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SOUTHERN ASIA TIDINGS

Vacation Bible School Evangelism

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The Vacation Bible School season is here again. This is a wonderful opportunity for our own as well as for the neighbourhood children to gain a real inspiration of God's message in practical, everyday living from sincere Christian teachers. A number of young people from Spicer Memorial College were trained to help the fields with the Vacation Bible School programme this year.

Regarding last years programme Elder Liebelt, the associate Director of the Sabbath School Department at the General Conference writes; "We rejoice with you and even though Bangladesh did not report at all and others you indicate are incomplete, it shows a nice gain of the number of Vacation Bible Schools and also the number enrolled." We are able to report to the General Conference 326 schools with an enrolment of 15,953 and 130 baptisms through Vacation Bible Schools for 1975. With the united efforts of all the churches we can break the former division statistics.

One of our new city congregations where the Vacation Bible School was conducted remarked. "This was one of the finest methods to introduce the Seventh-day Adventist Church to the neighbourhood and to the city." These schools are not necessarily large, and can be held in the church or in the school building. One of our laymen thought it would be nice to have a community Vacation Bible School around his own home. Yes, they can be held any place where the children can be gathered.

When planning the Vacation Bible School, we should also ask ourselves the question, When VBS is over

this year, are we going to follow up this interest? Are we just going to let it die, or are we going to follow through the interest that has been created? We have lost many young people in the church because of our failure to follow up the interest. Some of the finest things that can be done to follow through would be Branch Sabbath School work, Story Hour, Bible Clubs and Pathfinder clubs. Let us visit the homes of these children. Express to their parents how much we appreciated having the children with us. Invite them to some of the activities and programmes.

"Our children learnt more in your Vacation Bible School in two weeks than they had known about the Bible in all their life before," remarked a parent. What a testimony about the Vacation Bible School programme. Let us be enthusiastic in conducting and taking part in this child evangelism programme and in inviting people to our Sabbath schools and churches.

In conclusion, let me quote a paragraph from Elder Liebelt's letter just received. "In 1972 I attended the first VBS ever conducted in Lourenco Margues, Mozambique, conducted by our leader's wife there. It was an unexpected success—114 children enrolled. Everybody was happy. But not so now. Things have changed. Our dear leader has been in prison for months. If they could only conduct VBS this year, I feel certain they would find ways and helpers to go the full time, also in Angola."

Let us earnestly challenge our people to do all they can, **while they can!**

PANIC SITUATION RESULTS FROM GUATEMALAN FOOD SHORTAGE

James R. Gallagher

An American relief official in Guatemala City said a "situation approaching panic" existed in parts of the city because of extreme food shortages. This followed a devastating earthquake that hit this Central American country on February 5, in which 22,300 lives were lost and 1½ million rendered homeless.

Howard D. Burbank, executive secretary of SAWS, authorized Folkenberg to purchase an additional \$15,000 worth of food from nearby Central American nations. SAWS has already supplied more than \$100,000 worth of emergency non-food supplies so far.

Folkenberg also reported that by government estimate, 3,400 infants and children have been orphaned by the disaster.

Since supplies began to arrive in this city the church-related relief agency has served 16,500 meals, clothed 10,000 people, and distributed 300 large tents and 225 blankets. Medical care, provided by a team of 12 physicians and nurses from the church's Loma Linda University in San Bernardino, California, has been provided 800 people in two days.

Folkenberg has requested more medical help from Loma Linda University. Four ophthalmologists will fly to the quake-stricken city soon, and a further team of four orthopedic surgeons and three anesthesiologists plans to leave soon after.

SAWS has chartered three airliners to fly more than \$100,000 worth of tents, bandages, splints, blankets and gasoline lanterns to Guatemala. In addition, the agency has arranged to distribute food already warehoused by Catholic Relief Services and CARE—food which belongs to the U.S. Agency for International Development.

H. D. Burbank, SAWS director, who has just returned from Guatemala, reports that to date 75 tons of food have been distributed to earthquake victims and five tent cities have been set up. SAWS is chartering a jumbo jet to send additional supplies to Guatemala City. A load of 500 tents, 5,000 blankets, and 200 bales of clothing.

LEBANON'S "OPERATION AIRLIFT"

Jack Mahon

One of the first vehicles to rumble clear across the city of Beirut soon after its international airport had been re-opened and a tremulous peace declared, was an Adventist relief truck. Not one of those attractively-lettered, capacious vehicles we associate with Adventist Welfare on other continents, but a battered builder's-wagon, its sides extended by rough timber frames. For more than two weeks, welfare supplies from countries of northwest Europe had been waiting in the airport warehouse of International Red Cross; cut off from our welfare depots by the urban warfare which at that time had reached a crescendo of violence. With the earlier supplies of materials from NEWAD, SAWS, and Switzerland almost completely distributed to needy communities it was imperative that the materials from West Germany, Switzerland and other European sources, should be made available for the thousands of new refugees. Large purchases of food had been made locally to provide for emergency distribution; this was made possible by gifts and grants of finance from Adventist welfare sources in Europe.

In the temporary absence of Alfred H. Brandt, East Mediterranean Field President Borge Schantz of Denmark,

(his territory includes Lebanon,) was in charge of Operation Airlift, and associated with him was British worker Jack Mahon, assistant Temperance Director, Afro-Mideast Division. Two Lebanese workers volunteered to make what for them was a most hazardous journey across areas where "gun barrels were still hot" from the recent strife and slaughter. Manoug Nazirian, a member of the Lebanese Relief Committee, is Middle East Union Secretary, Salam Aboojauda is Lay Activities Director of the Middle East Union, and likewise a member of the Relief Committee. To demonstrate that they did not regard their committee membership as honorary titles, the four men took off their jackets, and after manhandling the heavily laden trolleys from warehouse to truck, they heaved up scores of sacks and bales on to the groaning vehicle. They did not complain of the heat of the bright January sun, or their creaking sinews, for every package they loaded was an evidence of love and sympathy from brothers and sisters of the Adventist family.

Perhaps it was a good thing that on the journey home the men were preoccupied as to whether the load would stay on the truck as it bounced and swayed over the pitted and cratered roads of the city, for it diverted their attention from the tragic evidences of the long months of warfare; the scarred buildings; the barricades; the.

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Three members of the Lebanese Adventist Relief Committee stand backed by a large consignment of clothing, blankets, medicines air-lifted from Adventist Welfare Societies in North West Europe and America.



How Health and Healing came to the Adventist People

Part I

D. A. DELAFIELD AND J. WAYNE MCFARLAND, M.D.

The evening was warm. It was June 6, 1863. The place was Otsego, a little town in western Michigan, and it was Friday. Some of the Battle Creek folks who had driven by carriage the thirty miles to Otsego were staying at the Hilliard home, two miles west of the town. Among these were James and Ellen White.

The war between the states was dragging on with no decisive victories. The army hospitals were overflowing with wounded soldiers who were dying like flies, for these were days before physicians had antiseptics and medicines to properly cleanse and heal gunshot and other wounds.

But it was not the army hospitals alone which suffered in those days of ignorance. Almost every family suffered too. Epidemics of small pox, diphtheria and yellow fever frequently swept across the land reaping a heavy toll. One child in four would die before the age of seven.

Night air was considered poisonous; when fever struck it was not uncommon for the attending physician to draw a quart or more of blood from the veins of the patient and dump it down the drain. He had too much. While some men like Sylvester Graham were clamouring for a reform in dietary practice, he was considered by most to be a fadist and there was little accepted knowledge in dietetic lines.

Ellen White, quite a heavy meat eater, suffered fainting spells almost daily. James White, much overburdened with the demands of the growing denomination, was deeply depressed and often spent sleepless nights. Others among the Adventist working force fared little better.

As the sun was sinking in the west that Friday evening, ushering in the new Sabbath, the host, Aaron Hilliard, asked Ellen White to lead out in the worship prayer. Everyone knelt and Ellen White in words ringing and clear pleaded with God for His special blessings—His blessings on the evangelistic meetings being held in Otsego.

Then Ellen White started to pray for the Lord's special blessing to rest on her husband, and as she did so she moved on her knees to his side and placed her hand on his shoulder as she seemed to be talking with God, urging heaven's special healing blessing on James White.

There was a pause, quickly broken, by a thrice repeated exclamation of "Glory to God!" Ellen White was in vision.

One who was there that day described her appear-

ance as heavenly. Her eyes were open, she seemed to look intently as if viewing some thrilling scene in the distance. There were graceful movements of the shoulders, arms and hands. But she was totally unconscious of what was transpiring in the room. Her eyelids did not move.

For the forty-five minutes of the vision she did not breathe, although occasionally in short exclamation she spoke as one would in watching scenes of great interest, and indeed she was—from the experience of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden and the food God provided for them, to repeated visits to three sickrooms where various ailments were being treated with the commonly prescribed poisonous drugs—calomel, opium, and nux vomica. Her husband was encouraged by the brief utterances of what she was seeing. The cloud passed from his mind and he was full of praise to God. And then the vision was over. Ellen White drew in a deep breath, filling her empty lungs. Soon she was breathing naturally and within a short time she began to detect her surroundings.

Undoubtedly that evening Ellen White spoke of some of the scenes presented to her—Satan working to lead ministers astray; the dangers of the young, the spread of the message, all reported in the testimonies, and perhaps the most important, the priceless knowledge of health reform, which was to be a vital part of the life of the church. Later she wrote:

It was the house of A. Hilliard, at Otsego, Michigan, June 6, 1863, that the great subject of health reform was opened before me in vision. *Review and Herald*, October 8, 1867.

"The Story of Our Health Message"

It was this vision, and others like it, that made Seventh-day Adventists a health-conscious people. Now, Seventh-day Adventists are deep in health ministry. They operate institutions which employ a large number. The denomination maintains scores of hospitals, treatment rooms, health food stores, restaurants, around the world.

New Adventists are taught by evangelists, pastors, and Bible instructors to abstain from strong stimulants and narcotics. They practise a vegetarian diet, which sometimes involves radical changes. There are other health habits in which they are instructed. The believers in the church accept these health standards as a part of the Adventist way of life. To them it is an integral part

of the faith, just as much as the arm is a part of the body. The two cannot be disconnected without injuring the body itself.

Christians of other denominations are now beginning to admit that the good health concept is really a part of good religion, and that good health habits and right thinking are related to the practice of good religion.

What is Adventism?

Christ, His teachings and commandments in the setting of the last solemn judgment message to the world, is Adventism.

Nevertheless, because Adam and Eve lost Eden and fell through intemperance, temperate habits must be acquired by God's children before redemption is assured. In His forty-day fast Christ redeemed Adam's failure and overcame appetite and made victory over intemperance and the lusts of the flesh a certain accomplishment.

The great sin of Noah's world was indulgence of perverted appetite, so with Sodom and Gomorrah, so with ancient Babylon and Rome. Today one of the special sins of this generation is overindulgence, "surfeiting and drunkenness" (Luke 21:34). God's last message calls people out of and away from intemperance and gluttony.

Belief in the soon coming of Christ calls for a dedication of the complete man to God: "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Th. 5:23).

The late Dr. Clive McCay wrote in the **Review and Herald** of February 12, 1959:

Health has been a matter of little individual concern to most people in our nation during its whole history. Among the 170 million people in America today (1958) there are probably not more than 10 million who are willing to devote substantial thought and self-discipline to maintain healthy bodies. Only after they have lost their health are most people willing to give any attention to the care of their bodies.

Prior to 1863 Adventists became somewhat conscious of the role of health in good religion. At least the church had taken several basic steps away from tobacco, tea, coffee and rich greasy foods. Some progress had been made but it was slow going. At the time Sister White had her important health vision in Otsego, Michigan, in 1863, most of the principal "messengers" or preachers were the victims of exhaustion or dyspepsia. Ellen White herself had lived and struggled back to health through three strokes. Annie Smith, Uriah's talented sister, died at the age of 27. Nathaniel and Anna, brother and sister of James White, died at the ages of 21 and 26, respectively, one in 1853 and the other in 1854, while living with the White family at Rochester, New York. Robert Harmon, Ellen White's brother, closed his life at the age of 27. If, in the winter of 1853 to 1854, Ellen White had not been providentially relieved of a serious heart condition and of a threatening cancer of the eye, she would have closed her lifework at the age of 27.

Consider this: The obituaries in the **Review and Herald** for 1862 report 63 deaths. Of these eighteen were children under seven years of age. Nine were between seven and twenty; fourteen between twenty-one and forty; fourteen reached sixty years and only eight passed the sixty mark. There was a crying, painful need for knowledge about healthful living.

Health Teaching and the Advent Message

It was God's intention that His remnant people should have good health and should stand before the world as reformers. The basic foundation of all enduring reform is God's law of love in the ten commandments. Describing His people in the last days, the Creator says "here are they that keep the commandments of God" (Revelation 14:12).

To have a people like this in the earth is important and the threefold message they preach is timely, for as Isaiah describes the last days he says, "The earth lies polluted under its inhabitants; for they have transgressed the laws, violated the statutes, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore a curse devours the earth, and its inhabitants suffer for their guilt" (Isaiah 24:5, 6, RSV).

Included with the commandments of God is the "faith of Jesus" (Rev. 14:12). This faith enjoins upon men and women the worship of the Creator of heaven and earth. But how can men worship God acceptably when plagued with disease and the pollutions of this world? A health reform message is called for within the framework of the three angels' messages that will make the worship of God acceptable to Him and pleasant and satisfying to man himself.

These concepts brought to us by Ellen White in the Otsego health vision came to the church less than two weeks after the adjournment of the first General Conference Session in Battle Creek.

This vision was providentially timed to coincide with the organization of the church into a general body. A united advance in temperance and godliness could now be effected among the Sabbathkeeping Adventists.

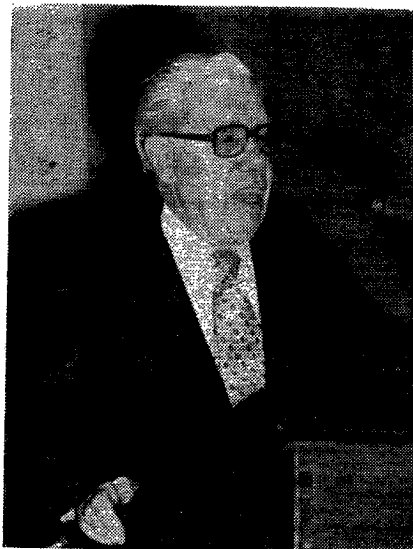
A twofold duty was laid upon God's remnant people by the Otsego health vision. We were to arouse others to a sense of physical morality, and to practise health reform ourselves. The concept that healthful living is a part of good religion was stressed by the Lord's messenger as she wrote on the day of the health vision:

I saw that it was a sacred duty to attend to our health, and arouse others to their duty. . . . We have a duty to speak, to come out against intemperance of every kind,—intemperance in working, in eating, in drinking, and in drugging,—and then point them to God's great medicine, water, pure soft water, for diseases, for health, for cleanliness, and for a luxury. . . . I saw that we should not be silent upon the subject of health but should wake up minds to the subject.

It is not safe nor pleasing to God to violate the laws of health and keep us from disease when we are living directly contrary to our prayers.—E. G. White Letter 4, 1863.

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Southern Asia Tidings



Dr. Brown Visits Southern Asia Schools and Colleges

W. J. MCHENRY

Advisor, Education

More than two years ago several Unions of the Division had requested that their schools be authorised to function as Junior Colleges. More recently our approved colleges felt the need to be accredited with the Board of Regents, the General Conference Schools and Colleges accreditation body. Because of these urgent needs Dr. W. J. Brown of the General Conference Education Department joined the evaluation committees here in this Division during the month of February.

The first school evaluated was our Roorkee High School. The committee

spent about 2½ days evaluating the school from all angles. Since the Northern Union had requested that Roorkee School be upgraded to Junior College level, the possibility of Roorkee School offering Junior College courses was carefully studied. The evaluation committee felt that it would be possible for the Roorkee School to be approved as a Junior College after certain minimum improvements were carried out.

On February 6, Dr. Brown and the writer crossed over to Pakistan Adventist Seminary. Nearly three days were taken to evaluate the college and seminary programme. The evaluating committee was impressed with the fine appearance of the campus and

the general quality of the programme being carried on. The committee commends the administration and staff for the fine work being done. On Sabbath students and teachers visited neighbouring villages to conduct meetings and Branch Sabbath Schools. It was noted that those taking the seminary course are required to conduct meetings and be successful soul winners before they graduate.

From Pakistan Dr. Brown and the writer flew to Sri Lanka. Pr. Justin Singh joined us and locally chosen members to evaluate Lakpahana Adventist Seminary. Three days were spent in studying various aspects of the school's over-all programme. The committee was impressed with the strong church orientated direction the educational programme is taking. The library was well-organized, plans for college courses were well outlined and the groundwork for a college programme has been already well-laid. Although the membership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Sri Lanka is small, yet a large percentage of the youth are attending the school. The committee felt that the total programme was well on its way to providing a good Junior College programme.

On February 17, we left for Lowry Memorial High School, Dooruvani-nagar, Bangalore. Pr. G. J. Christo joined the committee here. We spent 2½ days in an intensive study of the school. It was observed that the enrolment was unusually large for such a small campus. This in turn, did strain the facilities to the limit, thus making it difficult to operate a college on the campus in its present condition. However, the committee did feel that if the administration took some definite steps suggested by the committee, the school could in the near future be upgraded to a Junior College. The

Dr. W. J. Brown (fourth from left) speaking at the ground-breaking to a 6000 sq. feet extension to the Lakeside Medical Centre, Kandy, Sri Lanka, providing additional space for an intensive care unit, baby nursery, etc. Standing behind Dr. Brown is Dr. M. E. Fernando, the Medical Director of the clinic.



recommendations are being passed on to the South India Union and SUDAC for consideration.

Dr. Brown, and the evaluation committee working with him, worked long hours while evaluating Lowry Memorial High School so as to make it possible for him to pay a short visit to our students at CMC, Vellore. Dr. Brown and the writer accompanied Pr. P. Cooper in his car, leaving Bangalore about 2:00 P.M. on February 21, 1976. We had the happy privilege of spending the Sabbath hours with our students and the doctors and their families. It was a refreshing experience. Dr. Brown took the church service Sabbath morning as well as the Sabbath evening sundown vespers. Dr. Brown expressed his appreciation for the arrangements made by the South India Union for him to visit Vellore. Dr. and Mrs. E. G. White made us feel at home with their kindness and hospitality.

February 23 found us on Spicer Memorial College campus. Dr. R. S. Lowry, chairman of SUDAC, joined the committee here. Four full days were spent in a detailed study of the total college programme. Classes were

visited, records were checked, industries studied, the library evaluated and curriculum offerings examined. Even students, selected at random were interviewed. As a result of the evaluation certain constructive recommendations are being passed on to the college administration. The committee was very favourably impressed. Dr. Brown, who has been evaluating colleges in other parts of the world indicated that Spicer Memorial College is as good as any overseas college he has examined. He commended the organization of the academic programme and the methods used to maintain high standards of scholarship.

Dr. Brown left Spicer Memorial College Sabbath night (February 28) but stayed in Poona a couple of more days to write out reports and visit with the chairman and secretary of SUDAC before starting on his journey back to Washington, D.C.

Before returning to Washington DC. Dr. Brown had a couple of days free in the Poona area. He had the opportunity to visit Aurangabad, Daulatabad Fort and Ellora Caves during this time. He was fascinated with the intricacies of the protective

system of Daulatabad. Kailash temple at Ellora Caves was impressive.

Rather than returning to Poona directly from Ellora it was decided to take Dr. Brown via our school at Lasalgaon. We arrived there at about 3:00 p.m. on March 2 and left again the next morning at about 5:00 a.m.

Dr. Brown toured the campus and offered some valuable suggestions. During the special service arranged for the students Dr. Brown was welcomed the traditional way with garlands. Some of the students sang a song especially written for the occasion.

Following this meeting the staff along with Dr. Brown, Mrs. W. J. McHenry and the writer attended a banquet prepared by the staff. At the banquet Dr. Brown told the staff of his experiences in Cuba during the time of the revolution. From these experiences he underlined the thought that Adventist schools must uphold their high principles, philosophy and objectives. He especially pointed out that the threefold concept of educating heart, the head and hands must be stressed. A balance of all three must be maintained in our schools both by the staff and the students. □

OPERATION AIRLIFT

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bodies of victims still unburied; and more particularly, the fear that our national workers might be subject to the kidnapping which had accompanied each previous cease-fire. The Good Lord watched over "Operation Airlift"—only one sack containing carefully sorted and sized men's clothing from West Germany, fell to the ground and was quickly retrieved undamaged!

Here in Lebanon, our Division, Union and Field workers are at their posts as with very few exceptions they have steadfastly remained during the difficult months when warfare seethed and thundered around our churches and offices. Only superficial damage has been suffered by our buildings, all of which can boast at least one bullet scar. We mourn the loss of press worker and church elder Krikor Yessian, killed by bullets, September 1975, but although most of our workers and members can thankfully testify to instances of Divine protection, no case of severe injury has been reported.

When so many people were fleeing

away from Beirut, our Division President, Elder C. D. Watson, came and set up house there with Mrs. Kathleen Watson, to the amazement of many non-members and the encouragement of the church generally.

Evangelism has prospered in North Lebanon; in the eastern city of Zahle and in Beirut itself, our churches have been crowded by people anxious to "know the meaning of the times." Now the churches' chief emphasis is on Welfare and Relief of the homeless and hungry. Our thanks go out to all who have supported us with their means and with their prayers. The country of Lebanon, apart from its massive refugee problem, has thousands of families who have not been able to draw wages for many months, and who have lived very precariously from day to day. These are independent people, with a proper pride and self respect, unused to receiving "hand-outs." Our welfare workers must use great tact and sensitivity as they offer the hand of a "friend in need" to these families who have fallen upon hard times. We hope that the Lord will multiply the church's means as He did loaves and fishes, so that none need be "sent empty away." □

HYDERABAD TEMPERANCE COUNCIL

S. G. Kamble

Central India Union held their first ever temperance council at Hyderabad, February 22 to 26. Pastors S. James and P. K. Peterson from the Division and union and section officers served as instructors and brought timely messages and visual demonstrations for the twenty-six workers.

A Five Day Therapy Plan was held for the public of the city of Secunderabad. The Chief Justice, Gopal Rao Ekbote of Andhra Pradesh presided over the opening meeting. He praised the Adventists for their efforts in propagating prohibition and expressed the need for total abstinence.

Pastors S. James and P. K. Peterson and Dr. M. J. Rao brought to the attention of the public the harmful effects of smoking and drinking. A large number of the audience emptied their pockets of cigarettes. At the end of the Five Day Plan, thirty-one took a pledge to give up smoking. This was a great incentive for the workers attending the council to conduct similar programmes in their respective towns.

East India Youth Retreat

C. Pheirim

Palamau National Park, 175 kilometres from Ranchi was selected by the youth of East India Section for their retreat. The thick, beautiful forest with rich wildlife provided an ideal setting for the youth to discuss topics relating to life, marriage, their role in the church and how to be better witnesses in the neighbourhood.

The retreat held from February 12 to 17 attracted 35 youth from all over the section. Three of them were non-adventists.

This retreat organised by the youth themselves, was directed by Miss Rose Bara, of Ranchi Hospital, and she was assisted by Samuel Hembrom. Pastor D. Poddar and C. Pheirim from the Northern Union and Mr. E. D. Kindo from the section attended.

Each afternoon was spent discussing a topic of interest after which they broke up in groups to further discuss in detail. A different part of the forest was chosen each day. And at night with the aid of two local guides the young people went out in the forest to

watch the animals in their natural habitat. Bisons, sambars and hundreds of deers were seen with the aid of spot-light.



During the question and answer hour Pastor D. Poddar answered a number of questions for the inquiring youth.

The young people of Calcutta would like to witness more for their Master in their city.



Swapna Gayan of the Calcutta Church, taking the mission story on Sabbath morning.

The three non-adventists expressed their appreciation of the meetings and expressed their desire to join the church. In fact, the girl came with earrings but as soon as we started our discussion periods she removed them and never put them on again.

All the youth returned home with a greater vision and a determination to do greater things for their Master. I am quite confident that they will accomplish their task.

SRI LANKA AMBASSADOR VISITS PAKISTAN ADVENTIST SEMINARY

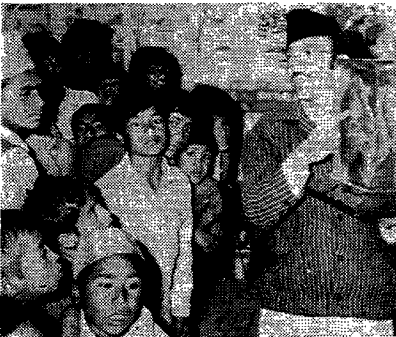
W. H. McHenry

Recently Baron Van Blomberg visited Pakistan in the interest of helping in problems related to the Seventh-day Adventist institutions. During his stay there he arranged for Her Excellency, the Ambassador of Sri Lanka, to visit the Pakistan Adventist Seminary campus to deliver the first lecture in a series to be given on religion. It was my privilege to be at the college when she came to the campus. Many of the Rotarians of Lahore also attended the special function. The college provided a banquet following the lecture. The 30 odd Sri Lanka students were invited to join the banquet and visit with Her Excellency.

This was a high day for Pakistan Adventist Seminary. Various visitors commented that if they could get vegetarian preparations like those served at the banquet they would be happy to become vegetarians. Several of the visitors went to the Desert King Food Factory and purchased supplies to take home with them. □

HEALTH BOOTH ATTRACTS CROWDS IN NEPAL

Deep Thapa



Deep Thapa explaining the effects of smoking on the lungs. Below, he is illustrating one of his health talks with the aid of charts.

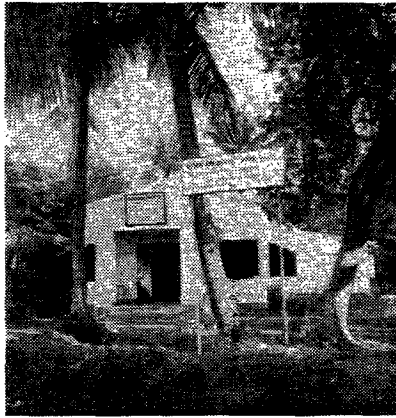
The Scheer Memorial Hospital, Nepal and the National Services Students of the Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu held a three-day Agriculture and Health exhibition in Benapa from February 17.



In our health booth we displayed colourful charts depicting the harmful effects of smoking cigarettes. Two displays attracted a lot of attention—the cancer affected lung and the emphysema affected lung. Many of the 10,000 people who visited the booth were villagers. They were very impressed with the lectures given by Mr. Charles Shultz and the writer.

An elderly gentleman, a chain-smoker for the past sixty years was so impressed and convinced that he signed his name for the five day plan saying that he wanted to quit immediately.

More than 100 people, mostly students signed for the five day plan. We are planning to conduct one soon in Benapa where the response has been very encouraging. □

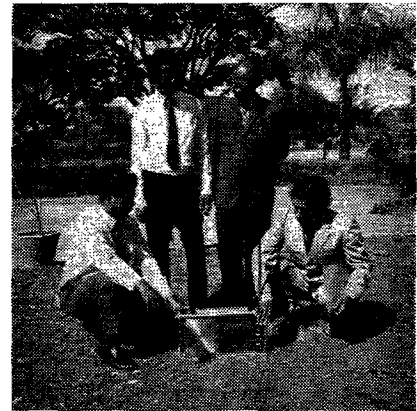


The Bengali Voice of Prophecy School, previously located at Karmatar, is now operating from the Ramchandrapur church on the end of Calcutta. The new address for VOP correspondence is, 36 Park St., Calcutta.

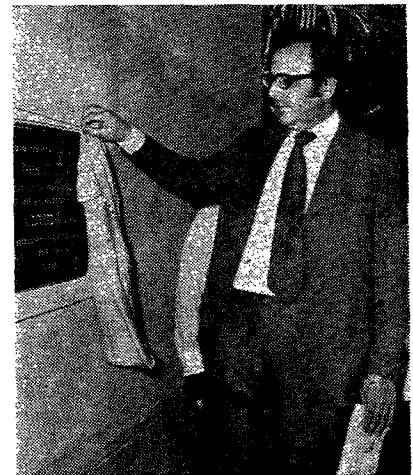


Pastor S. Boiragee, Director of the Bengali VOP School, shows Pastor W. F. Olfert some of the school statistics.

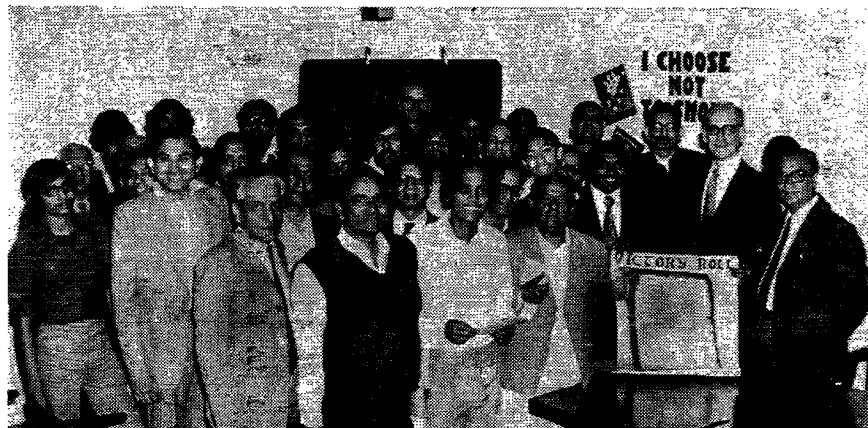
The speakers for the Indian language programme recently attended a seminar at the Poona office. Listening to a radio programme are left to right: Pr. T. V. Zachariah, Malayalam; Pr. Judson Moses, Telegu; Pr. P. N. Bazroy, Hindi; Mr. Anwar Ul Haque, Urdu.



Mr. M. Fuste, the deputy secretary to the ISCE council, Delhi, unveils the plaque of the new hall of James Memorial School, Nazareth.



Between 130 and 140 people attended the Five Day Plan at Calcutta conducted by Pastor R. N. Baird. The thirty who signed the Victory Scroll are seen with Pastor Baird, second from right.



YESHWANTHAPUR CHURCH DEDICATION

Simon Singaravelu

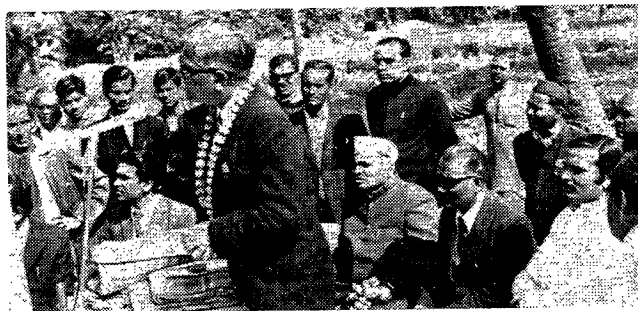
Our work started in Yeshwanthapur, Karnataka in 1974 when the section president and secretary, Pastors V. D. Edwards and J. Daniel conducted an effort there. Thirty-five were baptised as a result of this meeting. A site was bought in this town to build a church.

The following year the writer conducted an effort in the same place. This time seven souls were won. Among them was a retired officer who had forbidden his son from attending our church. He even threatened to disown him if he continued. But the faithfulness of the son won over the father. He regularly attended the meetings and took his stand to be baptised when the call was made.

Through the efforts of the section and union Directors, funds were made available for the construction of a church. On February 21, Pastor G. J. Christo, Division Secretary dedicated the church in the presence of the Union and Section leaders. □



The flood victims standing in front of their newly constructed huts. (Below) Pastor B. Nowrangi gave a brief sketch of the work of the Adventists.



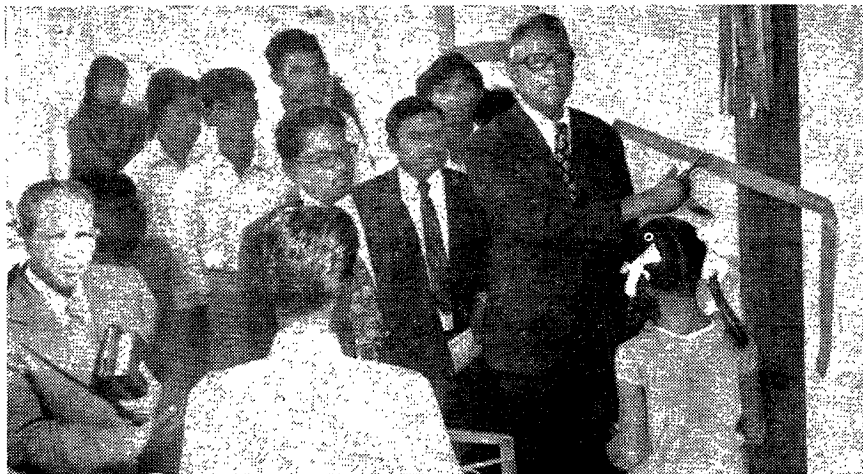
IMEWS CONSTRUCTS 25 HUTS IN PATNA

J. H. Sibil

January 26 was appropriately celebrated by the flood victims of Danapur, Patna for whom the Indian Medical Educational and Welfare Service constructed twenty-five hutments.

The chief guest, Mr. Dubey, District Magistrate of Patna was quite impressed by the prefabricated angle iron hutments constructed by the IMEWS. As he was escorted by Mr. J. Jha, the S.D.O. of Danapur he remarked "I did not think that this would be such an elaborate project. You should have called one of the

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Pastor Christo cutting the ribbon at the dedication of the Yeswanthapur church.

Many top city officials were present for a temperance programme conducted at the Mandya Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Mysore. Mohan Nirmal (standing right) conducted a follow-up to this meeting which resulted in the baptism of three persons.



HEALTH EMPHASIS WEEK

Dr. Trevor Adie

The CHES (Community Health Educational and Social Service) Committee renewed its commitments for the new year at its first meeting on January 27th. On reviewing the survey study and lab investigations done earlier; its response and follow-up, the committee recognised a need in Salisbury Park community for health education. Hence, a Health Emphasis week was launched for February 16 to 21.

It was decided to contact the heads of the respective institutions on the campus and with their co-operation health talks were conducted during their morning worship periods through the week. The topics selected for emphasis were diet and exercise, food and water sanitation, preventive aspects of diabetes and cardiovascular disease and dental care.

These topics were presented by Dr. Ninan, Mr. Buhler, Dr. Jonathan Raju, Dr. Adie and Dr. Mody, a dentist from Poona. During the week, a health topic was presented at each morning worship period of the division and VOP, the publishing house and the school. As a fitting finish to the Health Emphasis Week, Dr. Ninan and Mr. Buhler presented the Sabbath morning sermons at the English and Marathi churches respectively.

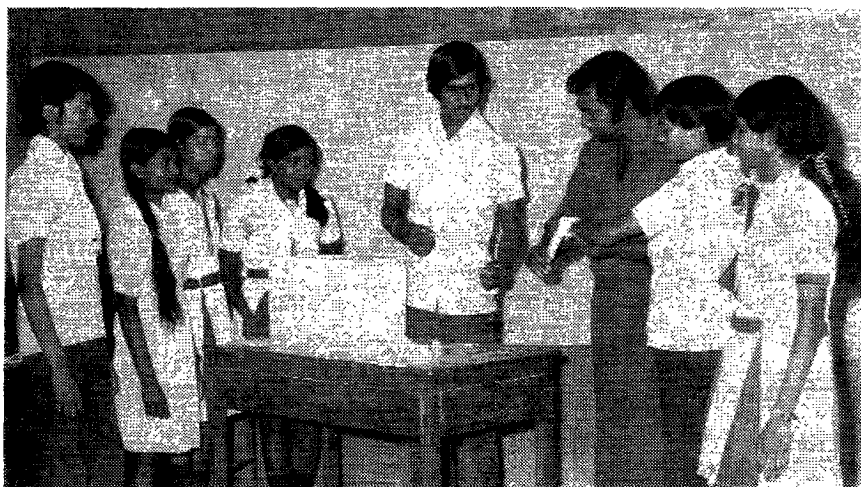
During the Health Emphasis Week, a study of samples of the three sources of water supply on the campus was conducted. The plate count revealed that the Corporation and Cantonment water supplies were commendably free of contaminants, while the local garden supply was expectedly contaminated with coliforms. However, during the monsoons, one has to be more alert to contamination.

As a follow-up to the Health Emphasis Week, a programme of vaccination against typhoid and cholera was conducted. This was also warranted because of the epidemic of typhoid reported at Sangli, about 200 miles away. As this article goes to press, the Vaccination Record shows that 672 people have so far been vaccinated.

225 INVESTED IN SALISBURY PARK

Faithful Turkey

The thirteenth of March was a high day for the Poona English School and the Salisbury Park YPMV. Two hun-



Mr. Ramesh Nirmal teaches the students how to apply a bandage in the first-aid class.

dred and twenty five children were invested at a colourful ceremony.

To make it possible for non-Adventist parents to attend the investiture, it was held on a sabbath afternoon. There were 52 non-Adventist students invested.

The service was conducted by Mr. S. G. Mahapure, Section Youth Director and Pastor Justin Singh, Division Youth Advisor. Mrs. Evangeline David and Mr. Sundaram from the school assisted. Ten Master Guides, dressed in their uniform helped make the programme orderly and colourful.

The breakdown of those invested are as follows:

Busy Bees	108
Sun Beams	56
Builders	33
Helping Hands	17
Friends	4
Companions	3
Explorers	4

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS SERVING IN LAKPAHANA

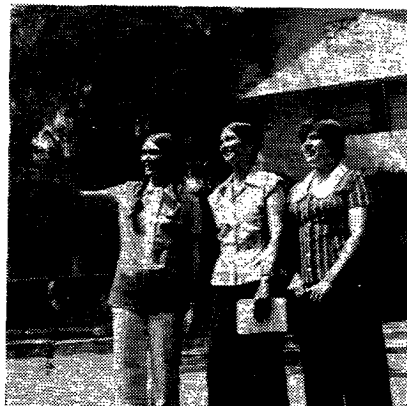
Justin S. Singh

Louis and Cherie Dale arrived at Lakpahana on July 2, 1975 to serve for a nine-month period. Louis is a agriculture major of Loma Linda University and Cherie is a dietetics major of the same university.

Louis, after assuming responsibilities of the dairy, increased the number of cattle from 29 to 35 and the daily yield of milk from 24 litres to nearly 100 litres; an average of 13½ litres

per cow. The poultry after modernising and bringing it on a more scientific footing is bringing in a profit. The daily egg collection averages 200 from 300 layers.

Cherie, Louis' wife, is in charge of the Health Food Industries. This consists of soymilk, peanut butter, puffing, etc. She has successfully experimented with dried fruits which now has a good demand in the Kandy market.



Joetta Engelkemier, Mrs. Louis Dale and Vivienne Robinson were a great asset to Lakpahana.

Beside the industrial work, she also teaches P.T., girl's swimming, a special class in English and hygiene and nutrition for the nursing students.

This couple are very active in the church, the MV and the Sabbath school. They say that they have immensely enjoyed their stay in Sri Lanka.

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Joetta Engelkemier came from Andrews University with a major in elementary education and a minor in library science. She is a graduate of 1975.

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Southern Asia Tidings

PUBLIC HEALTH AND EVANGELISM AT LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY

Irwin Campbell

A one-year programme leading to the Master of Science degree in Public Health is arousing a great interest beyond Loma Linda University, and it has a bright future. It will change the whole approach to the traditional concept of telling the world about the Plan of Redemption.

Almost everyone will listen to professional advice on the best ways to remain in good health.

A statement from the book "Evangelism," seventy-four years ago, outlines the plan that is now excitedly attracting the attention of Seventh-day Adventist leaders in many states and countries.

"I wish to tell you that soon there will be no work done in ministerial lines but medical missionary work. The work of a minister is to minister . . . You will never be ministers after the gospel order till you show a decided interest in medical missionary work, the gospel of healing and blessing and strengthening . . ." *Evangelism* page 523, White.

This special training is being offered in LLU's School of Health. There are eight departments in the school. In the U.S. there are 19 schools of health but the one at Loma Linda, California has the largest department of health education of them all, even in the world. More than 200 are enrolled in the school at this writing. In June 1976, 142 candidates are scheduled for graduation.

In this report the centre of attention is on the "Health Education" Department. The question will arise, "Why are all these ministers working on a degree in health education?"

Assistant Professor Reuben Hubbard, an evangelist and pastor for 15 years, but now teaching at LLU training the preachers in church Health Education, outlines what is happening.

The minimum requirements for the M.S.P.H. degree is 48 quarter hours, but most of them take about 60 hours of graduate work during the year's programme. Almost all of the pastors are sent at union expense. Several foreign governments recognize the value of the training and are taking advantage of it.

"Six pilot programmes in adult education are now underway", Mr. Hubbard states, "and they are conducted in churches near the LLU campus. These meet three times a week and continue for ten weeks. The advertising consists of an attractive printed folder delivered to homes near the church. A survey is made of the area interest in health problems. The local pastor presides over the meetings and specialists in the various fields are on the panel.

"Usually a great stir of interest is aroused with the first meeting called 'Heartbeat'. At this time, under the supervision, blood is drawn and laboratory evaluation is made. After this the church pastor and his team of church leaders continue the meetings



They come from far-away places to earn the degree of Master of Science in Public Health at Loma Linda University in California. It takes a full year of study but gives a pastor a big advantage with this degree. Health and religion work very well together with all classes, it was found. Inset are Bashir Khazzan and Austin John from Pakistan.

using available medical specialists," Mr. Hubbard continues.

"The first half hour of each session deals with health and the second half turns to education from the True Source of understanding. These always go together. Diet, cholesterol, smoking, weight control, physical fitness, vegetarian cooking schools, exercise, and stress control are all worked together methodically.

"We have found, the hard way", states Mr. Hubbard, "that the better class of people in a community will not come to religious, revival, or evangelistic services in our churches, be it advertised ever so well, but when a personal or public health programme is inaugurated, this touches citizens on every level."

Gradually and gently and so very skilfully after each health discussion the Scripture is unfolded by trained personnel, and "It is the experience in many churches after a Health Evangelism community programme, the membership of that church doubles," Mr. Hubbard emphasizes.

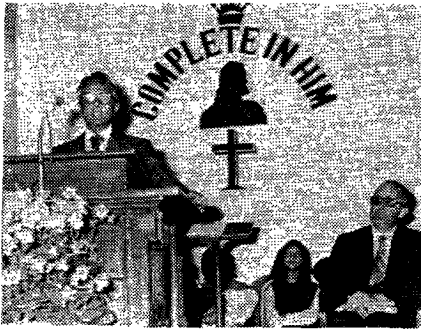
Several young women are also completing requirements for the degree. These health educator-Bible instructors will truly have an edge over conventional Bible instructors. They can work within public schools, service clubs, community organizations, churches, and medical societies to create an interest in the Adventist life-style. They then can follow up on the interest thus created with Bible studies in the homes or in a group setting.

From Pakistan in the Southern Asia Division are: Bashir Khazzan and Austin John.

The programme has been in progress at LLU since 1967 but this year it has burst into full bloom and is catching on around the globe. Excitement and genuine satisfaction is in evidence as this medical evangelism training effort grows. □

Pastor Christo Conducts Week of Prayer

Dr. K. J. MOSES



Week of Prayer

Pastor G. J. Christo, from the Division was the speaker at the February 2 to 7 Week of Spiritual Emphasis. Pastor Christo's theme was "Complete in Him". Other topics he spoke on included: No King but Ceasar; Passion, Possessions and Position; Assurance; Rank, Resistance, Riches; Pierced Hands and a Pierced Ear; and With Longing Desire. Many responded to the call for rededication and a number of students enrolled for the baptismal class at the end of the Week of Prayer.

Baptisms

Fourteen students were baptised in the first baptismal service held, February 21, at Spicer during this year. Four ministers took part in the baptismal service conducted during the divine service. They were M. D. Moses, P. S. Prasada Rao, R. L. Rowe, and the College Chaplain R. H. Jones.

Commission's Visit

A commission on Accreditation of Spicer College stayed on the campus from February 23 to 28. Dr. W. J. Brown, Director, Department of Education of the General Conference was the chairman of the Commission.

Other members of the commission were R. S. Lowry, W. J. McHenry, J. S. Singh, E. A. Hetke, R. S. Shinge, D. Sukumaran, and K. I. Varghese.

While on the campus, the commission inspected classes and studied scholastic, building, and financial programmes. They also met with representative groups of students and members of the staff.

History Seminar

Nearly one hundred students and staff from the University of Poona and several colleges around attended, February 17 and 18, a History Seminar at Spicer. The seminar was organised by the History Department of the college. Dr. M. E. Cherian inaugurated the seminar. Dr. A. R. Kulkarni and Prof. A. M. Deshpande of the History Department, Poona University and Dr. M. E. Cherian presented papers. This was followed by group discus-

sions by the panel members and participants.

Ingathering

February 11 was ingathering field day for Spicer. Over three hundred students and staff went out for uplift work. The collection was Rs. 10,382 against a goal of Rs. 5000. The total funds collected by the staff and students was Rs. 34,060.

Men's Social

"A Serenade to You" was the theme of the Men's Social Club presented on 29th February. The programme consisted of songs, instrumentals and dances. This year's Men's Club officers are Thomas Kunjoo, president; Simon Peter, vice president; Jose Matthew, secretary; Joseph Oomen, treasurer; and Sukanto Bayen, Artist. Mr. Carter Lowry was the MC of the programme.

Pastors R. H. Jones, R. L. Rowe, Judson Moses, M. D. Moses and Dr. Cherian standing with the students who were baptised on January 21.





The senior class elected as their officers Kenneth Cherian, President; Sonia Christo, Secretary; Probir Bairagee, Vice-president; Emmanuel Aziz, Treasurer; Michael Mendis, Pastor; Mr. Bruce Johanson sponsor of the class.

Cherian in Poona University Senate

President M. E. Cherian was nominated as a member of the Senate of the University of Poona by the Governor. Dr. Cherian was one among eight prominent citizens of Maharashtra nominated by the Governor to this very important body.

Dr. Cherian has also been appointed as a member of the Administrative Board of the CARAVS at Jabalpur. CARAVS is a short name for the Christian Association for Radio and Audio-Visual Service. This is an inter-denominational organisation in mass communication.

Senior Class Activities

Twenty-six out of thirty who appeared for the second semester comprehensive examinations have been declared successful.

The seniors elected the officers of the class of 76 consisting of Kenneth Cherian as President, Probir Bairagee as Vice-President, Sonia Christo as Secretary, Emmanuel Aziz as Treasurer, Michael Mendis as Class Pastor, and Mr. Bruce Johanson as Sponsor.

Rt. Rev. I. P. Andrews, Bishop of Kolhapur, Church of North India was the chief guest for the class presentation on February 19. He spoke on "Divine Guidance in Life" and outlined six steps in the life of a Christian.

Letters

Thank you for sending me your heart-warming paper, TIDINGS. News of activities in the various churches cheer my old tired heart.

L. D. Ralte
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P. O. Khamaria
Jabalpur 482005

Tidings has been a welcome visitor to our home ever since we went out there in 1921, and though we have been here at home since 1962, yet it keeps us up-to-date on the work to which we devoted our lives some 55 years ago. We have seen many Editors come and go, but the TIDINGS has been our constant contact through the years, and we hope it continues to be an inspiration to all who receive it until Jesus returns. May the Lord continue to bless you and all others connected with our work out there.

O. O. Mattison
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I did enjoy working with the VOP there in Poona, and I found the contacts with workers and students to be very rewarding. In our daily worship we continue to mention the Southern Asia Division in prayer.

Mrs. C. F. Storz
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We appreciate so much the periodic visits of our S. Asia church paper which has kept us abreast of happenings over our side of the world field. Being familiar with so many parts of the Division and knowing so many of the workers, both overseas and national, it is with particular interest and delight that we read of places and people we know. Time of course, has taken its toll and some of our contemporaries have retired or, more sadly, passed away. But it is a joy to know that in the case of some of these

old-timers, their sons or daughters are now carrying on where they left off.

So, to your kind offer to continue mailings if we so desire we say "many thanks!" And as a small token of our appreciation we enclose something which we would ask you please to accept towards publication expenses which must be increasing with other rising costs.

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I thank you for sending me the SOUTHERN ASIA TIDINGS which I enjoy reading.

Mrs. M. Ballantyne
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We are sending you the equivalent of Australian \$60, which as a donation to the TIDINGS from the Southern Asian folks here. Miss L. A. Baird painted some pictures of Indian scenes and we sold these at some Bara Khanas and collected this amount.

Pr. R. E. Rice
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Be assured we very much desire having the TIDINGS continue coming to us. In fact we look forward to receiving each number just as we do the 'REVIEW' for there is always something very inspiring and encouraging to read about. This is especially true, regarding the exploits of the young people with whom we were associated in the work years ago, and now we see the fine leadership these youth are giving to God's work there in Southern Asia.

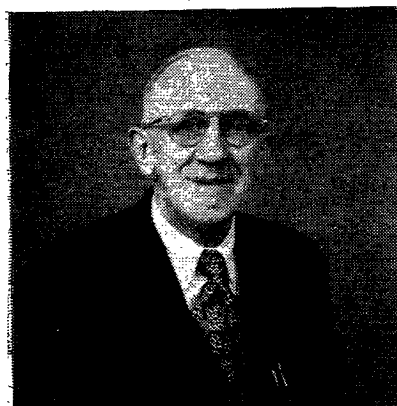
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Director, Voice of Prophecy

W. HUME MCHENRY
1890 to 1976



The tragic news of Papa McHenry's passing away was received with shock by the Adventist community at the Division Headquarters. His last four years in India, before he left on permanent return to USA in 1954, were spent in Poona — preparing Bible Correspondence lessons for the Voice of Prophecy.

Elder W. Hume McHenry, pioneer missionary to India, was born on October 19, 1890 in Tennessee, USA. He received his college education at the Abilene Christian College (Christ Church) Texas. He first came to India in the year 1914 as a missionary for the Church of Christ denomination. In 1919 the truth came to him through a book he had purchased from one of our literature evangelists, while travelling in Maharashtra. After being a 'layman' for six months he was invited to join the SDA working force. The next thirty-five years were spent in working for the people in Maharashtra.

To Pastor and Mrs. McHenry were born three sons: William, Winston and Milton. Mrs. McHenry (nee Nola Hiler) died in 1937. He later met Agnes Cragg, a literature evangelist whom he married in 1939. They adopted three children—Caroline, June and Ruth.

Except for the last few years of his service, all his time was spent in direct evangelism. He opened up and directed work in the districts of Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Kolhapur and Poona. After returning to the USA he worked in the Bible Correspondence school in Atlanta, Georgia for a few years before going on sustentation. According to earlier plans he was anxious to retire in Tennessee, his birth place. Unfortunately the climate in Tennessee did not suit his health and as a result he suffered frequent attacks of asthma. Pastor and Mrs. McHenry moved on to Orlando, Florida where the climatic conditions are ideal for asthmatic patients. In a short time, due to ill health, he had to look for yet another new place. This time the family moved to Deer Park, California. Elder McHenry maintained fairly good health here. The end came on February 19, 1976 as a result of complications developed due to a severe attack of influenza.

All three of his sons have followed in his footsteps; they began their service in Southern Asia. Pastor William

J. McHenry, Division Education Advisor, has been serving in India since 1941; Elder Winston McHenry began his service in 1943; and Elder Milton M. McHenry worked in Southern Asia from 1946 to 1964. Two of his grandchildren are also in Southern Asia—Clareen Eugen in Sri Lanka and Sarah Munger in Pakistan. Another grand son, Milton Dale McHenry is a missionary in Bolivia. The McHenry's have so far given a total of 123 years of service to Southern Asia.

Pastor McHenry is survived by his wife, three sons and three daughters, twelve grand children and thirteen great grand children.

When we try to review this noble life with gratitude, several thoughts come to our minds. What would have happened to the more than fifty percent of church members in Maharashtra, who joined the church as a direct result of Papa's ministry, had he not worked in Maharashtra at all? Was Papa McHenry's accepting the advent message in a mission land an accident or was it part of God's plan to bring in thousands into His marvellous light from the hundreds of villages in India?

Elder W. Hume McHenry was indeed a man of the people. Like His Master he spent all his life trying to lift up the down trodden, help the poor, and heal those who were spiritually sick. He would have liked to continue to stay in India until the end. He was a 'pandit' in Marathi and wrote and spoke the language very fluently. It is said that one's world is as large as one's heart. In Elder McHenry's 'world' there was place for all who needed help and attention. He was visibly moved with compassion when he saw the misery and poverty in the villages of India. He not only spoke the local language, but also ate the local food. In the history of Adventist missions, there will be only a few, if any, who have sacrificed so much for the cause of God on this earth. His main concern was — how much can I give, not how much can I get!

Unlike most of us he never craved for positions. Indeed he never held a position as such in all his nearly forty years of dedicated service. And yet no single person has influenced the lives of so many in this part of the Division field, as did Papa McHenry. He suffered and sacrificed that others may experience salvation!

STUDENT MISSIONARIES

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She was entrusted with the pleasant task of organising the library. And what a grand job she did of it. In our evaluation trip of all the secondary schools, this was the best library that we came across. Lakpahana is rightly proud of their school library which forms the heart of the school activities.

Joetta is training a full-time worker and several students so that after she leaves the library can function smoothly. She serves in the Sabbath School as the kindergarten leader.

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Linda Vivienne Robinson is no stranger to Southern Asia. She was a former student of Vincent Hill School while her father, Mr. Robinson was teaching in Vincent Hill School. She still has one more year to complete her bachelor's programme at Andrews University. She is so perfectly at home here that she says she could live the rest of her life in Southern Asia.

Linda teaches English, but she is better known for her gymnastic classes. She teaches P.T. and has trained a number of students in tumbling and other acrobatics. Her students put up a fine performance for the evaluation team when they visited Lakpahana. She is also the overall in charge of the swimming pool. Her students will miss her greatly when she leaves this April to complete her studies at Andrews University.

These young student volunteers have done a splendid job during their tenure of contract. They have been such a blessing to the school that their absence will be greatly felt. The youth department of the Southern Asia Division express their deep gratitude for their fine services and wish them success in their future plans.

IMEWS WORK IN PATNA

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Ministers for its opening ceremony." There were many businessmen among the 500 people gathered for the occasion.

Mr. Dubey spoke a few words of appreciation on what the IMEWS has done for the flood victims. The ownership cards were handed out by the District Magistrate to the head of each hutment.

Pastor P. D. Kujur, Section President welcomed them and Pastor B. Nowrangi, Secretary briefly sketched the work of IMEWS and appealed to the people to be liberal for such

worthy causes whenever the opportunity came.

This brief programme was aired by All India Radio, Patna, and covered by leading newspapers of the state.

WEDDINGS

Edwin Joseph and Kala Borge were united in marriage on March 7 in the Salisbury Memorial church Poona. Edwin will be graduating from Spicer this year.

Kenny Pappachen and Violet Kate were married on March 15 in the Salisbury Memorial church. Mr. Pappachen is the manager of Spicer Bakery.

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Newsflash

- Mr. Jeyaseelan Moses, working in a village of Cheddudianpatti in South Tamil Section near Sattur prepared 55 for baptism in December.
- Layman, D. Jeyamoni, working in the area of Ilyarasanandal near Koilpatti reports that since he joined the church on the early part of 1969 our message has gone to 15 villages and new congregations raised up. Brother Jeyamoni spends most of his time visiting villages giving the message.
- There are now 550 students studying in the high school at Trichy and 24 on the teaching staff.
- Seventy-eight per cent of those who wrote the SSLC examination from the Bangalore High School on Spencer Road in 1975 passed the examination. Out of the 28 that appeared 23 passed, 8 got Second Class. The school average was 78%. The State average was 42%.
- Dr. Glenn Christo has accepted a call to be the Director of the Himalayan Better Health Clinic, located in Gangtok, Sikkim.
- Mrs. Louisa George is the new Supervisor of Nursing Services at the Ottapalam Adventist Hospital in Kerala.
- The new extensions, known as the Silver Jubilee block, at the Ranchi Adventist Hospital in Bihar, are nearing completion. The extensions will raise the capacity of the hospital to 90 beds.
- Dr. I. R. Bazliel, Medical Director of the Simla Sanitarium for the past 20 years, has recently retired. He has been replaced by his daughter-in-law, Dr. Y. Bazliel.
- Mr. William Wray is the new Assistant Business Manager of the Scheer Memorial Hospital in Banepa, Nepal. The previous Asst. Business Manager, Mr. Rimsu, is the new treasurer of the recently organised Mizo Section.
- Brother N. J. Chako, the star literature colporteur, first conducted few cottage meetings in the Vayanad area and brought 4 souls for baptism. Again he conducted a village effort at Kukkada, Kottayam District and Pastor P. V. Jesudas baptized 25 people on the 31st of January. This is the first fruits of that effort. There are about 25 others preparing for baptism. Brother Chacko left his colporteur work for about 1½ months to do evangelistic work, losing his sales and regular income and bata.
- Pastor John Robert, the Director of Goa is appointed as the Section Secretary of South Tamil Section and will take up the new responsibility after a few months. Meanwhile Pastor M. Sundaram, the Lay Activity Secretary of South Tamil Section will act in Pastor Robert's place.
- Workers and laymen in the South India Union prepared 4,613 persons for baptism in 1975. The Karnataka Section reported 402 baptisms; North Kerala, 429; South Kerala, 2,015; North Tamil, 776; South Tamil 963; and Goa, 28.
- Two workers from Tamilnadu and four from Kerala reported more than 100 baptisms during the year. M. Thavesamony, Communications Secretary of the Section, working in a new area near Erode, baptized 248 persons. A. D. Johnson, working among hill tribes in South Kerala, baptized 199. H. Sam of South Kerala Section baptized 162. Manuel Manasseh, working around Sattur, an area newly opened last year, prepared 130 for baptism. C. S. Joseph of South Kerala Section won 121 souls and Matthew D. Jose, a recent Seminary graduate prepared 122 for baptism.
- Pastor P. J. Theophilus working near Trichur in a hill area of North Kerala, baptized 24 people in January. Among the converts was a pastor's daughter from the Orthodox Church. Three more calls have come to them to preach in areas nearby and they expect a good harvest from this work in 1976.
- J. Daniel conducted a series of evangelistic meetings in Bangalore City in the new church building that was dedicated earlier in the year. Twenty persons were baptized, among them a landlord who became interested through the Kannada Voice of Prophecy Broadcast. The new church building has proved a great strength to the Kannada work in the city.
- The Government of Pondicherry has given several acres of land on a long lease of 99 years for our school at Gaurimedu, reports Mrs. Monickam, the Headmistress of the School.
- Mr. Sam Kodan and Mr. A. T. Immanuel in Goa, prepared 7 souls for baptism in December. These folks have joined the English and Tamil churches in Vasco-da-Gama.
- Mr. F. Fuste, deputy secretary to the ISCE council, declared open the new dining hall cum library. He was impressed by the students and commented on the potentialities of the students in this village school. This marks a major step toward affiliation of the school to the ISCE council. Pastor A. M. Job, Union Education Director accompanied Mr. Fuste.
- Two former Spicer students, Rajamonickam Daniel of Coimbatore and Sun Thuraisingham of Sri Lanka held revival meetings in the Madurai East Church. As a result of these meetings eight were baptised into the church.
- Miss Linda Wade, who has been teaching school in Dacca has returned to USA on medical grounds. She is suffering from a serious form of cancer. Special prayers have been offered on her behalf that she might be cured so that she can return to her work in Bangladesh.
- Pastor S. Chand, the president of the North India Section reports that there have been 220 baptisms in the bordering area between Pakistan and India during the month of February. Pastor E. G. Mathews baptized 175 in Tapai and E. M. Davis baptized another 45 in Awan Lakha Singh.