowry Memorial Higher Secondary School were baptized, Nov. 15.
- Four ministers took part in the baptism of 67 people, Dec. 13, at the time of the Kannada Section lay congress. Included in this number are 11 people from meetings which V. S. Selvaraj, office messenger for the Kannada Section, held in the outskirts of Bangalore Cantonment. This makes a total

of 223 people baptized in Mysore State in 1969.

- Fourteen evangelistic series of meetings were conducted in the Kannada Section during the last three months of 1969.

Kerala

- Fourteen people prepared by Literature Evangelist J. Benjamin, were baptized, Oct. 25, by Japaganam John in the Karamana church, Trivandrum.
- L. C. George baptized 65 people from his meetings near Pangod in Trivandrum. He was assisted in these meetings by A. M. Johnson, a student from the Lowry school seminary.
- Silas Benjamin is conducting evangelistic meetings in a new centre at Elivalikara.
- New work begun in Karachel the first part of 1969 resulted in 16 people being baptized, Nov. 22. This helped S. S. Lazarus to reach his goal of 25 people won for Christ during 1969.
- Thirty-seven people were baptized in Chiranchira during 1969. This number was reached, reports K. C. Chacko, when 12 people were baptized, Dec. 1.
- Sunny K. John, at Vazhukumpara, reclaimed three back-slidden families and eight young people, whom he prepared, were baptized, Nov. 29.
- S. Dunson's meetings at Ithy, Nedumangad, helped 60 people for Christ. They were baptized, Dec. 6.
- Forty-nine people were baptized for P. L. Manuel in his town near Trivandrum on Sunday, Nov. 23, by D. R. Watts.

Five branch Sabbath schools are held in the Gujarat. Bible in the Hand lessons, a song book for children, the *Baptismal Manual*, *The Prince and the Rebel*, and *The Story Hour* are now available for use in the Gujarathi language. The book *Steps to Christ* is in preparation.

Harold Jump was invited to give the Christmas address in Nalgam where several people had completed the Bible in the Hand studies. With sermon planned, he went to the village expecting thirty or forty to attend and listen. To his surprise the village was decorated with streamers and a loud speaker system installed. Two hundred children were in front of the pandal and two hundred adults were waiting.

To a roadside clinic which the Surat Hospital workers have started come 75 to 90 patients each week. Sixty-one babies were delivered up to December this year and in-patient count was 1,070. One hundred seventy-six major surgeries and 481 minor surgeries were performed during the same period. X-ray work has tripled in four years.

Whereas there were 105 students at Lasalgaon High School in 1968 there are now 180 of which 58 are Christian Children's Fund students. With new pumping equipment, farm prospects are good whereas crops in near-by farms are thin and unhealthy.

A. I. John, publishing department secretary, was appointed acting secretary of the Western India Union Sabbath school department.

—C. B. Guild

WESTERN INDIA

Gujarat Village Celebrates Christmas

THE WESTERN INDIA UNION year-end committee met December 29 and 30 in Bombay.

Baptisms in the South Maharashtra Section were 196 during 1969. The North Maharashtra Section president reported 204 baptisms for the year.

PAKISTAN

- Dr. Yvonne Stockhausen and staff of the Karachi Seventh-day Adventist Hospital obstetrics department delivered 96 babies in October and 92 in November. Both records well exceed any previous month in the history of the hospital. During the first eleven months of 1969 Dr. Stockhausen performed 94 Cæsarean sections.

QUARTERLY STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN ASIA

1	2	3	4				5				6	7	9	11	12			
			Members Added During the Period			Members Dropped During the Period				Tithe						World Missions		Home An
			4a	4b	4c	5a	5b	5c	5d							Total Offerings for World Missions Including Sabbath School Offerings	Mission Offerings Per Capita	
NAME OF SECTION	Number of Churches	Church Membership at Beginning of Quarter	By Baptism	By Profession of Faith	By Letter	By Letter	By Death	By Apostasy	Missing	Total Church Membership at Close of Quarter	Total Tithe Receipts	Tithe Per Capita	Total Offerings for World Missions Including Sabbath School Offerings	Mission Offerings Per Capita	Total Contributions for Home Mission Work	Total Contributions for Local		
BURMA UNION:																		
Central Burma Section ..	8	435	8	—	—	2	—	—	—	441	6,095.01	13.82	2,686.40	6.09	—	84.3		
Delta Section ..	20	1,481	21	—	26	28	3	34	—	1,463	15,342.63	10.48	5,433.51	3.71	122.00	747.9		
Rangoon Area ..	4	477	6	—	—	4	1	—	—	478	19,384.70	40.55	5,754.18	12.04	1,451.70	3,165.7		
Tenasserim Section ..	14	848	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	847	8,291.40	9.77	4,572.98	5.40	102.53	1,169.6		
Upper Burma Section ..	39	1,202	54	—	—	—	3	—	—	1,253	8,398.20	6.70	4,671.33	3.73	171.83	118.4		
Totals ..	85	4,443	89	—	26	35	7	34	—	4,482	57,511.94	12.83	23,118.40	5.15	1,848.06	5,286.1		
CEYLON UNION:																		
	20	1,249	15	—	8	3	1	8	8	1,252	14,803.64	11.82	5,313.69	4.24	—	—		
NORTHEAST UNION:																		
Assam Section ..	41	2,780	94	—	—	2	—	—	—	2,872	11,545.12	4.02	9,410.90	3.27	493.48	8,665.0		
East India Section ..	32	1,564	27	—	19	53	2	14	2	1,539	13,539.38	8.80	5,742.79	3.73	44.60	757.2		
Union & Union Institutions ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,023.71	—	—	—		
Totals ..	73	4,344	121	—	19	55	2	14	2	4,411	25,084.50	5.68	18,177.40	4.12	538.08	9,422.3		
NORTHWESTERN INDIA UNION:																		
Central India Section ..	3	144	12	4	10	—	—	—	—	170	2,079.70	12.23	10,549.45	62.05	—	602.0		
North India Section ..	12	1,207	58	1	—	2	—	—	—	1,264	5,413.99	4.28	11,699.01	9.26	139.05	792.4		
Upper Ganges Section ..	18	1,177	45	6	38	12	3	—	1	1,250	11,097.38	8.88	14,217.95	11.37	—	1,027.1		
Totals ..	33	2,528	115	11	48	14	3	—	1	2,684	18,591.07	6.92	36,466.41	13.58	139.05	2,422.1		
PAKISTAN UNION:																		
East Pakistan Section ..	19	1,237	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,237	17,406.16	14.07	7,361.04	5.95	—	—		
Punjab Section ..	24	2,296	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,296	9,943.26	4.33	5,344.10	2.32	—	—		
Union Administration ..	5	311	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	311	36,970.40	118.87	16,327.62	52.50	—	—		
Totals ..	48	3,844	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,844	64,319.82	16.73	29,032.76	7.55	—	—		
SOUTH INDIA UNION:																		
Andhra Section ..	68	8,777	250	3	1	—	6	1	30	8,994	26,967.16	2.98	6,048.46	.67	501.25	374.7		
Kannada Section ..	10	1,478	20	—	3	5	3	—	—	1,493	14,509.09	9.71	3,898.02	2.61	—	1,567.0		
Kerala Section ..	66	7,444	72	—	—	—	—	—	—	7,516	13,071.16	1.73	2,437.45	.32	—	1,657.0		
Tamil Section ..	58	7,395	484	—	—	—	—	2	—	7,877	26,492.98	3.36	7,546.64	.96	172.79	3,584.5		
Union & Union Institutions ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—		
Totals ..	202	25,094	826	3	4	5	9	3	30	25,880	81,040.39	3.13	19,930.57	.77	674.04	7,183.3		
WESTERN INDIA UNION:																		
North Maharashtra Section ..	14	970	51	1	—	9	—	—	—	1,013	5,977.35	5.90	2,644.98	2.61	—	10.1		
South Maharashtra Section ..	18	1,490	39	1	4	3	2	—	14	1,515	26,584.01	17.55	6,973.14	4.60	1,439.52	134.8		
Union Administration ..	1	104	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	104	2,313.75	22.24	3,504.71	33.69	—	623.6		
Totals ..	33	2,564	90	2	4	12	2	—	14	2,632	34,875.11	13.25	13,122.83	4.99	1,439.52	768.6		
RECAPITULATION																		
Burma Union ..	85	4,443	89	—	26	35	7	34	—	4,482	57,511.94	12.83	23,118.40	5.15	1,848.06	5,286.1		
Ceylon Union ..	20	1,249	15	—	8	3	1	8	8	1,252	14,803.64	11.82	5,313.69	4.24	—	—		
Northeast Union ..	73	4,344	121	—	19	55	2	14	2	4,411	25,084.50	5.68	18,177.40	4.12	538.08	9,422.3		
Northwestern India Union ..	33	2,528	115	11	48	14	3	—	1	2,684	18,591.07	6.92	36,466.41	13.58	139.05	2,422.1		
Pakistan Union ..	48	3,844	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3,844	64,319.82	16.73	29,032.76	7.55	—	—		
South India Union ..	202	25,094	826	3	4	5	9	3	30	25,880	81,040.39	3.13	19,930.57	.77	674.04	7,183.3		
Western India Union ..	33	2,564	90	2	4	12	2	—	14	2,632	34,875.11	13.25	13,122.83	4.99	1,439.52	768.6		
Division & Division Institutions ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	128,556.00	—	—	—	—	—		
GRAND TOTALS ..	494	44,066	1,256	16	109	124	24	59	55	45,185	424,782.47	9.40	145,162.06	3.21	4,638.75	25,082.5		

(All amounts are in Indian rupees)

DIVISION FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1969

	13	14	15	16	17	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	30	31	32	33		
Local Work	Sabbath Schools			YPMV Societies														
Total Home and Local Contributions	Home and Local Contributions Per Capita	No. of Sabbath Schools	Sabbath School Membership	Total Sabbath School Offerings for World Missions	No. of YPMV Societies	Young Peoples MV Society Membership	Ordained Ministers Active	Ordained Ministers Honorary	Credentialed Missionaries Active	Credentialed Missionaries Honorary	Credentialed Bible Instructors	Licensed Ministers Active	Licensed Ministers Honorary	Licensed Missionaries	Credentialed or Licensed Literature Evangelists	All Other Regular Workers	Total Number of Workers ^a	Total Honorary Credentialed Workers ^b
84.34	.19	13	562	2,686.40	8	195	4	2	1	—	—	4	—	4	—	4	17	2
869.97	.59	37	2,021	5,433.51	17	841	—	—	1	—	—	9	—	14	—	—	37	—
4,617.43	9.66	6	567	5,306.09	4	200	—	—	3	—	—	5	—	22	—	—	43	—
1,272.16	1.50	22	1,364	4,486.35	13	445	—	—	1	—	—	17	—	1	—	—	26	—
290.27	.23	35	1,344	4,671.33	11	267	—	—	1	—	—	4	—	14	—	—	33	—
7,134.17	1.59	113	5,858	22,583.68	53	1,948	24	4	7	3	—	39	2	55	—	31	156	9
—	—	25	1,125	5,137.11	9	255	13	1	10	—	—	9	—	41	—	15	88	1
9,158.51	3.18	70	3,270	1,945.91	39	1,002	13	—	2	—	—	8	—	37	7	5	72	—
801.88	.52	55	2,892	3,703.44	59	995	9	7	3	1	—	16	5	26	7	3	58	13
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	1	4	—	—	—	—	88	—	8	109	1
9,960.39	2.25	125	6,162	5,649.35	98	1,997	31	8	9	1	—	24	5	145	14	16	239	14
602.00	3.54	9	328	446.95	4	181	2	1	—	—	—	5	—	13	2	7	29	1
931.50	.73	41	1,583	1,786.01	9	464	10	1	3	—	—	8	—	27	4	28	80	1
1,027.65	.82	26	1,267	4,473.40	12	875	19	2	4	—	1	6	2	63	4	26	123	4
2,561.15	.95	76	3,178	6,706.36	25	1,520	31	4	7	—	1	19	2	103	10	61	232	6
—	—	27	1,299	6,644.39	—	—	3	—	3	—	—	5	—	11	—	24	46	—
—	—	73	7,751	4,728.16	—	—	9	—	2	—	—	3	—	21	—	20	55	—
—	—	7	333	16,173.27	—	—	9	—	11	—	—	4	—	22	4	222	272	—
—	—	107	9,383	27,545.82	14	530	21	—	16	—	—	12	—	54	4	266	373	—
875.95	.09	103	7,945	4,874.45	45	1,479	23	4	2	1	—	14	5	45	8	9	101	10
1,567.06	1.04	16	1,921	3,581.27	9	871	10	1	1	—	—	7	—	16	5	7	46	1
1,657.07	.22	128	7,720	2,173.11	57	1,254	28	4	—	—	—	6	—	17	12	10	73	4
3757.34	.48	142	8,949	5,882.70	85	959	30	6	2	1	—	8	1	39	14	10	103	8
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21	—	27	—	—	4	—	154	—	60	266	—
7,857.42	.30	389	26,535	16,511.53	196	4,563	112	15	32	2	—	39	6	271	39	96	589	23
10.15	.01	18	1,318	2,644.98	16	400	10	—	—	—	—	1	—	13	1	8	33	—
1,574.39	1.04	18	1,826	6,910.14	17	1,575	6	—	—	—	—	4	—	14	4	28	56	—
623.65	6.00	1	107	1,789.87	1	54	11	—	1	—	—	3	—	36	—	—	51	—
2,208.19	.84	37	3,251	11,344.99	34	2,029	27	—	1	—	—	8	—	63	5	36	140	—
7,134.17	1.59	113	5,858	22,583.68	53	1,948	24	4	7	3	—	39	2	55	—	31	156	9
—	—	25	1,125	5,137.11	9	255	13	1	10	—	—	9	—	41	—	15	88	1
9,960.39	2.25	125	6,162	5,649.35	98	1,997	31	8	9	1	—	24	5	145	14	16	239	14
2,561.15	.95	76	3,178	6,706.36	25	1,520	31	4	7	—	1	19	2	103	10	61	232	6
—	—	107	9,383	27,545.82	14	530	21	—	16	—	—	12	—	54	4	266	373	—
7,857.42	.30	389	26,535	16,511.53	196	4,563	112	15	32	2	—	39	6	271	39	96	589	23
2,208.19	.84	37	3,251	11,344.99	34	2,029	27	—	1	—	—	8	—	63	5	36	140	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	31	—	17	—	—	2	—	150	—	125	325	—
29,721.32	.66	872	55,492	95,478.84	429	12,842	290	32	99	6	1	152	15	882	72	646	2,142	53

S. M. C. Listener

K. J. MOSES



Christian colleges in India, both Catholic and Protestant.

Moral education, student freedom, student character development and code of ethics for Christian colleges were topics discussed in six study groups on higher education in India. Dr. Cherian chaired one of the study groups and gave a brief account of the educational programme followed at Spicer.

Of special interest is the resolution passed on the question of membership to the National Council. According to the new resolution all university related Christian colleges can now become members of the National Council, thus retaining Spicer's eligibility.

The College family welcomed the New Year by joining the 6 P.M. New Year Eve service when F. J. Crump reviewed the events of the 60's and challenged his hearers to place their hands in the hands of God and enter into the New Year with confidence. Students and staff participated in outdoor games that evening.

President Cherian addressed the Lions' International Regional Conference on January 4. This conference, attended by delegates from all over India, met at Lonavala.

Seven ministerial senior students of the homiletics class conducted week-end services, Jan. 2 to 4, in the Bombay Seventh-day Adventist Church. The future gospel ministers, under the leadership of W. G. Johnsson, participated in the MV hour, the Sabbath school and the divine service. They experienced at firsthand the joy of conducting lay activities by their participation on Sabbath afternoon. On Sunday, before returning to Spicer, they attended Catholic and other Protestant services in Bombay.

A recent addition to the College press is a Heidelberg printing machine, costing Rs. 31,000.

A walk-in freezer, 18.5' x 19.4', is completed in the metal industries. This was accomplished by farm students under the supervision of Lawrson B. Mall, farm manager.

Fifty-five Pathfinders were featured at the divine service, Dec. 13. C. E. Roe, Spicer's first Pathfinder leader, used as his theme: *A Cleft in the Rock. A place of safety for Seventh-day Adventist children is in the Adventist church and in the church-organized activities*, stated Prof. Roe. That evening the Pathfinders enjoyed entertainment at W. G. Johnsson's residence. Pastor Johnsson leads the Pathfinders this school year.

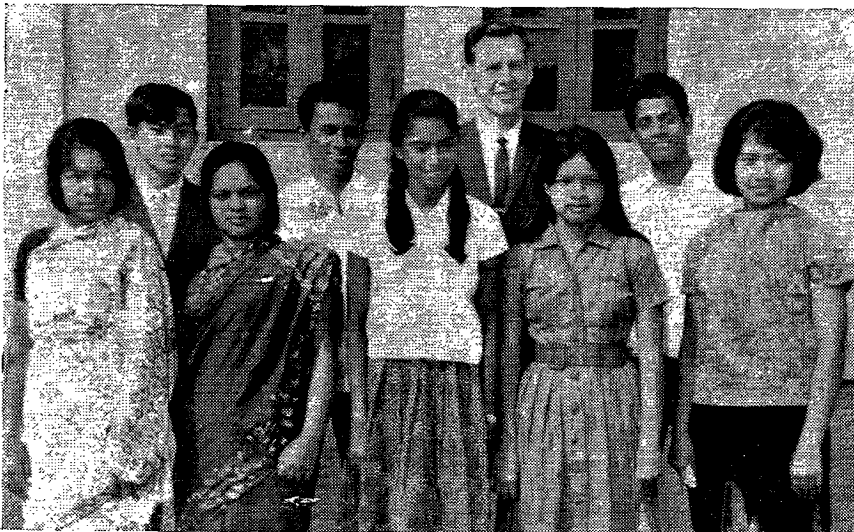
Spicer's Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow Offering on Dec. 20—a third of which will come to Spicer College for hostel enlargement—amounted to Rs. 1,300. Under the directive of A. M. Perus and R. H. Jones, mini banks were distributed to staff families, at sales counters of industries and to all offices. Everyone was invited to drop notes or coins in the mini banks. The bank-breaking ceremony came during the 13th Sabbath programme. Students contributed to

this largest Spicer Overflow Offering by sacrificing meals.

Six senior biology majors collected botanical and zoological specimens in Cape Comorin, Trivandrum, Kodaikanal, Ootacamund, Mysore and Bangalore from December 17 to January 6. The three-week trip was under the direction of A. T. Thomas, head of Spicer's biology department.

Sa Yan Aye, Spicer class of '67, completed the requirement for his Master's degree, in history, at Poona University. Yan Aye was the first Spicer graduate admitted to Poona University. Currently nine Spicer students are pursuing graduate programmes in Poona University. Yan Aye is the last Burma student to study at Spicer.

M. E. Cherian represented Spicer Memorial College at the conference of the National Council of Christian Higher Education in India held, Dec. 29 to January 1, at Cochin. Attending the conference were the principals of all



Eight Spicer students were baptized, Dec. 20, by F. J. Crump, church pastor. Front row, left to right, they are: N. Halamma, T. Doraiswamy, Leela Mathew, Susie Poddar, Margina Kharbteng.

Back row: Somsack S., K. John Thomas, F. J. Crump, Chanbrau Thomas. This is the third baptism during the current school year.