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# SOUTHERN ASIA TIDINGS

## Ingathering- Indeed the Lord's Work

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The 1977 Ingathering campaign is on. For valid reasons our supplies did not reach the field prior to the New Year. Hence, the campaign in many places did not start before the fifteenth of January. In spite of this the campaign in New Delhi, Calcutta, and Bombay started with a BANG! The result is very encouraging.

We have already realised Rs. 125,000.00 in the three above mentioned metropolitan cities. According to reports from Pakistan they have already collected over Rs. 67,407.00, Bangladesh has realised Rs. 30,000.00 and Sri Lanka Rs. 40,000.00. The campaign in all the three India unions is gaining momentum. Teams are continuing their work to reach the target.

Your Ingathering contacts give opportunity to reach people's hearts, as well as to receive financial gifts. Here are suggestions to help make your visits effective.

1. Maintain an expectant attitude. Every person you meet is a candidate for heaven. To win a friend is the most important purpose of the Ingathering visit.

2. Make a cheerful approach. "A kind, courteous Christian is the most powerful argument that can be produced in favour of Christianity."

3. Be alert to detect an interest. Solicitors during the Ingathering campaign should seek opportunity to record the interest of people who express their desire to know about Seventh-day Adventists and their belief.

"We are not to wait for souls to come to us, we must seek them out where they are."

A Catholic attorney in Vienna had never heard of Adventists before. He was impressed when he read a newspaper story of what Adventists were

doing. When the solicitor knocked on his door he gave a donation and read the brochure until midnight. Three days later he kept his first Sabbath and has been faithful ever since.

4. Try to enroll people to the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence course, Health course, and Bible in the Home Plan.

5. Seek opportunity to offer a brief prayer with the donor if and when it is possible.

6. Enlist as many laymen as possible to participate in the campaign.

7. Never feel shy to ask for more.

The Goal for 1977 is Rs. 1,105,500.00. By God's grace we have gone over Rs. 300,000.00 in two weeks time. Let us press forward and do our best. The Lord will certainly help us to go over our goal. It is not just gathering funds alone. Ingathering is gathering in souls.

The Seventh-day Adventist church in Southern Asia spent Rs. 25,820,129.89 in 1975. It may interest our readers to know that SAWS recently placed the largest food order in their history with the United States Government. An order for \$1,500,000. SAWS is feeding 90,000 malnourished children every day of the year in Chile alone. This number is expected to grow to 150,000 before the end of this year. In 1976 SAWS gave in excess of \$4,586,000 to alleviate the sufferings of humanity in 44 countries outside the U.S.A. SAWS has helped in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh during the recent drought and helped the people in Pakistan and Bangladesh during the floods over there. We spent Rs. 130,000 in building shelters for flood victims in Patna. We have every reason to ask the public for more funds to help the poor and needy. □

# Thirteenth Sabbath Projects: Northern Europe-West Africa Division

MARCH 26, 1977

If you have lived for 91 years in the same building, a move doesn't seem overdue.

The Norwegian Publishing House in Oslo, founded in 1885 by Elder John G. Matteson and seen in vision by Sister Ellen White before she visited it, has done just that. Now severe overcrowding, preventing that expansion which a growing work demands, makes a move imperative. With every space filled, with the plate-maker even having to work right under the rafters of the pitched roof, expansion is halted. A new site outside the city has been secured; building plans are drawn up and now they are gratefully looking forward to the Special Project Offering on March 26.

'Toivonlinna', the 'Castle of Hope' is the name of Finland Junior College beautifully situated in the south of a country with 60,000 lakes and 6,000 Adventists.

The work at the school has been severely hampered through lack of dormitory facilities for the young ladies, who have had to be lodged in



Students at the Adventist Seminary of West Africa (Nigeria) with their instructor Pr. C. S. Willis, are happy with the audio equipment they are using in studying the art of evangelism.

Dr. M. J. Lahti, Principal of Toivonlinna, Finland Junior College, showing some of the girls the model of the new dormitory,—one of the projects benefitting from the liberality of the Sabbath school members around the world on March 26.



many separated buildings—some now condemned by the fire authorities. A new girl's residence hall is therefore a MUST for the continued operation of this important training centre, and March 26 will mean a lot to the young people of Finland.

Since 1959, when Adventist Seminary of West Africa was established to provide higher education for the West African Adventist youth, slow but constant expansion has taken place.

The continuous growth of the work on the western seaboard calls for trained ministerial workers. The great challenge of countries like Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia and Sierra Leone and French speaking Ivory Coast, Togo and Upper Volta opening to the Advent message urges us to provide space and training for dedicated youth. There is hardly more than standing space in the present library. It is hoped that the functional building—now on the drawing board—will become a reality through your generosity. □

# QUINQUENNIAL COUNCIL-REPORTS IN BRIEF

## BANGLADESH

The last four years have brought many changes to Bangladesh. Yet in spite of all of this our members and workers are pushing forward.

In this difficult time, the Seventh-day Adventist Jankalyan Sangstha has joined other voluntary agencies in doing our part to help alleviate the suffering of these people. A feeding programme was set up to help 250 of our church members and we will also have to set up a programme to replace livestock, mainly ploughing bulls, so they can cultivate their fields. We are truly grateful to GEN-COSUD and SAWS for their help in the hour of our need.

During the period 1972-1976 these organizations have constructed more than 1600 low cost houses for families whose homes were destroyed during 1971 liberation struggle; installed over 100 tubewells to provide adequate drinking water; distributed more than 450 bales of clothing to needy people throughout the country; provided seed loans to over 200 families, (totalling over 30,000 Takas in 1975 alone) assisted in the construction of a Post Office; involved thousands of hungry people in Test Relief work programmes; supported, since the last quarter of 1975, orphaned children, who now number around 500,

In addition, SAWS/SAJS are co-operating with the Government of Bangladesh, the World Food Programme of the United Nations, and CARE of the US in the distribution of food supplements to children and lactating mothers in 22 centres, which involves many of our SDA village schools throughout the country; supporting experimental agricultural work in green houses conducted by Leroy Fuller of the Bangladesh Adventist Academy; maintaining liaison with the Government of Bangladesh and are clearing a constant stream of

relief goods, hospital supplies and personnel from overseas.

Our Adventist Dental clinic in Dacca is operating on a self-supporting basis.

The ADC is meeting a class of people not usually contacted by the Adventist message and is doing its share as a part of the right hand of the Advent message.

Recognising the needs for developing our own workers in Bangladesh it was also voted to open a one year post high school training programme at Bangladesh Adventist Academy as the first step to train workers to care for new churches raised by our evangelists.

Enrollment at both our High Schools is 422 guided by adequately qualified SDA staffs. In addition we have 27 village schools with enrollment of 829. A new city day school was started in 1975 in Khulna, in the name of John C. Little Memorial Adventist School. This year its enrollment is 205. The Section has 1456 students enrolled this year in all its schools, a large portion being SDA's.

We have at present 20 organised churches and 22 companies with a total revised members of 1975 as of November 30, 1976.

Bangladesh is thankful to God

for the blessing we have received through the SAJS Ingathering programme (Uplift). Last year we collected TS 76,000 to go over our Division set goal. We have already collected TS 40,696 towards our 1977 goal.

In 1976 the Literature Evangelists have also handed out 2,450 tracts, 241 VOP enrollments, brought 139 persons to church, contacted 58 ex-SDA's, conducted 500 Bible studies and are instrumental in 30 persons being baptised.

Our work in Bangladesh Adventist Press as of the first quarter of 1976 totalled 42,000 takas. The printing of Sabbath School materials amounted to only 1/4 of the total.

Last but not least is the blessings received by Banglaesh in the past four years are the financial blessings.

This is not our work, but the Lord's. The workers and leaders of Bangladesh are committed to the task of faithfully doing the Lord's work and we claim the promise of the Lord that He will separate a people from among the 81 millions of Bangladesh who will be ready and waiting for His soon return.

D. SKAU

The Bangladesh Booth at the Quinquennial Council always had a number of visitors interested in the progress of our work there.



## BURMA

Greetings from Burma. We inevitably regret to say that no one could represent Burma at this Council. Nevertheless, we are grateful to be able to present this small report of the work in the "Land of Pagodas" at this time.

At the end of the year 1960, Burma had some twenty-one million people; whereas it now boasts a population of thirty million, thereby recording a growth of 43% for the fifteen-year period. Our church membership for the whole Union in 1960 was 2455, and we now can be thankful for a membership of 6821 (as at September 30), making a growth of 178% for the same period of time. Though we seem to be gaining population-wise, a tremendous task is still before us as the following membership-population ratios would indicate:-

In 1960, the ratio was roughly 1 to 8400; whereas

In 1976, the ratio is about 1 to 4400.

This means now each member stands responsible to present the message to 4400 souls. What a challenge.

We now have 87 organised churches throughout the country, and there are many larger companies of believers which are ready to be organised into churches in the near future.

We have been able to open up new work in sixteen places during this period. Thus we now have a worker stationed right in the midst of the Naga Hills in the north-western part of Burma, and a worker is now working among the Lah-hu people, in an area close to Thailand, Laos, and China. We have also enlarged our working forces among the Mon people in the southern part of the country, and among the Arakanese on the western coast. Yet there are still many tribes among whom we have not worked, such as the Li-shaws of the northernmost part of the country, and the Sa-lone people of the southernmost tip of Burma, and many other groups.

Of all the departments, the Sabbath School department stands

up the strongest. The Union now runs a total of 157 schools and 81 branches with a membership of 9347.

In these four years, 26 meetings were held in as many cities and towns, and 162 efforts were conducted in villages. In addition, many more cottage meetings were conducted.

In April, 1976 our Union evangelist gathered up enough courage and conducted a school of evangelism. Neither the director nor any of the instructors of this programme have ever attended such training schools before, and the idea, of which we have heard so much about, was new to all concerned. It was impossible to get personnel help from the Division. So the school was launched "the Burmese way." Twenty-eight younger evangelists benefitted greatly from this training, and at the conclusion of this school, thirteen were baptised.

In June 1973, a Seminary school was opened at Myaungmya offering a two-year Bible Instructor's Course and a three-year Ministerial Training Course. There is also a two-year class to prepare the students to sit for the DSLC examination.

Today there are 179 youth attending this Seminary. We are happy to report that by the summer of 1977, 18 will finish the Bible Instructor's course, and fourteen will graduate from the Ministerial Training. These two groups will be the "First fruits" of the Seminary.

But the school is being housed in temporary thatch sheds. We plan to shift the school to a more central location during this coming year. We have a little fund on hand with which to undertake this project. We need more.

The Temperance Department director reports that during the past four years, 245 lectures were given, and films were screened 216 times to a total audience of 104,360. 41,200 pieces of Temperance tracts were also distributed.

We are grateful to be able to report that we have been able to employ thirty-one new workers for the last quadrennium.

Nine were ordained to the gospel ministry in 1973 and 1974. Another fifteen workers have been recommended for ordination during our coming Triennial Session to be held at the end of this year. This will be the largest group to be ordained in the history of Burma.

We now have a total force of 163 regular active workers. Out of these, 45 are ordained ministers. In addition we employ 53 bonus workers too.

Time is running out fast, and sooner than we would like to admit, will be the time when the year 2000AD shall be printed in a calendar. Could that year mark the end of world history? We will not try to answer that question, but we are sure that the "eleventh hour" is past, and we must double our efforts to gather in the sheaves.

KYAW BALAY

## CENTRAL INDIA

During this Quadrennium period, church membership in the Union has increased from 18,548 to 30,447 a growth rate of 60%. Baptisms have totalled 13,771. We expect a further 2,000 at least by the end of this present evangelistic season. 148 new church groups have come into being, with 122 of these in Andhra alone, and 21 in Maharashtra. Our evangelistic working force, however, has increased by nine only—to care for the additional 13,000 new members and 150 new churches. A major problem.

And a further problem: in Andhra we have a total of 327 congregations, but only 92 church buildings for worship. Of the remaining 238 groups, no more than half have prayer sheds.

At the beginning of 1973 our evangelistic force numbered 93. This year it stands at 103. These 100 men have conducted 860 evangelistic series during the Quadrennium. In addition, 2034 lay efforts have been held. 13,771 people have been baptised: 1988 in Maharashtra and almost

12,000 in Andhra. 23 men have had the distinction of becoming centenarians—some on more than one occasion.

During the Quadrennium twenty-two men entered ministerial work in Andhra, three in Maharashtra, and four in Orissa. Of this number only four are from Spicer. The rest are the product of the 2-year Seminary Course at Lowry School, Bangalore. At the end of September this year we opened our own Seminary in Ibrahim Patnam, Vijayawada, with 15 students in attendance. These young Seminary men have proved themselves well able to work in those areas which today are most productive. 45 Church Revival programmes have been conducted during the past two years, with 4,500 members in attendance. 120 workers have attended Workers' Revival Meetings.

There is no dearth of lay preachers in the Central India Union! 494 laymen have conducted 2,034 lay efforts in the past four years. 4,110 have been baptised as a result of lay participation in this evangelistic programme.

We now have 7373 organised Sabbath Schools with a membership of 35,305. There are 304 Branch Sabbath Schools in operation, an increase of 80% over the 1973 figure. 13,584 children have been to the 274 Vacation Bible Schools conducted during the Quadrennium. Sabbath School baptisms were 8,193.

#### Achievement in the Youth De-

partment has not been all that we have wanted. For two years we had no Youth Director. We have had one Bible Camp. We need many more on the local church level. 3,866 young people have participated in Youth efforts. 727 have been baptised as a result.

We have 43 schools in the Union, besides the two boarding high schools in Narsapur and Lasalgaon—eight more than at the end of the last quadrennium. Enrolment has risen from 3,696 to 4,954. Total staff this year numbers 212, and is 85% Adventists. Of the students in our boarding schools 63.3% are Adventists.

In Narsapur Adventist students represent 84.3% of the total. Our mission day schools are on average 82% non-Adventists. In 1975 one of these schools baptised 17 of its students. 250 students have been baptised in our two boarding schools during the Quadrennium. Eight evangelistic series have been conducted with both students and teachers leading out. There have been 90 baptisms.

During the past four years new church groups have been started as a result of work done by the staff of our two hospitals in Nuzvid and Surat. Five of these have been in the Nuzvid area. Sixty people have been baptised. Four new church buildings have been constructed.

Our Nuzvid hospital is of more than local interest because of its School of Nursing. Since 1973, 45

students have enrolled for the Nursing Course. 37 have graduated.

Can we EVER be satisfied with what we have done? What have we yet to do! In comparison to that, what are 4,500 baptisms in a single year? What are 13,771 in a four year period. What of the more than 100,000 villages not yet entered? Christ died for this world—the whole of our world: Gujarat... Maharashtra... Andhra... Orissa. One million square kilometers. 145 million people. Our world. Our mission. Our reason for existence. We dare not be satisfied. During the coming Quadrennium we will lay more plans and work, perhaps, with greater fervour. But we will do all of this with a greater awareness that we can never do ANYTHING—unless we have more of the Lord.

R. D. RICHES

## NORTHERN INDIA

If I had been giving a report to the Biennial Union meeting of December 1914, I would have brought you greetings from 167 members and 49 workers which were the figures of the area now known as the Northern Union. Today my greetings come from 13,000 members and 642 workers. God has abundantly blessed us during these 60 years. Yet the challenge has tremendously increased and surely with it we need to beseech the Lord for a quickening and brightening of our witness, until it reaches the glorious light of the Angel of Rev. 18. For today there are nearly 350 million in the Northern Union area compared to 200 million in 1914.

The total baptisms during the past 4 years 1972 to 1976 are compared to 3,126 baptisms during the previous four years. We are now reaching over 1000 baptisms each year. This is not 1000 a day, which I am sure is the Lord's desire for the largest Union, population wise, in the world, but it is a far cry from 1915 in which year there were 16 baptisms reported in the area now comprising

Nineteen young people were baptised in Hyderabad on December 20, 1976. These young people were baptised as a result of the work of the Mettaguda Church, the Secunderabad Day School and the Hyderabad lay members.



the Northern Union. So on one side we may rejoice, on the other we are challenged. The baptisms so far reported this year are 1,210 with about 200 more to be baptized by the end of the year.

The baptisms for the year 1969 to 1972 were 3,457 and for the years 1973 to 1976 were 4,533. This is a healthy increase, and may be the beginning of the Latter Rain harvest figures, we certainly hope so.

In the past eight years the increase in membership has been 6,864. This is a percentage increase of 77%. If the 1972 figure is compared with the 1976 figure the increase of 3,493 members over these 4 years would amount to a 35% increase. This is good but not much compared to what would happen if every member won one person every year. In that case our membership would total to 1,922,048 beginning with the figure 7,508 of 8 years ago.

The number of church buildings increased from 101 to 108 during the previous 4 years, 1969 to 1972, or 7 new church buildings, while the total number of church buildings established from 1973 to 1976 was 33 bringing the total to 141.

The total tithe received for the past 3 years and nine months—1973-1976 was Rs. 1,815,264.55, as compared with Rs. 1,257,320.26 for the previous 4 years, that is 1969-1973. Besides this Rs. 144,940.77 in Special Tithe has been received from 1973-1976. During the previous 4 years Rs. 98,808.49 was

received. This makes the grand total Rs. 3,346,334.07 received during the past 8 years.

The Union Sabbath School membership at the present is 16,559 which is about 3000 members more than our church membership.

In 1972 there were 227 Sabbath Schools and 9000 Sabbath School members—so it can easily be seen that the Sabbath School is marching alongside the Church Advance in the Northern Union.

A new Seminary Bible Training School has been started in Roorkee, where 12 students are in training in the vernacular. This is our hope for an expanded village outreach. We would like to thank Doctor Ost for making this possible.

In the Northern Union, we have 5 VOP Correspondence Schools—Urdu School in Srinagar, Kashmir

Hindi School in Delhi

Bengali School in Calcutta

Khasi School in Shillong

Mizo School in Aizawl

These schools represent the broadcast of our message in many otherwise inaccessible areas and can be a much greater evangelistic agency.

Our four hospitals, located in Nepal, Simla, Ranchi and Jullundur, are doing such excellent work that attention is drawn to them from far and wide. They are Simla Sanitarium and Hospital, Ranchi Hospital, Bihar, Ruby Nelson Memorial Hospital, Jullundur,

Punjab, Scheer Memorial Hospital, Banepa, Nepal, "The Himalayan Better Health Clinic", Sikkim.

Church lands have been purchased in 18 places and churches have been constructed or are in the process of construction in 21 places. Workers quarters have been provided in 3 places. Schools have been either expanded or schools built in 9 places.

In Nepal, two new buildings have been built. In Simla Hospital, a third floor for obstetric cases has been completed. The new Ranchi Hospital building is well on its way to completion. Much of the money for these has been raised locally. In Shillong, a new elementary school building is completed. A new wing to the Jullundur High School is nearing completion. The dormitory has been added to in Raymond Memorial Training School, and the Administration building at Adventist (Assam) Training School is under construction. Soon there will be 3 new quarters completed in Aizawl for the New Section headquarters.

However, our greatest need is for the Holy Spirit. If we had the Spirit of the pioneers with what funds we have, we would have more than we could use. So, let us pray for wisdom in using God's means that our use may result in glory to God and a return of a great harvest of souls for our Lord.

**W. H. MATTISON**

In Dhariwal, a village in Northern India Section twenty-five people were baptised on December 18 due to the combined efforts of E. M. Davis, Harnam Dass, Rewel Gill and J. M. Bagga.



## PAKISTAN

Our attention was drawn toward the unprecedented opportunities the Lord had given us to do His biddings in our country. The Lord is with His people and we have lost nothing.

For several years, we have worked in the Punjab area, but new work was started in Sind only in 1962. There are six workers in Sind (excluding Karachi). Three of them are self-supporting workers, and two after deducting their salary, pay us back some portion.



If we include the income by the other three workers (they are teacher-evangelists), we can safely say that out of these three, one is also self-supporting.

Thus we can say that our work in Sind area is 80% self-supporting, and we are trying to make up the rest 20%.

The work in Sind including Karachi is 80% self-supporting. There are 6 workers in Sind (3 teacher-evangelists and 3 preachers) and in Karachi, 4 teacher-evangelists and 2 preachers—a total of 12 workers in Sind and Karachi.

Thus God is helping the Union to provide workers, who are not migrating but sticking to the work.

The Union has 17 primary schools—7 in Sind, 1 in Frontier, and 9 in the Punjab; but the lack of good and dedicated teachers is keenly felt.

Number of Pakistan Union

Workers 40  
Population of Pakistan 75,000,000  
One worker has to be responsible for 1,875,060

Planning made it possible for all our ministers to conduct 26 short or long efforts in 1976. Attendance at public meetings has increased tremendously. They have embarked on projects motivated by the one desire of hastening the coming of Jesus. Our laymen fast and pray. They actively seek the lost. Laymen were responsible for four efforts that we carefully planned and conducted in some areas.

The experience of greater liberality of the members of the church has been highlighted in the gift of valuable land at Multan. There we have a nice church building and a worker is also located to care for the work in Multan and its surroundings.

The possibility of reaching the goal of covering the country with literature like the "leaves of autumn" is within reach. The press is ready to operate now.

The V.O.P. continues to create an interest among the people. The workers are effectively using the V.O.P. to create interest.

Lessons that are sent are categorised into four courses

- (a) Ancient Prophets
- (b) Search of Truth
- (c) World's Only Hope
- (d) Health.

The Temperance Ministry is seeing its greatest period of opportunity in Pakistan. There are devastating results of intemperance in our land; the church is stepping into the breach and presenting total temperance.

A man in Sukkur was paying Rs. 40 as tithe to the Lord through our Church. One month the devil tempted him and he stopped; but after three days, he dropped his automatic watch somewhere and it stopped. He took it to a watchmaker and he asked exactly Rs. 40/- for its repair. The man left

with his watch without getting it fixed, saying, "Lord take your Rs. 40/- and get my watch fixed up." So, he went to another watchmaker; to his surprise, this watchmaker asked only Rs. 2/- for repair. He paid Rs. 40/- as tithe to God and was very happy.

A. M. AKBAR

## SOUTH INDIA

In hundreds of places under various circumstances 15,318 people joined the Remnant Church by baptism in the years 1971 to 1975 in the Indian states of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka and the Union territories of Goa and Pondicherry.

Church membership rose from 24,000 to 36,000 an increase of 50%. Evangelists and laymen conducted more than 1,000 public evangelistic campaigns and raised up 285 congregations of believers in previously unentered territory.

One hundred and seventeen churches were formally organised during this period. Total tithe increased from Rs. 4,49,000.00 in 1971 to Rs. 9,13,000.00 in 1975 an increase of 116%.

In 1971 the churches of South India gave Rs. 18,000.00 in the Week of Sacrifice Offering. In 1975, this was Rs. 31,000.00

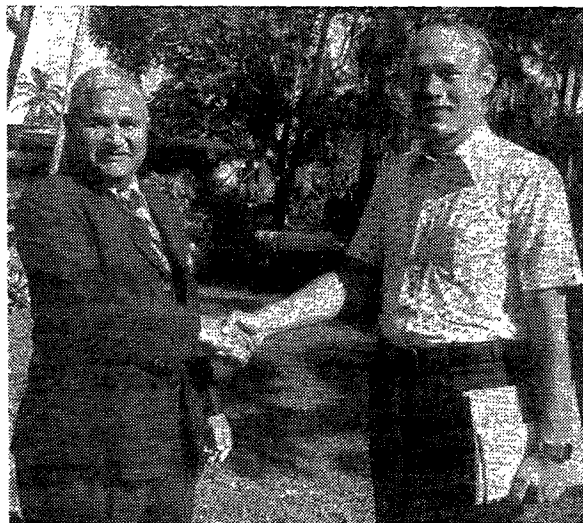
Total giving to the Sabbath School increased from Rs. 99,000.00 in 1971 to Rs. 170,000.00 in 1975.

Thus our self-support position appears to have improved from 70% to 75%.

Of the total 1,100 workers in the Union at the end of 1975, 172 were engaged in full-time evangelistic and pastoral work; 490 were teachers; 44 literature evangelists; 87 administrative promotional and office work; and 67 in medical work.

The number of high schools increased in the last 4 years from 5 to 10 and the number of elementary schools from 22 to 42. Enrolment in these institutions increased from 5,000 to 13,000.

A Teachers Training programme conducted on the campus



Retiring Pakistan Union President, Pr. A. M. Akbar welcomes the incoming President, Pr. G. J. Johnson.

of Lowry Memorial in Bangalore graduates 30 to 40 Government certified Adventist teachers each year (it is a two-year course).

Valuable properties have been purchased in the towns of Sattur, Tiruppur, Tumkur, Chikmagalur and Bellary and at HAL Airport, Austin Town, Lingarajapuram, Yeswantapur and Kodagondanahalli in Bangalore City.

In addition scores of properties were secured for village churches.

Ten acres was gifted by a businessman in Coimbatore for a hospital near the city. Ottapalam Hospital continues to be our main medical institution.

A new ward for private and semi-private rooms was constructed last year.

The Echo Stevens Hospital at Kaliyur near Mysore continues to serve the population in the village area. Adventpuram Hospital was closed during the period because of personnel and financial problems.

A major project of the Union at present is the construction of 300 church buildings for which funds were provided from "Extra Lift."

Approximately 230 of the churches have now been completed with 80 presently ready for dedication.

Fourteen new congregations were raised up in the city of Bangalore and we now have 22 churches working in five languages in that cosmopolitan city. Seventy-nine percent of the Lay Tithe in

the Karnataka field in the last year came from the Bangalore churches.

The three churches in the city of Madurai lead the South Tamil Section in tithes in that field.

The Erode area of the Tamil field continues to be fruitful in village evangelism. Already 25 village churches have been raised up and thousands are waiting to be gathered in.

An outstanding opportunity has developed in the northern districts of Karnataka during this year. It is anticipated that 300 people will be baptised in the Belgaum area alone. This is the first time we have seen such results in this field. Workers anticipate the conversion of more than 10,000 people in the next few years.

Thousands there are ready to accept Christ as their Saviour if someone will take the Message of His love to them.

The 735 towns and 60,000 villages of South India continue to hold unprecedented opportunities for soul-winning work.

Total population of South India is now 101 million people. There is one SDA for each 3,000 persons. In Kerala the ratio is one to 1,200; in Tamil Nadu one to 2,600; in Karnataka and Goa one to 12,000.

These figures must be changed. By the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, His Message will go to every person in every city and village.

**D. R. WATTS**

# **SRI LANKA**

The total working force of Sri Lanka consists of men and women, committed, ordained of God to the task of spreading the Good News of God's salvation, amount to one hundred and one.

## *Baptisms*

1973	177
1974	120
1975	142
1976	160
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Total	599
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Three new territories have been entered and strong companies of believers totalling 95 are meeting each Sabbath giving strong support.

Four hundred children are gaining a Christian education through Lakpahana Adventist Seminary and six church schools. More than 75% of our children and youth are in our own schools. Two new church schools have been added during this period. Lakpahana Adventist Seminary has attained Junior College status in 1976. The Seminary has a strong witness programme through Branch Sabbath schools, gymnastics team and Lakpahana singers.

We are specially mentioning the temperance work as it is proving to be our most effective means of contacting our Buddhist friends representing 67.4% of the population. Pastor P.B.A. Dissanayake, our Temperance Director is the Vice-President of the All-Ceylon Temperance Union and World Buddhist Temperance Union. He is also the Temperance advisor to the Ceylon National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, and a committee member of the Ceylon Bank Workers' Temperance Union. In addition to these responsibilities he is a lecturer for the Education Department on temperance. Through the temperance avenue the Seventh-day Adventist Church has received wide publicity. In 1976 Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation featured

Kuttapuzha School, Kerala recently purchased a school bus to help transport some of the more than 600 students attending their school.





Dr. R. I. Clark and Pastor Mattison of the General Conference Temperance Department in *Behind the News*.

The Voice of Youth effort in Bethel Chapel resulted in the baptism of 18 souls in 1976.

Lakpahana Press which began in 1970 in rented quarters has been moved to a building purchased in Nugegoda in 1974. The press has attained self-support. Literature is being published in three languages and its largest undertaking has been the publishing of *DESIRE OF AGES* in Sinhala.

The Voice of Prophecy continues to be a method of reaching isolated interests in the three languages. Five hundred are graduating each year from the ten different courses offered. Recently the Voice of Prophecy reached out to a Sinhalese Buddhist lady living in California who is now baptized and plans to return to Sri Lanka to share her faith with her Sinhalese friends.

The 1325 faithful members of our Union have become more faithful in their witnessing having total units of missionary activity increase from 108,671 in 1972 to 173,556 in 1975. Ingathering increased from Rs. 58,632.00 in 1972 to Rs. 109,000/- in 1976. The Sabbath School membership has increased from 1208 to 1512. The Branch Sabbath schools increased from 24 to 49 with the Branch Sabbath school membership increased from 172 to 696.

At the end of 1976 our tithe for the four year period will have exceeded Rs. one million. For the previous four year period (1969-1972) the tithe amounted to Rs. 491,890.14. From this you can see the tithe has doubled.

We are happy for the 1325 active members within our Union. We are expecting a rapid advance in the few remaining years prior to His coming.

In the Uplift programme we have received over three lakhs in the past four years which has meant much to our medical and educational work.

The upgrading of Lakpahana Adventist Seminary into a Junior

College has resulted in a visible demonstration of God's blessings in supplying the necessary means for a new dining hall, a married students fourplex, two staff quarters, and many other improvements. Funds have come from various donors which comes to more than three lakhs.

Lakeside Medical Centre is presently in a second stage of development which will cost nearly four lakhs, and again another visible demonstration of God's blessings.

Three new churches and one pastor's residence have been completed and a fourth church is under construction in Nuwara-Eliya. This will represent an investment of five lakhs.

We are now a strong people, if we will put our trust in the Lord; for we are handling the mighty trust of the word of God. We have everything to be thankful for. If we walk in the light as it shines upon us from the living oracles of God, we shall have large responsibilities, corresponding to the great light given us of God. We have many duties to perform because we have been made the depositaries of sacred truth to be given to the world in all its beauty and glory. We are debtors to God to use every advantage He has entrusted to us to beautify the truth by holiness of character, and to send the messages of warning, and of comfort, of hope and love, to those who are in the darkness of error and sin."

**B. A. DODD**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Lord has raised up a generation of people with a clear vision of what He expects of them. This vision and faith in the strength of the Lord to perform what He has promised, has enabled the church to accomplish more than it has in any other period of its history.

The June 30, 1976 report shows a membership of 93,397 as compared to 60,898 at the end of December, 1971. This is an increase of 53%. The world membership at the close of 1975 was 2,666,484 as compared to 2,145,061 at the end of 1971, which is an increase of 24% for the four year period.

The Baptisms in the Division for the 4½ year period under consideration total 39,707 as compared to 26,017 for the 1968 to 1971 period covered in the last quadrennial Division Council.

During the quinquennium 143 organised churches have been added to the 546 reported at the end of 1971.

At the close of 1975 there were 3307 workers employed by the Southern Asia Division.

This indicates that one in every 27 of the church membership is denominationally employed.

Southern Asia evangelists and teachers use 61 different languages and dialects in their work and wit-

SUDAC Secretary Pr. G. J. Christo makes an announcement that gains attention.



ness in the eight countries of this Division. More tribes respond to the message of God each year. On Sabbath, November 13, 40 members of the Boro tribe were baptised near the border of Bhutan. Many of these will carry the gospel story into Arunuchal Pradesh.

In 1974, Seventh-day Adventists established work in Sikkim by opening a clinic. The Chief Minister of Sikkim officially opened the Himalayan Better Health Clinic in October of that year. There are still two countries within the Division where there is no organised work, but radio broadcasts and truth-filled literature is preparing some people of these lands too.

One hundred thirty-five workers were placed on sustentation during the past five years. Among those who retired were three veteran overseas workers. Many of those who have laid down their arms have given more than 40 years of service to the church.

The church recognises the faithful service rendered by those who have left active service but are still faithfully witnessing and working for the cause to which they have given their lives.

The gospel to all the world—into every village, every town, every city in these lands of 750,000,000 inhabitants. It sounds an impossibility doesn't it, but this gospel must not only be preached for a witness to every language and tribe in Southern Asia, but it must be told in this generation—in our day. The servant of the Lord tells us that when human effort is combined with divine agencies for the finishing of His work, which the inhabitants of the world will not be able to discern. I do not know what these agencies are, but I do know that the human agent is very much of a part of God's plan for saving sinners. You are the human agent! I am that human agent. God is counting on each one of us to make known to the world, in our sphere of activity, that He is about to ring down the curtain on planet earth, and bring to a close the present chapter of its existence.

**G. J. CHRISTO**

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Seventh-day Adventists frequently talk about building. Our forefathers began building churches, schools, hospitals and office buildings in the early years of our history. We are building so frequently that a standing committee is appointed in each division to check building plans to assure that the structure will meet the objectives that the money and materials will be effectively and economically used and that the result will be architecturally attractive. Good buildings are a big help in the work of the church. We always seem to need more. Is there a danger that with all our building we may forget that our real purpose is the building up of God's kingdom? When this church was still young we were told:

"The Lord designs that the means intrusted to us shall be used in building up His kingdom."

In the last four years we have seen our membership increase by 30,801 or 50%. This is more than were added in the first seventy years of work of the Church in Southern Asia. In twenty-five years the growth has been 80,677.

Since our first church building was erected at Karmatar we have added 600 more. Organised churches at the close of last year were 725. The number of workers increased in twenty-five years from 1,223 to 3,307. The annual payroll climaxed to over \$1,500,000.00.

Tithe increased slowly along with the membership growth until 1970. During these years the average tithe per lay member actually dropped from 17.18 to 12.50.

It is gratifying to be able to report that lay tithe has come back up almost to the level of 1951. For 1975 it was 16.30. The direction is right but all indications are that if all members were faithful to God in tithing the amount would be much higher. The per capita annual income for these countries in 1970 was about 600 which would

suggest that tithe from lay members should then have been five times what it was. We are concerned over those who have not yet come to realise that 'the tithe is the Lord's. The minister who does not show them the plainly revealed will of God is brought under condemnation with the people because he neglects his duty.' May God help each worker to fulfil his responsibility to every member of His churches.

**B. H. STICKLE**

## COMMUNICATION

According to a radio official, Seventh-day Adventists are one of the best known Christian religions in Southern Asia, simply because of the excellent radio programme broadcast from their station.

Since the last session, the Radio-TV and Public Relations Departments have been amalgamated into what is now known as the Communication Department. Here in Southern Asia, a year ago, the Communication Department was bifurcated from the Ministerial Department and for the first time in this Division, there is now a separate Communication Department.

Currently SLBC (Radio Ceylon) is broadcasting 16 Adventist programmes per week. There are "Voice of Prophecy" in 7 Indian languages, and in English there are 9 religious, health, temperance and service programmes. These broadcasts are on the air for 11½ transmitter hours per week, making a total of 46 transmitter-programmes per week.

Radio Nepal has accepted "Modern Ways to Health", and the first 13 scripts have been translated and are ready for taping.

With the new VOP reporting we are beginning to obtain an accurate counting of the direct mail response to our radio programmes. Initial figures indicate that all radio programmes combined are receiving a total mail response of approximately 1,500 letters per month. The most popular English programme is the "Radio Doctor", broadcast in Sri

*Southern Asia Tidings*

... from Sri Lanka. The best English religious programme is Tucker's "Quiet Hour" and the best Indian language programmes are the Telegu, Kannada, and Malayalam broadcasts.

Recently the General Conference, through the AWR Board, granted approval to the setting up of Adventist World Radio in Asia. This concept of AWR-Asia is similar to that of AWR-Europe, and will tie our programmes together, enlarge the outreach, and increase the mail response.

Biggest radio news coverage during the past 5 years has been obtained in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Daily coverage on an international scale was obtained during the ICPA Congress in Kabul, and daily national coverage was obtained during a series of Five Day Plans in Pakistan.

TV coverage for Adventist activities over several TV stations in 3 countries has been obtained during the past quinquennium. In Poona and Bombay, Adventist Choirs have made a fine presentation; and in Bombay, Dacca and all TV stations in Pakistan, temperance projects have made Adventist news.

During the past 5 years, 1,500 column inches of Adventist news have been printed in 22 newspapers in 5 countries, in 8 different languages. There were also 45 pictures of Adventist activity printed. Recent big coverage has been achieved by the Karachi Hospital with the production of a 4 page supplement in the English "Dawn" newspaper.

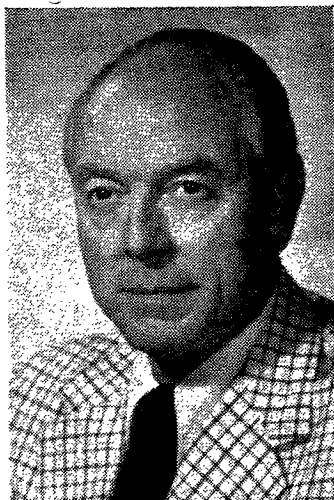
Southern Asia news coverage has been obtained in some 15 denominational magazines issued by the General Conference and other Divisions.

Into Southern Asia, international news coverage of Adventist events has come from BBC, Time and Newsweek.

In updating "Tidings" nearly 1,000 address changes have been made in the circulation list of the magazine.

Total circulation is currently about 3,200 copies per month.

Currently there are some 20



Elder M. H. Reeder, Associate Director, General Conference Communication Department, arrived in Southern Asia for a visit on January 18. While in Poona he held a Radio Speakers Council in Salisbury Park, a Communication Seminar in Spicer College and in Salisbury Park. This is Elder Reeder's first visit to Southern Asia.

news periodicals issued by the Unions, Sections, Hospitals and Schools in Southern Asia.

The number of baptisms for which the VOP radio and correspondence school work have been at least partly responsible during the past 5 years stands at some 2,500. It is known however that all baptisms which could be at least partly attributable to VOP work is much larger than the actual reported figure.

The General Conference has made a call, to contact every family upon planet earth before the 1980 General Conference. With nearly 1/4 of the world's population living in our Division, we do indeed have a formidable task. The Communication Department, in the Division, and throughout the Unions, Sections, and Institutions pledges itself to assist in this mighty task, through the use of the mass communication media.

A. M. PETERSON

## EDUCATION

Encouragingly in comparing 1973 statistics with 1975, it was observed that there were more student baptisms in 1975 than in 1973. It was also noted that the number of Seventh-day Adventist teachers

increased by more than 100 while the number of non-Seventh-day Adventist teachers dropped from 134 to 122 over the same period.

Out of a total of nearly 1,100 teachers, 87.2 per cent are Seventh-day Adventists, 141 teachers are non-Adventists. There are very few non-Adventist teachers in our Boarding Schools.

Number of Schools

Elementary	181
Secondary	31
Colleges	
(2 colleges, 3 seminaries)	5

Total 217

The following institutions have recently had major additions in buildings and facilities:

1. Spicer Memorial College—a large boys' dormitory and demonstration elementary school building.

2. Seventh-day Adventist High School, Lasalgaon—a beautiful church; a major addition to the administration building is now being completed.

3. Seventh-day Adventist High School, Narsapur—a new administration building and a new boys' dormitory.

4. Seventh-day Adventist High School, Roorkee—a portion of the new administration building has been completed.

5. James Memorial High School—a dining-cum-library block.

6. Seventh-day Adventist High School, Kottarakara—new boys' dormitory, new administration block, and improvements in water supply.

7. Pakistan Adventist Seminary—elementary school building; new hostel and church partially finished.

8. Increased library facilities at Lakpahana Adventist Seminary.

## HOME AND FAMILY SERVICE

This service has just recently been organised. Mrs. Helen Lowry has been appointed to lead out in this programme. So far she has held six conventions for workers and laymen under the theme *God's Glory to the World Through the Family*. These sessions were very much appreciated.



In between sessions, the delegates chatted informally.



General Conference delegates  
N. R. Dower and

Four young men were ordained in a special evening service during the  
Quinquennial meetings.



Sri Lanka delegates represented the host



Delegates discussing the re

For the first time in many years, Pakistan delegates were able to partici-  
pate in a Division session.





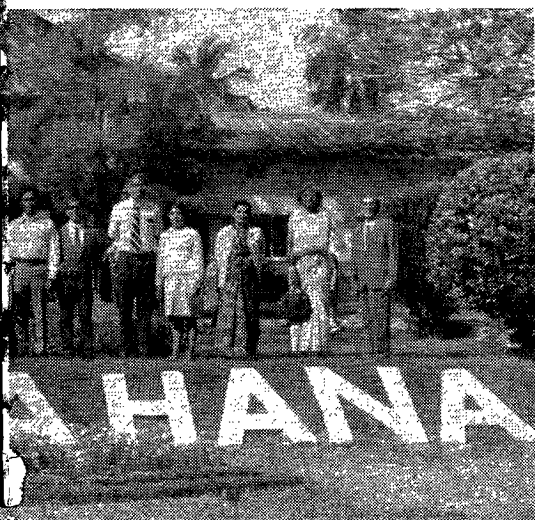


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...D. A. Roth.



The South India Union booth.

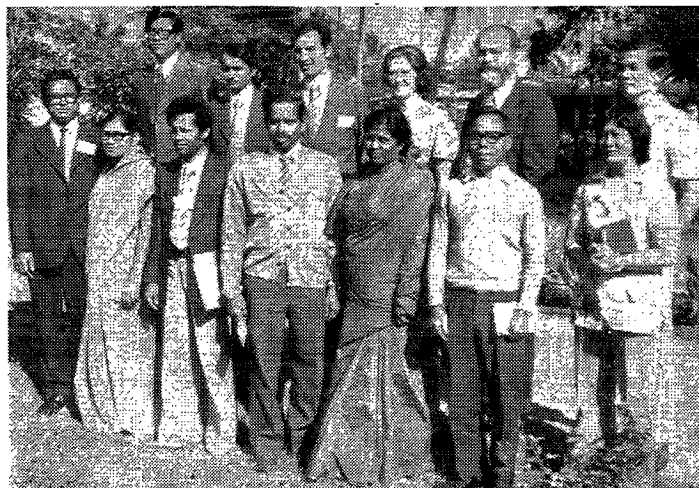
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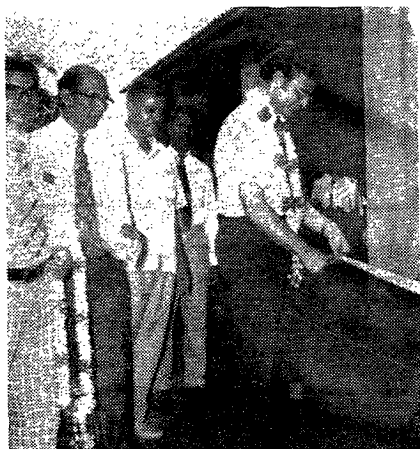


...port that had been presented.



Bangladesh was well represented by 13 delegates.





Pr. R. D. Riches opens a new classroom block for our school at Khurda Road, Orissa.

The book *Happiness Homemade* with the accompanying twelve lessons is to be printed and translated to provide materials for the promotion of this aspect of our work.

Mrs. Lowry is also studying the possibility of introducing an Adult Literacy programme to be promoted throughout the Division in 1977.

#### WITNESS ACTIVITIES

1. One thousand persons around Pakistan Adventist Seminary received Bible studies within six months. This work was sponsored by the Ministerial department of the college. Students taking elementary education also receive practical experience as they conduct village schools in the vicinity of the college.

2. During the summer months, Spicer Memorial College students participate in social service, colporteur, Vacation Bible Schools and evangelistic activities.

3. Calcutta day-school staff (including the non-Adventists) participated in an effort in 1975.

4. Kellogg-Mookerjee School, conducted an effort during summer vacation. Staff (including ladies) and students participated.

5. Pakistan Adventist Seminary conducts major evangelistic series each year as a part of its Ministerial Training programme.

6. In February 1975 a School of Evangelism was conducted at Kellogg-Mookerjee School. Fifty persons were baptised.

**W. J. MCHENRY**

## HEALTH AND TEMPERANCE

Health care institutions both past and present have been the results of bold venture and faith. It was always been thought of as a heavy load to raise funds and establish medical institutions. But what blessing these institutions have been to the cause and to the sick and suffering millions!

Today there are nearly 400 hospitals and dispensaries around the world manned by more than 50,000 health care workers.

Following the example and instructions of Jesus Christ and our pioneers, the health-care work in Southern Asia began a little over 76 years ago. Today we have 27 hospitals and clinics manned by 900 doctors, nurses, and other health-care workers. At present we have 20 medical, 1 para-medical and five B.S.C nursing students at Vellore and other colleges.

During the past four years these institutions treated more than 997,000 Out-patients.

Because of the great shortage of nurses, we are not able to give the nursing care for which our hospitals were once famous. There is a steady fall in clientele as a

result. Opening a second nursing school may partly solve this problem.

We look forward to opening a second nursing school at Surat. It will require a large outlay of money.

We hope to reopen the laboratory school at Nuzvid. Our young people need to have places in the church-sponsored programme for their professional training.

During the past 4 years more than 30 FIVE DAY PLANS to stop Smoking and 4DK PLANS were conducted in Southern Asia. These programme enabled us to come in contact with thousands of high-class people. Schools have conducted contests for their students. In the Northern Union, Physical Fitness, Body Care and dance programme were televised.

Our hospitals are taking keen interest in such programmes as Physical Fitness, Body Care and other community services.

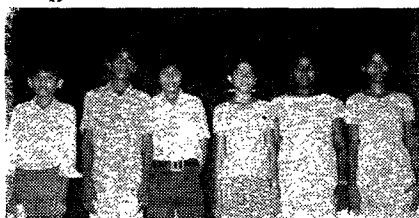
We are happy to say that we have revived ALERT and we hope to publish it at least twice a year. Recently we printed 2000 copies of ALERT and all were sold out. We should be printing and distributing this magazine by the thousands.

We have produced pin-up temperance badges. These flags

A new private wing of the Surat Hospital was opened by Pr. B. J. Williams recently. This is the first of a number of projected extensions before the new School of nursing can be opened.







The students of the SDA school at Nuzvid celebrated Temperance Day. The highlight was a Temperance Speech Contest in which seven children took part. A poster contest was also conducted.

were well accepted by the field. We produced 20,000 of them and they were all sold out.

We had regional-wide temperance councils early this year during the visit of Elder R. F. Mattison. Since then we have seen a revival of Temperance work in all the sections. While we are grateful for what has been accomplished, we are aware we could do more.

We believe the temperance work is going to play an important role in finishing God's work. Let us learn, while time lasts, to do all we can about helping those who are enslaved by intemperate habits. Such knowledge will stand in good stead in time of trouble. Let us pray that God may, by and through us, prepare a vast multitude for His kingdom.

**P. K. PETERSON**

## LAY ACTIVITIES

Average baptism per year in our division during the quinquennium is 12,939. Compare it to the 12 million born each year in India alone 'What a challenge! In view of the tremendous population explosion I had often wondered as to how the work of God is going to be finished in these lands.

During the quinquennium, new records have been set with lay effort resulting on several occasions of over 100 baptisms. Sincere attempts have been made in conducting laymen Instructional Training Institutes of church level, local level, and union level, where by our laymen receive inspiration

to exploit greater soul winning endeavours. The result is fantastic and phenomenal.

Bible studies in 1975 alone exceeded 3 hundred thousand mark (3,96,262). It is a healthy increase over the past and represents a great amount of time, preparation, and personal study, prayer and courage, on the part of laymen.

The baptisms where laymen have taken part is indeed, encouraging. During the past quinquennium 10,769 precious souls were added to the church as a direct result of laymen efforts. In South India alone 52 lay preachers held 1283 meetings with average attendance of 5367 persons of which 187 were baptised in one quarter. In Andhra Section 78 lay preachers held over 1,800 meetings with a baptism of 545 persons. K. Shangdin, K. B. Peter and R. Jenipons and the three leading lay preachers of Manipur, Assam, entered 130 villages with the message in 1975, covering 2000 miles and winning 62 persons. In the Mizo Hills they have organised themselves into what they call 'Daniels Band' for men and 'Esthers Band' for ladies. These dedicated lay preachers then walk from village to village to teach and preach the news of salvation with marked success. We have 'Gideons band' organised in another part of the field.

Ingathering is still the 'greatest event' in our church programme. Burma has not been able to Ingather during the past quinquennium. However, the country of Nepal has been opened up and with outstanding success. In 1972 the intake was Rs. 676,000.00. In 1976 we were able to hit Rs. 1,032,432.77. In the history of our work in Southern Asia this was the first time to reach a million. The day will soon come when we will be able to hit 10 million mark.

At present we have 283 active Dorcas Societies, an average of one active society for every two churches. We look forward to the time that each church will have one active society.

In spite of the various problems we face in this difficult but most promising field we wish to assure

you that our courage is up. We with our faithful laymen are fully dedicated to the task and it is our earnest desire to finish the work in these lands and to hasten the coming of our Lord so that we can soon go home with him.

**V. P. MUTHIAH**

## MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

As a cumulus cloud mounts toward heaven ever expanding and ever changing, so the Lord's church in Southern Asia is also ever expanding and enlarging. For this reason statistics given today may not be accurate tomorrow and certainly will not be accurate next week.

Every hour and twelve minutes, a new member is added to the fellowship of the Remnant Church in the Southern Asia Division. At a rate of more than twenty per day 37,780 persons have joined the church between January 1, 1972 and this presentation. At this rate another 389 persons should be added before the close of 1976. The reported number of those expecting baptism before the end of the year is over 100, giving an average of almost 8000 per year for the five year period.

Previous Division Councils were held at four year intervals. The last quadrennial report listed 25,781 baptisms for that period. This was an average of 6,445 per year. There has been an average increase of about 1,500 per year during the time of this report.

During the same time the number of evangelistic workers has increased by 90, from 437 in 1972 to 527 now. There has been an increase also in souls won per worker, in 1976.

On every day of the past five years more than one new effort has opened somewhere in Southern Asia. A total of 3085 efforts have been conducted in our six countries among our approximately 800 million neighbours. If every person in our Division had attended these meetings there would



Elder Dower conducted a Ministerial Institute at Trichirapalli for more than 120 delegates from the Central and South India Unions.

have been an average attendance of over 3,000,000 per effort.

A series of ten presentations of integrated health and religious subjects on cassette tapes which can be used with or without film strips has been prepared for use in regional languages. These have been recorded so far in Tamil, Telegu, and Hindi and will soon be ready for distribution.

"Adventist Living" and "Nutrition" have been presented in some institutes along with the doctrinal subjects. These have been appreciated by most of the ministerial workers.

The Central India Union is taking advantage of the benefits to be derived from smaller institutes by conducting numerous workers' "Retreats." This, in turn, has resulted in a number of revivals in the churches and they have experienced a rekindling of spiritual life.

Evangelism as such should not end with the entrance of people into the church. There should be a continual programme of educating our church members in the things of God. Those who have been church members for many years need this just as much as the new members need it. Such a programme is planned for the church in Southern Asia with the presentation of "Testimony Countdown," "Our Health Message," and "Counsels on Diet and Foods" study courses to come.

**W. G. LOWRY**

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS & RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Religious Liberty is a precious gift of God to man and is one of His great vital ideas. It is freedom from coercion in religious matters by way of either compulsion or interference. This is vital to the growth of the church of God and the happiness and prosperity of mankind.

The church of God from its very inception recognised this great gift of God. "The banner of truth and religious liberty held aloft by the founders of the gospel church and by God's witness during the centuries that are past since then, has, in this last conflict, been committed to our hands. The responsibility for this great gift rests with those whom God has blessed with the knowledge of his word." AA, pages 68 and 69.

In response to this above guideline the Adventist Church in the very early years of its history organised itself into a Religious Liberty Association to (a) disseminate the principles of religious liberty throughout the world, (b) defend and safeguard by all legitimate means and agencies the right of all men to worship or not to worship as each shall individually choose.

All along, our church pastors, organizational administrators, institutional heads and General Conference Religious Liberty Directors lent their help to obtain and maintain religious liberty for our people. Thrilling experiences have been gained and victories won through endeavours to obtain exemption from Sabbath examinations, Sabbath class attendance, Sabbath work; and continuance of our schools and hospitals; freedom from military service; freedom to conduct public meetings, and so on. Faithfulness of our young people in the matter of abstention from Sabbath classes and examinations has proclaimed the Sabbath truth in no small and weak tone.

May the church of God take full

advantage of whatever liberty it has to bring the message of the soon coming Saviour to every family in this Division by 1980. Endeavours in religious liberty open a great door to bring the truths of God before the great of the world in a dramatic and thought-provoking way.

**S. JAMES**

## PUBLISHING

It is the burden of our Literature Evangelists to take the gospel in printed form to all—and help them to decide for Christ. It is the burden of our church—to have more Literature Evangelists to do this work. Eight thousand Literature Evangelists would not be too many.

Now you will want to look at the sales picture for the few years that are just past. This is a good index of what is being done.

'72 Rs. 16,47,678.33

'73 18,88,050.46

'74 23,10,931.97

'75 25,51,665.76

83,98,326.52

'76 16,45,844.09 (9 months)

Pastor R. H. E. Henning, Associate PDD, General Conference will be arriving in Pakistan on February 14 for his first visit to Southern Asia. While here he will survey the Publishing Houses in Pakistan, Poona and Bangladesh. Elder Henning will be in Poona from February 15-20 and in Bangladesh on the 22nd and 23 of February. Before going to the General Conference, Elder Henning served as the PDD in Germany and Tanzania.



Notice the growth. Consider too, the many other aspects of this work which cannot be measured in cold cash.

We have fewer Literature Evangelists in this Division than any other. The present number is 127.

In the Inter American Division we now have over 5,000; in the South American Division, over 2,000; in the Far Eastern Division, over 4,000. This is the picture in most divisions—bright.

"More Literature Evangelists are needed in Southern Asia." I really believe this. Our population is 800 million. On the basis of 1 Literature Evangelist per lakh of population, we need 8000 Literature evangelists now. The time has come to start building up to this figure. I believe the Lord will give us over 500 men by the 1980 GC Session. Sister White many years ago wrote these words:

"God calls for workers from every church among us to enter His service as canvasser evangelists." CM 20.

Right now (end second quarter '76) we have 753 churches in the Southern Asia Division. If we had 2 LE workers from every church, we would now have 1,506 Literature Evangelists.

It is our earnest prayer that if there is time for another report in five years' time, this one will compare with that as starlight unto sunlight, and as water unto wine. The time has come for greater strides forward.

**FORWARD EVER—BACK-  
WARD NEVER!**

**D. R. L. ASTLEFORD**

## **SABBATH SCHOOL**

Much of the Sabbath School promotion and instruction is accomplished through institutes. The various unions in the division greatly appreciated the visits and instructions of our General Conference Sabbath School leaders namely, Elder B. J. Liebelt in 1973 and Elder L. B. Reynolds early in 1975.



Pastor T. M. Ashlock, Associate Director, General Conference Sabbath School Department will be in Southern Asia from March 3 to April 11. Elder Ashlock is not new to this field. His wife will also be accompanying him.

The membership at the beginning of the quinquennium stood at 73,721. The grand total as of September 30, 1976 was 95,825, a gain of 22,104 or nearly 30% which would make a Sabbath School of 13 members for each of the 1,734 days of quinquennium till September 30 of this year.

There are 711 more Sabbath Schools than there are churches, and 3,274 more Sabbath School members than there are church members. This should have been at least twice the number of Sabbath School members.

During the past quinquennium (1967-1971) our total Sabbath School offerings reached a total of Rs. 21,61,022. Just a little over two million rupees. During this present period up to third quarter of 1976, our totals show nearly Rs. 31,95,734. These figures represent an increase of nearly 10,24,712 over the previous period. The total Sabbath School offerings were an average of Rs. 1,260.63 per day and Rs. 52.51 every hour since January 1972 to September 30, 1976.

During this past quinquennium our division was the recipient of two thirteenth Sabbath Offerings in 1972 third quarter and 1975 second quarter.

We have endeavoured to give added emphasis to the so-called "Investment" plan. Where promoted, *Investment* has risen to new heights. The word "CENTIVESTER" was added to the Adventist vocabulary in connection with Investment programme.

The Birthday-Thank offerings brought in, totalled to Rs. 3,36,959 since 1972. This amounts to Rs. 1,18,210 over the previous period.

Since the adaptation of 10% Church Building Bonus for Sabbath School rooms, the churches have improved the facilities for children's Sabbath Schools in many parts of the field.

The Sabbath School is a great evangelistic agency. It is here, people make their decision for or against truth. 29,264 Sabbath School members were baptised according to incomplete reports till third quarter of 1976.

We thank God for the 659 Branch Sabbath Schools that are operating by the end of third quarter of this year. This is less than 50% of the number of organised Sabbath Schools. We are happy to report some of our Branch Sabbath Schools have grown into organised churches. In the summer of this year one of our Branch Sabbath Schools in Gujarat, was organised into a church after conducting an evangelistic campaign.

This year we sent out 42 students on scholarship plan to conduct Vacation Bible Schools.

You will have observed growth in just every Sabbath School

Age did not dampen the enthusiasm of Mrs. M. P. Daniel when she decided to conduct a Vacation Bible School at the age of seventy. She is seen with Miss Gloria Thomas, Associate Sabbath School Advisor.



activity. For this we give thanks to our Master Teacher. You will also have noticed "that there are now omens of good" but "they are only indications and beginnings of what may be done (CSSW 9, 10) if we all work together to attain our goal to reach every home by 1980."

**M. D. MOSES**

## STEWARDSHIP

The Southern Asia Division and the General Conference felt that the time had come to appoint a full time Stewardship and Development advisor exclusively for this important department.

As we make a comparative and detailed study of this department of the church with the other world divisions you will find it is still in its infancy and has a long way to go.

We have Stewardship and Development Directors in the Unions and Local Sections of Southern Asia Division. Except Andhra Pradesh, Section Stewardship Director of all the other sections are holding additional responsibilities and find it rather difficult to

do justice to each of the departments they are in charge of.

We have a definite plan of encouraging our members to get into a systematic way of giving to God through combined church budget. Now in the Indian Unions, churches are under this scheme and they are progressing well. Our Union and Local Section Directors are doing their utmost to promote and educate this Stewardship programme.

For this quinquennium our goal should be cent per cent faithfulness in tithes and offerings by our workers and laity. How can we achieve this goal? Here are a few suggestions:

1. To make and keep every member conscious of the principles of stewardship.
2. Maintaining the Bible principles of tithe and offering.
3. Financial Self-Support.
4. Increase Division-wide evangelistic result.

**P. C. MATTHEW**

## YOUTH

Over 21,245 youth of this division, which is about one-fourth of our total membership, have committed themselves to a **FINISHED WORK**.

We gratefully acknowledge the visits of three GC youth leaders to our division field.

In 1972, November 10 - December 10, Elder Hancock, our world youth director paid a visit.

The first ever division-wide camporee was conducted at Doddaballapur near Bangalore city, from October 31 - November 5, 1974. Four hundred Pathfinders, eighty-five club directors and youth directors attended the camporee. The theme of the camporee was **EXPLORE 1975**.

Elder Richard E. Barron, GC associate youth director, specially entrusted with the Campus Youth Ministry, visited our division from July 2 - August 9. During his visit he conducted two weeks of prayer, attended a youth council in Burma, and also attended two



The Alumni Association of Andrews University has chosen Pr. Justin Singh, as one of the "Alumni of Achievement." He will be honoured in absentia with a citation during the annual Home-Coming Celebrations, which will be held at Andrews University from April 29 to May 1. Pr. Singh graduated from Andrews University in 1967 with an M.A. in Education. He is currently Youth Advisor for the Southern Asia Division.

youth retreats. He took the weekend services at Salisbury Park, and attended youth rallies at Lasalgaon, Lowry Memorial, and Spencer Road Schools.

The General Conference Youth Department set the **SHARE YOUR FAITH** target goal for our division for the last quinquennium at 7,500. But the division youth department set their own goal at 9,500. Both the goals were surpassed. The quinquennium achievement was 9,885. By the end of 1976 there will again be over nine thousand baptisms covering a period 1972-1976. This is a sizable number of the total baptisms for the division. We thank God for the part youth are playing in evangelistic outreach.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of MV Camping was most enthusiastically celebrated throughout our unions this year. All of our residential schools have recognised the value of it and practically every year MV camps are being held.

Pastor Paul G. Smith, Associate Secretary, Department of Stewardship, General Conference arrives in Southern Asia on February 18. Elder Smith will be conducting a Field School in Salisbury Park for Union Stewardship Directors and field workers. He will also be visiting Pakistan, Bangladesh, Burma, Bangalore and Sri Lanka.



The major emphasis of our youth ministry will continue to be "Toward a **FINISHED TASK**." Outreach evangelism is our watchword. We want to devise plans and programmes that will train, inspire and involve all our youth to become juniors and seniors for Jesus.

**J. S. SINGH**

## **ADVENTIST COMMUNICATION CENTRE**

The Adventist Communication Centre, which consists of three Correspondence Schools (Bible, Health and Marathi), and a recording studio for the World Adventist Radio, has made noteworthy progress during the period under review. There has been marked increase in every phase of the work. Bible Schools enrollment increased by 250%. Where we had only three radio broadcasts (local) early in 1973, we now have nine, an increase of 300%. This was achieved with a cut of 20% in the working force!

Where we had at the beginning of the Quadrennium three broadcasts (local), one each in English, Tamil and Malayalam, we now have nine, an increase of 300%. This is excluding the three radio programmes we get from the United States.

The Bible English School increased its enrollment from 7,652 in 1973 to 12,844 in 1976 (September), an increase of over 60%. The total enrollment for the school for four years is 30,010. The Health School enrollment has increased from 7,765 in 1973 to 24,276 in 1976 (September), an increase of 296%. Total enrollment for the four year period is 48,781.

The Marathi School has gone up from 615 in 1973 to 2,180 in 1976 (September) an increase of 355%.

The overall increase in all schools has been 236%. By the end of the year it will pass the 250% mark!

Early in July this year, the correspondence schools section moved

to a new location. Incidentally, this is where the VOP school work in Southern Asia was born in 1946. Until this time the VOP Schools were located in the main Division buildings.

Music is produced in eight different languages at our studio in Poona. Except for a few non-adventists, most of the music is produced by Adventist musicians. Talented students from Spicer College also render valuable assistance.

I believe the best is yet to come for the Adventist Communication Centre. The good Lord will bless us in proportion to our dedication to His work. If the work in ACC has increased by 250% in the last four years, to me, more than anything else, it is a sure indication, that God is at work and if we in the ACC join hands with Him and dedicate ourselves to the finishing of His work on this earth, I am confident, we will be able to report 1000% increase when we meet in the Division Quinquennium Session.

**V. D. OHAL**

## **KARACHI HOSPITAL**

The year 1976 was a mile stone in the history of the Karachi Seventh-day Adventist Hospital, for it marked the 25th Anniversary of the opening of the Hospital.

Today, the staff of the Seventh-day Adventist Hospital cares for a steady stream of patients. Most of the time the hospital is operating at full capacity and often times emergencies make it necessary to place beds in the hallways. Over the past 25 years the hospital has served more than a crore of patients of all classes and of all races. More than 14,000 babies have been delivered in its OB Department and many proudly testify that they were born in the Karachi Seventh-day Adventist Hospital.

In 1963, the Hospital was host to a team of heart specialists from the Loma Linda University who came to Pakistan at the invitation

of the Government and with the financial support of the Agency for International Development. During a five weeks period they performed 41 heart surgeries.

The Hospital also participated in two flood relief projects sponsored by the Pakistan Union in 1973 and 1976.

During the Quinquennium from 1972 to 1976 many improvements and acquisitions were accomplished with God's help. Given below are a few of them.

A new four storey School of Nursing Building and dormitory which began two years ago is nearing completion.

The surgery suite was remodelled with the addition of the major operating room and central air-conditioning. We now have three operating rooms.

Defibrillator-Monitor System for intensive care.

The Emergency Room was enlarged and remodeled.

A Department of Respiratory Therapy was established offering oxygen treatments, croupette and respirator services as well as IPPB treatments. To our knowledge this is the only one in the country.

As an educational centre the hospital added a course in Laboratory Technology and Respiratory Therapy to the School of Nursing and Midwifery.

**H. G. GIEBEL**

## **NATIONAL HOME & HEALTH SERVICE**

The National Home & Health Service was born out of the need for greater efficiency in handling worker accounts, and for bringing a financial stability to the distribution side of the literature ministry. A further need was that of raising, to a substantial degree, the standard of subscriber—publisher relationship.

The N.H.H.S. is comprised of (1) the four old O.W. Book Depots which were previously serving the needs of the three India Unions, (2) the former Circulation and Book Departments of the Oriental

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Watchman Publishing House, and (3) the correspondence work which had been consuming a large portion of the chief editor's time (he had reported this to be over 50% of his time).

At the same time as setting up this central N.H.H.S. head office, 14 Book Depositories were opened in order to enlarge the number of book-outlets.

Our present staff of 32 compares favourably with the 38 persons previously employed by the four Book Depots and the O.W.P.H. departments.

We are glad to report that the personal accounts of the workers are, by and large, established on a positive note, the workers are co-operating in clearing their outstanding account.

Magazines are mailed as third class mail and therefore, with the vagaries of such a class of mail service, there will always be complaints. However, many were the customer complaints stemming from literature evangelist, book depot, the circulation department inefficiencies. We are gratified to see a steady decline in the number of such complaints as all work towards a higher level of efficiency.

Our reports on sales is one of contrasting achievements. Magazine sales for our first nine months of operation show an increase over the same period for last year. Book sales, however, reflect a very unsatisfactory trend.

This decline in the number of books being sold (many literature evangelists being content to take only health magazine subscriptions) presents a major challenge to the Publishing Department.

The experiment of opening 14 book depositories at the Section headquarters, at two of the Union headquarters and elsewhere has proved successful and they are functioning smoothly. As the literature work grows and the need for more book outlets arises, it will be a straightforward matter to open up more depositories.

The N.H.H.S. faces the future, with the unquestionable need for a greatly enlarged literature ministry with confidence.

**J. M. CURNOW**

The titles of the reports of the Oriental Watchman Publishing House for the three previous Quadrennial Councils were (1) "Hereto and Henceforth," (2) "Like the Autumn Leaves," and (3) "lead, Kindly light." For this Quinquennium I would like to submit the title "OUR HERITAGE OF FAITH" under which to give my report.

The magazines that we publish are "HERALD OF HEALTH" (English) 32,000 subscriptions, "SWASTHYA AUR JIVAN" (Hindi) 17,000, "NALWAZHI" (Tamil) 15,000, "MARGADARSHI" (Telugu) 13,000, "OUR TIMES" (English) 12,000 "AROGYABODHINI" (Malayalam) 6,000 and "AROGYADEEP" (Marathi) 3,000. "AROGYA-DEEP" was inaugurated in the middle of 1976.

Book trading is the backbone of any publishing house and this service must be increased. The survival of this house depends upon such a programme and more book printing should be lined up and sales promoted.

We are happy to report that a long cherished desire to add a religious subscription book to our current list of titles is being attained. We approached the Stanborough Press Ltd., England, for the copyright to FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS Volumes 1-4, and they readily granted it to us. This set is well illustrated with beautiful colour pictures on almost every alternate page. Three volumes have already been printed at our press; the work on the fourth volume will commence shortly. We are printing 10,000 sets.

There is also a plan to abridge the three-volume set of YOU AND YOUR HEALTH and print it locally. This too will require a large capital outlay. Requests for reprints, for making available in the various languages the book, YOUR GUIDE TO HEALTH,

for STORY TIME and HEALTH AND LONGEVITY in Gujarathi, for OUR CHILDREN in Oriya, for mini religious and health books in various languages have been voted by committees.

What was an expectation at the time of the last Quadrennial Council, became a reality during this current period. A Heidelberg Cylinder printing press, a SOLNA offset machine, Wholenberg programmatic paper cutter, two Martini book sewing machines and a mini offset press, which was donated by a friend, have been added to our printing equipment, thus making it possible for this house to meet the literature demands of our Division.

Now on behalf of the house, we would like to pay our tribute to all of the literature evangelists who are in the forefront effecting the sale of our products, to all of our publishing department directors for their untiring promotional work to all the Division, Union and Section administrators and departmental directors for their continued interest in the work of this institution, and to each of you gathered here for your prayers and good wishes for another term of faithful service. MARANATHA (The Lord is coming.)

**V. RAJU**

## PAKISTAN ADVENTIST SEMINARY

The overall impression that one gets upon viewing the seminary campus today is one of rapid growth. Everywhere there are signs of construction and remodeling. The past four years have been busy ones, sometimes frantic ones. But through it all, God's work has grown steadily.

Enrollment on campus has increased steadily each year, and although the Karachi Campus with its 50 students returned to the Union this year, we still had a 6% gain in on-campus registrations.

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Three years ago, at the request of Evangelische Zentralstelle für Entwicklungshilfe (EZE), Dr. Harold Googe, Associate Chairman of Loma Linda's Department of Health Education, visited Pakistan to explore the possibilities for a Public Health training centre. PASC was selected as the site for this new programme, and so we are currently in the process of setting up an affiliation with LLU.

Two of our staff, Austin John and Bashir Khazzan, were sent last year to Loma Linda to obtain Master of Public Health degrees. These men are scheduled to return soon to launch the teaching and village outreach aspects of the new programme.

In February of this year an evaluation committee, headed by Walton J. Brown of the General Conference, was on campus checking on the possibilities of accreditation for the college. It is rather unusual that such a new college would even be considered in this way, but then, PASC is an unusual college!

Weekly baptismal classes are conducted and two baptisms are scheduled before the school year ends. The two most recent Weeks of Prayer conducted by Robin Riches and Elder Dick Barron, brought a great deal of spiritual stimulation and growth.

The staff of Pakistan Adventist Seminary and College renews its dedication to the Master Teacher and to the finishing of the task He has given us.

**G. P. BABCOCK**

## SPICER MEMORIAL COLLEGE

During this five-year period our College enrollment rose from 781 in 1972 to 915 in 1976. The enrollment of girls rose from 229 to 290 and of the boys from 552 to 625. The number of new students admitted this year is 265.

The High School enrollment this year is 167, the English Elementary School 183, and the Marathi Elementary School 67. These

would make a total enrollment of 1332 students for the institution as a whole.

During this five-year period, 317 students graduated from the various departments of the college. Two hundred and fifty-three of these were from the four-year curricula, thirteen from the 5th year Theology and Secondary Education programme and fifty-one from the two-year certificate courses.

The number of Spicer graduates who have been able to get admission to Indian universities up to 1975 are 106. Of this 101 have completed their studies and 96 have entered the work.

The major additions to the physical plant of the college during this period has been the new men's hostel with accommodation for more than 300 boys and the new Elementary School—it will be completed within the next two months.

The number of students baptised this year is 60. During this period under discussion, there were 140 baptisms among the student body.

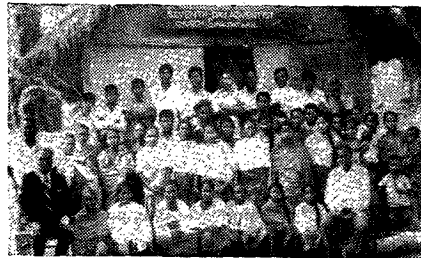
Under the patronage of the Theology Department, witness tours are organised. Students under faculty supervision have been to Goa, Calcutta, Ranchi, and certain Andhra Pradesh towns. Early in 1976 students led out in an evangelistic effort in nearby colony and six people were baptised. Over one hundred students participate in lay activities.

The College conducts every year three camps: a General Camp for the first and second year students, a Leadership Camp and a Bible Camp for the third and fourth year students.

The Accreditation Committee of the church that inspected the college last year has presented a very favourable report.

We here at Spicer are dedicated to the task of training our youth, to the building up of the church here in Southern Asia and around the world, and to the finishing up of the work so graciously and hopefully committed to us by our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

**DR. M. E. CHERIAN**

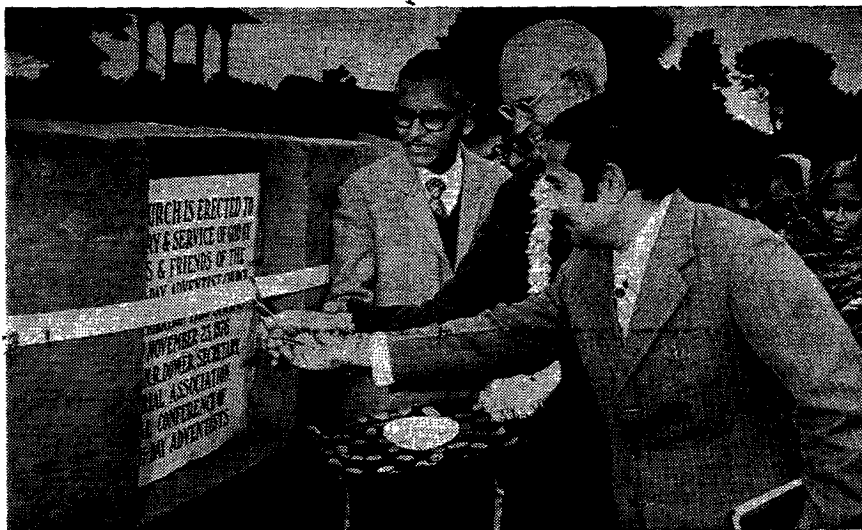


Fourty people from the Boro tribe were recently baptised in North-East Section. There are many more preparing to get baptised in the near future.

## AMTEKA EFFORT RESULTS FORTY BAPTISM

**P. D. Kujur**

Forty BORO people were baptised on November 13th Sabbath at Amteka near Bhutan border. The interest was first created when a literature evangelist in the East India Section distributed tracts in a market. Some people received the tracts and threw them. A Boro man from Amteka village found the Sabbath tracts thrown on the ground. He picked it up and read it. He was convinced that Saturday is the true Sabbath. He went back to his village and taught his people regarding the Sabbath truth. At first he faced great opposition and even persecution. As a result the whole BORO community in that area began to keep Sabbath. They observed Saturday and paid tithe to the lay-preacher for two years before they came in contact with the Seventh-day Adventists people. Pr. K. S. Ekka, a retired worker was the first to contact them. J. N. Topno conducted meetings in April which was followed by regional meetings. During the summer vacation Spicer students conducted VBS and youth meetings. In November 1976, Pr. P. D. Kujur, East India Section president conducted an effort which resulted in forty baptisms. This is the largest number ever to be baptised in a group in the history of the section. There is good opening among the BORO people. We need your prayer and support for this new break through. □



Elder N. R. Dower, of the General Conference Ministerial Association, laying the foundation stone for a church in Agra.

## FOUNDATION STONE LAID FOR A CHURCH AT AGRA

**P. H. Lall**

A long cherished dream was fulfilled when Elder N. R. Dower, General Conference Ministerial Association Secretary, laid the foundation stone of a church building at Agra on November 23, 1976. Prs. W. G. Lowry, W. H. Mattison, Lal Singh, P. H. Lall, and B. S. Chauhan, Agra Church pastor participated in the ceremony.

Elder Dower reminded the members, of the stone that was erected by patriarch Jacob at Bethel in commemoration of God's love to him through the dream of the ladder. Jacob laid the stone at Bethel, Elder Dower pointed

out, to mark a place of worship and we also today are following his example. Elder W. H. Mattison pointed out that the 'Taj Mahal' was built to express love for a dead one but this church will be built for the glory and honour of the living God.

Five ministers of other churches and friends of the Adventists along with the members of Agra church were present for the ceremony in the 'Pandal' especially erected for the occasion.

Our work in the city of Agra was started in 1947 by L. D. Paul, the present Rajasthan Region Director who was the Literature Evangelist at that time in this area. The church was organized in 1949 and Pastor W. H. Mattison was moved here as its first church pastor. Others who pastored this

church are R. M. Massey, M. C. Stanley, B. A. Howard, John Milton, Babu Singh and B. M. Isaac.

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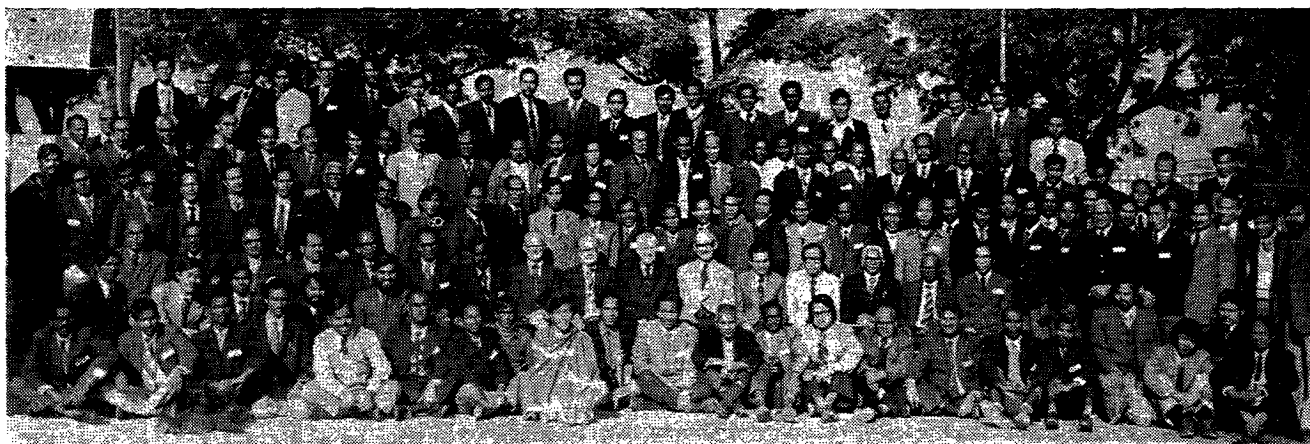
**P. H. Lall**

One hundred and seventy-five delegates from five sections of the Northern Union attended the Ministerial Institute held at Hapur from November 24-28, 1976. Elder N. R. Dower, General Conference Ministerial Association secretary; W. H. Mattison, Northern Union president, and John Wilmott, Union Ministerial Association secretary were the instructors.

The delegates and guests were given a cordial welcome by Upper Ganges Section president Lal Singh. The theme of the Institute was—**TOGETHER FOR A FINISHED WORK**. Elder Dower, Mattison, and Lowry presented papers.

In his inaugural address on November 24, Elder Dower spoke on "Four Beloveds" based on 2 Peter, chapter 3. He admonished the delegates to study the Word of God diligently. He called for the total revival and reformation of the whole church. He declared: "This is the eleventh hour. The trumpet of the Archangel is about to sound and Christ with His angels is about to burst into rapturous second advent. Let us prepare for this glorious long awaited event."

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## OBITUARY

Pastor G. A. Anandam born June 18, 1910 in Madras, and died on January 6, 1977 in Nuzvid, lost his parents at a very tender age but in spite of this he finished his schooling and graduated from South India Training School.

Pr. Anandam began work in the denomination as a compounder at Giffard Memorial Hospital, Nuzvid in 1933. After his marriage to Vagiri Juliamma in 1934 he joined the staff of Narsapur School as an English teacher and continued there till 1941. Pr. Anandam then proceeded to Philippine Union College to complete a major in English. On his return he was appointed the Education Secretary for South India Union. He also served as the principal of Narsapur High School, Secunderabad High School and as a very active evangelist for some time. He was ordained to the Gospel ministry in 1960.

Pr. Anandam retired from active service in 1964 due to ill health and had been staying with his son Dr. Sadananda Rao.

Left to mourn are his wife, three sons, two daughters, eight grandchildren and a sister.

Pr. Anandam's life was an inspiration to the young people in the many schools he served and to the numerous believers in the vast Andhra field for whom he worked.

## SITUATIONS VACANT

WANTED urgently qualified and/or graduate nurses for an 80 bed mission hospital in Surat. Starting salary Rs. 400/- plus Provident fund and other benefits. Write immediately to Medical Director, S.D.A. Hospital, Athwa Lines, Surat.

Are you an Adventist who has experience in preparing healthful food and drinks in keeping with Adventist principles for a hospital canteen? If so, apply immediately stating qualification and experience and with a letter of recommendation from your local church pastor or leader to Medical Director, Simla Sanitarium and Hospital, Simla 171 004.

## WEDDING

M. S. Jeremiah, associate P.D.D. Andhra section, and Evelyn Selva Leela were married, 12th January, 1977 at the SDA Bethel Church, Tuticorin. Pr. John Willmott assisted by Pr. Y. R. Samraj solemnised the marriage.



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# Newsflash

\* The 17th graduation exercises for the School of Nursing of the Karachi Seventh-day Adventist Hospital were held from the 17th of December 1976. Elder Don Roth, Associate Secretary, General Conference was the commencement speaker.

\* Principals and Professors of various Christian colleges in Maharashtra, Goa and Gujarat converged on Spicer Memorial College for the Western Region Conference of The All India Association for Christian Higher Education. The delegates were impressed by the campus and the type of education imparted at Spicer. They were thus influenced to vote Spicer in as one of their member colleges.

\* South Pacific Profile, the film made by the Australasian Division, has received the Film of Merit Award in the 1976 Golden Target Public Relations Awards Competition. This competition is conducted annually by the Public Relations Institute of Australia to give deserved recognition to outstanding public relations programmes. Pr. G. M. Townend, as chairman of the Division-appointed three-man film committee, received the award.

\* The Governor-General of Papua New Guinea, Sir John Guise opened the new church of the Kabiufa Adventist High School recently. This church is the biggest Seventh-day Adventist Church in Papua New Guinea, and one of the nicest churches (of any denomination) in this country.

\* A recent visitor to the Lowry High School campus was the Minister of Education, Karnataka State. He was presented with a memorandum requesting to grant the privilege of starting a Junior College. The minister was impressed by the Christian education imparted in the school.

\* Offerings collected at the Sri Lanka Council Sabbath School on December 11, 1976 amounted to Rs. 1,886 in Sri Lanka currency. There were close to 400 in attendance.

\* Southern Asia officially launched its 1977 Investment programme at the Sri Lanka meetings. There was manifested 100% cooperation by those in attendance. The Centevester plan will continue for Rs. 100/- and a card of recognition for Rs. 50/-. V.I.P. in Sabbath School will stand for Volunteering In Partnership. The V.I.P. card will be for those with Rs. 50/-.

\* The Salisbury Park English Sabbath School provided each member with an envelope for his 13th Sabbath offering. This personal endeavour with God's

blessing brought in a 13th Sabbath Offering of Rs. 2,187 which was Rs. 387 above their goal. Besides this there was a special Christmas Gift (Thank) Offering of Rs. 672.

\* We would like to inform you that you will NOT be receiving a March 1977 issue of the Southern Asia Tidings. We are of necessity re-organizing the operations of the Oriental Watchman Publishing House and therefore will not be printing that issue.

\* Due to an oversight the Supplement that was to have appeared with the January issue was not included. It will be in this month's issue which is a twenty-four-page-magazine.

## COMING EVENTS

January 18-Feb. 28 Itinerary in Southern Asia. Elder M. H. Reeder, Associate Director, General Conference Communication Department

February 15-23 Itinerary, Elder R. H. Henning, General Conference Publishing Department

February 18-March 21 Itinerary, Elder Paul G. Smith, Associate Secretary, Department of Stewardship and Development, General Conference

February 19-27 Field School, Salisbury Park  
March 1-3 Stewardship Seminar, Pakistan  
March 5-7 Bangladesh  
March 9-12 Burma  
March 14-17 Bangalore  
March 19-21 Sri Lanka

March 3-April 11 Itinerary, Elder T. M. Ashlock, Associate Director, General Conference Sabbath School Department

March 3-8 Rangoon  
March 10-16 Imphal  
March 17-20 Dacca  
March 21-24 Lahore  
March 25-27 Hapur  
March 28-30 Poona  
March 31 - April 2 Narsapur  
April 3-5 Kottarakara  
April 5-7 Madurai  
April 8-11 Colombo

March 5 Ingathering Victory Day