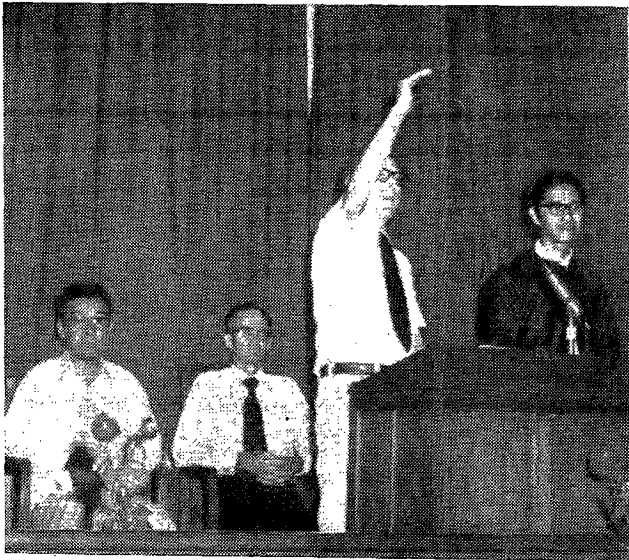


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# SOUTHERN ASIA TIDINGS



The Sabbath sermon was by Elder Reeder in the Rangoon church, Burma.

During the first quarter of 1977, several General conference personnel have been visiting Southern Asia. Among these distinguished guests to our field have been two departmental men, Elder P. G. Smith representing Stewardship and Elder M. H. Reeder representing Communication.

Elder Paul Smith came direct from Washington D. C. to Poona, where a week long field school was presented. During these meetings, Elder Smith emphasised the importance of individually committing the total life to God.

During his itinerary in Southern Asia, Elder Smith conducted several similar projects, a Stewardship Emphasis Week, in other localities such as Pakistan, Dacca, Rangoon and Sri Lanka.

Elder Reeder's itinerary in Southern Asia commenced in Kabul, Afghanistan. He visited 6 different countries during his 6 weeks in our Division. His speciality is in Public Relation, and during his itinerary has presented the importance of an enlarged public relations outreach to our people in meetings conducted in several cities.

Contact was also made with several large radio stations, and the way is open for us to commence several new radio programmes in different languages. Radio Nepal for example, is

## G. C. Personnel

### visit

### Southern Asia

ready to broadcast a health programme in Nepali, just as soon as the tapes are produced.

Three series of meetings were conducted in Poona, two at the Division and one at Spicer. The conventions at Salisbury Park were for Union Communication Directors and Radio Programme speakers. The series at Spicer was a College credit class for students in Communication.

Throughout their itineraries, the General Conference visitors were accompanied by the Southern Asia Division counterparts. Elder Smith was accompanied by Pr. P. C. Mathew and Elder Reeder by Pr. A. M. Peterson.

Elder Smith emphasised the need of promoting Stewardship in the churches of Southern Asia.



# The Trial of Christ

ELLEN G. WHITE

The angels as they left heaven, in sadness laid off their glittering crowns. They could not wear them while their Commander was suffering, and was to wear a crown of thorns. Satan and his angels were busy in the judgment hall to destroy human feeling and sympathy. The very atmosphere was heavy and polluted by their influence. The chief priests and elders were inspired by them to insult and abuse Jesus in a manner the most difficult for human nature to bear. Satan hoped that such mockery and violence would call forth from the Son of God some complaint or murmur; or that He would manifest His divine power, and wrench Himself from the grasp of the multitude, and that thus the plan of salvation might at last fail.

Peter followed his Lord after His betrayal. He was anxious to see what would be done with Jesus. But when he was accused of being one of His disciples, fear for his own safety led him to declare that he knew not the man. The disciples were noted for the purity of their language, and Peter, to convince his accusers that he was not one of Christ's disciples, denied the charge the third time with cursing and swearing. Jesus, who was at some distance from Peter, turned a sorrowful, reproving gaze upon him. Then the disciple remembered the words which Jesus had spoken to him in the upper chamber, and also his own zealous assertion.

The multitude were clamorous for the blood of Jesus. They cruelly scourged Him, and put upon Him an old purple kingly robe, and bound His sacred head with a crown of thorns. They put a reed into His hand, and bowed to Him, and mockingly saluted Him, "Hail, king of the Jews!" They then took the reed from His hand, and smote Him with it upon the head, causing the thorns to penetrate His temples, sending the blood trickling down His face and beard.

Jesus had many sympathisers in the company about Him, and His answering nothing to the many questions put to Him amazed the throng. Under all the mockery and violence of the mob, not a frown, not a troubled expression, rested upon His features. He was dignified and composed. The spectators looked upon Him with wonder. They compared His perfect form, and firm, dignified bearing, with the appearance of those who sat in judgment against Him, and said to one another that He appeared more like a king than any of the rulers. He bore no marks of being a criminal. His eye was mild, clear, and undaunted, His forehead broad and high. Every feature was strongly marked with benevolence and noble principle. His patience and forbearance were so unlike man that many trembled. Even Herod and

Pilate were greatly troubled at His noble, Godlike bearing.

From the first, Pilate was convicted that Jesus was no common man. He believed Him to be an excellent character, and entirely innocent of the charges brought against Him. The angels who were witnessing the scene marked the convictions of the Roman governor, and to save him from engaging in the awful act of delivering Christ to be crucified, an angel was sent to Pilate's wife, and gave her information through a dream that it was the Son of God in whose trial her husband was engaged, and that He was an innocent sufferer. She immediately sent a message to Pilate, stating that she had suffered many things in a dream on account of Jesus, and warning him to have nothing to do with that holy man. The messenger, pressing hastily through the crowd, placed the letter in the hands of Pilate. As he read, he trembled and turned pale, and at once determined to have nothing to do with putting Christ to death. If the Jews would have the blood of Jesus, he would not give his influence to it, but would labour to deliver Him.

Satan and his angels were tempting Pilate, and trying to lead him on to his own ruin. They suggested to him that if he did not take part in condemning Jesus, others would; the multitude were thirsting for His blood; and if he did not deliver Him to be crucified, he would lose his power and worldly honour, and would be denounced as a believer on the impostor. Through fear of losing his power and authority, Pilate consented to the death of Jesus. And notwithstanding he placed the blood of Jesus upon His accusers, and the multitude received it, crying, "His blood be on us and on our children;" yet Pilate was not clear; he was guilty of the blood of Christ. For his own selfish interest, his love of honour from the great men of earth, he delivered an innocent man to die. If Pilate had followed his own convictions, he would have had nothing to do with condemning Jesus.

The appearance and works of Jesus during His trial made a deep impression upon the minds of many who were present on that occasion. The result of the influence thus exerted was apparent after His resurrection. Among those who were then added to the church, there were many whose conviction dated from the time of Jesus' trial.

Satan's rage was great as he saw that all the cruelty which he had led the Jews to inflict on Jesus had not called forth from Him the slightest murmur. Although He had taken upon Himself man's nature, He was sustained by a Godlike fortitude, and departed not in the least from the will of His Father, □

# YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

JUSTIN S. SINGH

**TOGETHER WITH OUR YOUTH.** Introducing the theme of the council, the chairman welcomed the sixteen delegates to the historic division youth advisory council. The delegates represented the three India union, sections, and Sri Lanka Union. World youth leader John Hancock and his associate Desmond Hills sent special messages invoking God's blessing upon the meetings.

In his keynote address, Dr. R. S. Lowry focused the attention of the council on the prophecy recorded in Zechariah 8:5, "And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof." Many of those boys and girls will be from Southern Asia, he said. That, he stated, is the challenge for the youth directors.

During the evening meeting, Dr. M. E. Cherian, who has influenced the lives of so many young people throughout the division field, spoke passionately of the youth as a mighty force in the Seventh-day Adventist church today. He pleaded that the church should lay hold of their youthful vigour and zeal in carrying forward its divine mandate.

Pr. W. J. McHenry, in his devotional presented Christ to the delegates as the model youth leader. Christ endeared himself to the youth and honoured their services. Every youth leader who would be effective in his ministry must emulate Christ. D. S. Poddar, in his devotional message, appealed to the delegates that they should make determined effort to live by the counsel on Christian living God has given to this church.

When the delegates went through the Youth Department office, they were amazed at the youth activity supply available. Many took substantial MV supplies back with them. This will help boost youth activities in the field.

The council voted two important recommendations: The first one, "That the unions be requested to set up reserve funds annually for a period of time toward the purchase of permanent campgrounds, and further, that the division be requested to subsidize these funds on a matching basis." The second is equally important. "That the division encourage the unions and sections to implement the General Conference recommendation to invite students representatives to the constituency meetings."

The chairman challenged the youth leaders to take their work

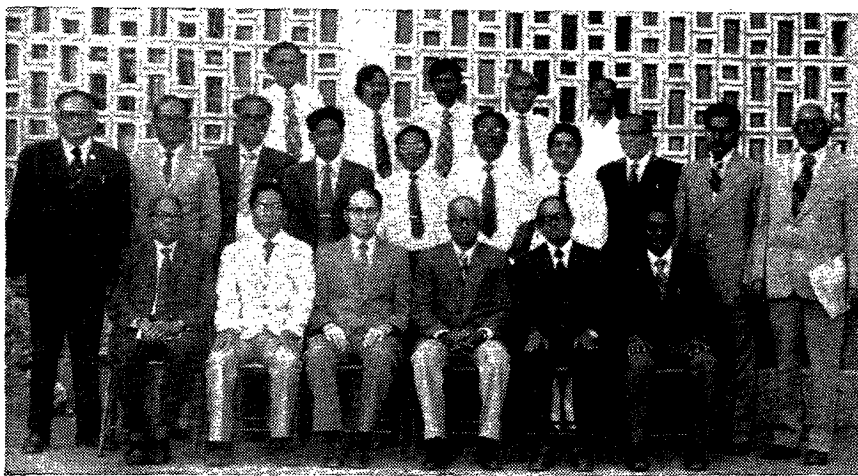
seriously and lead the youth forward in finishing God's work on earth. During the commitment service the delegates were called upon "to be God's men from head to foot, giving no chance to the flesh to have its fling" (Rom. 13:14, J. B. Philips). The youth leader must strive in Christ to reach a stage when he can declare like Paul, "Be ye followers of me, even as I am of Christ" (I Cor. 11:1). The meetings concluded with a season of prayer.

The council passed this resolution: "We, the youth directors of the Southern Asia Division, wish to express our heart-felt gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the privilege of serving the youth of this church; and to GENCOSUD, for making it possible for us to attend this council, in order to study ways and means of strengthening the thrust of the youth ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church; and further, we all do hereby pledge our unreserved energy and resources for the salvation of our youth, recognizing that the time is short and the forces of destruction are strong. May God help us."

The delegates spent a profitable Sabbath day with the students of Spicer College. Each director met with the students from his territory. During the youth meeting each leader was introduced to the college family. Each one delivered a special message to his group. □

Delegates at the Division Youth Advisory Council in Poona, front row, left to right, C. Nathaniel, Dorothea Mohite, P. L. Solomon, P. R. Israel, T. M. Patrick, D. S. Poddar, E. D. Kindo, V. Joseph, P. H. Lal, Back row: W. J. McHenry, S. G. Kamble, C. Aitawna, Errol de Silva, D. Marang, S. G. Mahapure, K. Jesurathnam, T. I. Francis, and Justin S. Singh.





Seated: M. A. James, C. Pheirim, Paul G. Smith, P. C. Mathew, S. Chand, S. G. Kamble.  
 Standing: Lal Singh, E. D. Kindo, K. M. Sunanda, Bhanu John, P. Prabhudas, P. Krupa Rao, Manuel Sundaram, P. J. Theophilus, J. M. Bagga, L. D. Paul.  
 Standing 2nd row: K. Arthur Immanuel, D. K. Baroya, William Kedas. M. B. Waidande, D. L. Gaikwad.

## DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT

### P. C. MATHEW

The Department of Stewardship and Development field school was conducted from February 19 to 25, 1977 at Salisbury Park, Poona. Elder Paul G. Smith, Associate Director of the General Conference, Stewardship Department lead out in these meetings. On Sunday, February 20, a welcome was given to Elder Smith in the traditional Indian style following which Dr. R. S. Lowry spoke emphasising the importance of Stewardship.

About twenty delegates from all the unions and sections in India attended the meetings. The delegates and the visitors found the meetings very inspiring and

interesting. Meetings were arranged every night for the members of the Salisbury Park Church. About seventy people attended the first meeting and from then on there was a steady increase in attendance. Elder Smith stressed the importance of committing the body temple, possessions, time, abilities and the total life of the individual to God.

The meeting closed with an appeal for a total dedication without any individual reservations. The whole church stood in union to indicate their commitment to the Lord. We hope and pray that the effect of this meeting will be long and fruitful.

Besides Bangalore, Stewardship Emphasis Weeks are also planned for Pakistan, Bangladesh, Burma and Sri Lanka. □

The successful candidates who completed the VOP course were awarded certificates by Pr. A. M. Peterson, Elder M. H. Reeder in Rangoon, Burma.



## S.O.S. Workers in Southern Asia

"The teaching of responsibility, reasoning, and true religions; the work of preparing youth—to give clear-cut reasons for their beliefs; the moulding of characters for eternity" is what Mrs. Mariom S. Simmons has been endeavouring to accomplish for the past 53 years in the elementary education field.

Mrs. Simmons began as an elementary teacher in the New York Conference and after serving in various capacities in the education field of the North American Division, she answered a call to the Far Eastern Division as the Associate Education Secretary in 1968. It was from that division that she came as an instructor in the Andrews University Extension School conducted at Spicer in 1972.

Mrs. Simmons retired from active service in January 1974 but when a call came for her to serve as an S. O. S. worker in Southern Asia, she immediately accepted. She worked in Sri Lanka assisting the Education Department preparing Bible Readers, similar to those she had written for the Far Eastern Division. The first volume will be off the press soon. While at Lakpahana she was chosen the class sponsor for the first Graduating class of five from the seminary.

The elementary education department is now making use of her knowledge in this field to prepare manuals for the elementary

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# LITERATURE EVANGELIST INSTITUTE

K. J. MOSES

About one-hundred Spicerians took off from their classes and attended a four-day Student Literature Evangelist Institute from 24th to 27th February, 1977. Pr. D. R. L. Astleford, the Division Publishing Department Director, led out in the annual feature at Spicer. He was ably assisted by Prs. M. C. Lall, A. I. John and Mr. Thomas K. Joseph, Union P.D.D.'s of Northern, Central India, and South India Unions respectively. Also assisting in the Institute were K. S. Kongari and W. F. Wray from the Northern Union, K. Christopher from Andhra Section, J. S. Dass from the Maharashtra Section, M. D. Joseph from the North Tamil Section and Isaac Kumar from the Karnataka section.

The Institute started with the chapel service on Thursday, the 24th with Pr. Astleford and other P.D.D.s briefly speaking to the students. Both the publishing directors and the Division and Publishing House leaders spoke to the participants during the Institute. The various topics discussed in the Institute were presented by leaders from the Division and the field.

Pr. G. J. Christo spoke during the Friday vespers service while Pr. D. R. L. Astleford brought the message during the Sabbath Service. A symposium was conducted during the afternoon MV hour under the direction of Mr. I. E. Grice.

A high light of the four-day Institute was the traditional banquet at 7:30 p.m. on 27th February given by the Division Publishing Department in honour of all student literature evangelists of 1975 summer. A number of college administrators, Division leaders, Publishing House administrators and



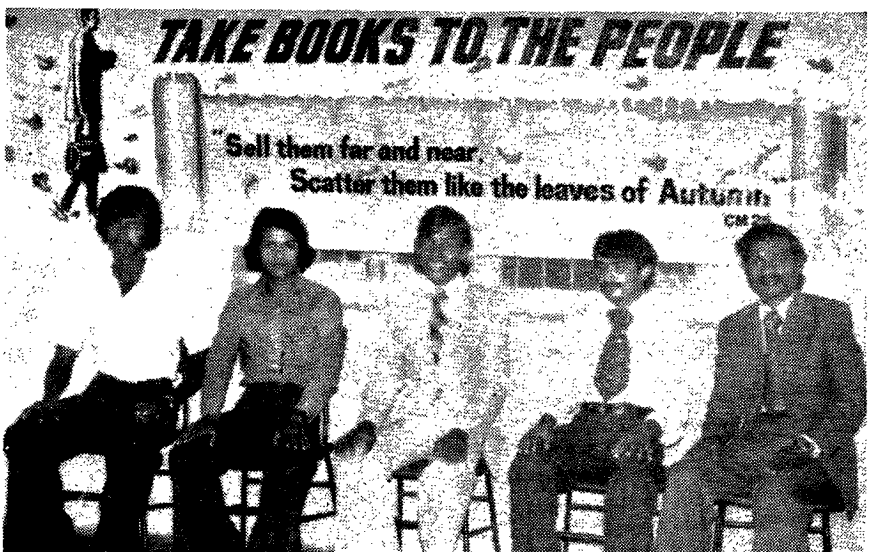
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editors, and others were special invitees for the banquet prepared by Mrs. M. E. Cherian and her group.

Welcoming all to the banquet, Dr. M. E. Cherian, President of Spicer Memorial College, em-

phased the importance of literature evangelism as an integral part of the Church and Spicer College consequently. Mr. I. E. Grice, Vice-president for Financial Affairs of Spicer encouraged the audience to a) succeed in life, b) be diligent, and c) choose a better name than riches. The three Union publishing directors then focussed on their field achievements. This was followed by the introduction of the editors of the various journals the literature evangelists are selling. Pr. V. Raju introduced them one by one and paid rich tributes for their faithful service.

Dr. R. S. Lowry challenged the student colporteurs to make literature evangelism their career. He then outlined the various incentives for being a career literature evangelist—a) meeting a social need, b) choosing a lasting career, c) enabling to be independent, d)



securing a greater satisfaction and e) fulfilling God's great commission. Pr. Astleford then announced that among the last year student colporteurs from Spicer, four earned double scholarships, seventeen secured super scholarships of Rs. 1875 or more and eight came out with full scholarships of Rs. 1500 or more. In all, over Rs. 1,06,000 scholarship credits were brought in to Spicer College by the SMC student literature evangelists. Special honour went to Pondurai Vedamony for the highest summer sales of Rs. 11,490.00. R. Moses shared the second place of honour with Pondurai in South India. Krowber Kharbteng and Ashley Kongar had the highest sales in the Northern Union while G. Immanuel and J. G. Paulson stood first in the Central India Union. The Northern Union student colporteurs brought in the highest credits to Spicer College. Pr. G. J. Christo enlivened the banquet programme with vigour and humour as the MC. The gathering ended with a benediction by Pr. J. M. Curnow praying for greater exploits by the literature evangelists during the summer of 1977. □

## BLIND RELIEF CAMP

J. H. SIBIL

On December 22, 1976 a Blind

Relief Camp was inaugurated in the SDA Hospital, Ranchi by the Senior Justice, Hari Lall Agarwal of the Bihar High Court, Patna. In his inaugural speech he said that he was impressed by the upkeep of the hospital and hoped that many more blind patients will be benefitted by this camp.

More than hundred patients attended the camp. Out of these sixteen had their eye operated. All of these had free medicines, operation, accommodation and hospital service for five days in our hospital.

The Rotary Club conducted this camp in our hospital and this was possible through the efforts of Dr. Rajarathnam Abel. □

## THE REMNANT SINGERS IN LASALGAON

WESLEY JAMES

After witnessing for a number of years in and around the city of Poona, the Remnant Singers were privileged to visit the Lasalgaon School campus. The group left Poona on February 24 by the Manmad passenger. As usual, after making ourselves comfortable, we began singing our favourite songs. This brought the people sitting in the compartment around us. After the singing we distributed VOP cards among them and even some



A special investiture programme was held on Sabbath afternoon in Lasalgaon. Miss Helen Charles, Mr. Gibeon Sharon, Pr. S. B. Gaikwad and Cyril David helped pin on the insignias.

of them took our address. We reached Lasalgaon after an overnight halt at Manmad.

The first programme that evening was based on the life of Jesus. After a lively song service by Sageran Sighamony, slides depicting the life of Christ were shown interspersed with short readings and songs.

The Sabbath School programme was conducted by the Remnant Singers. After a nature talk by Pr. Curnow, at the request of the Church pastor, Pr. S. B. Gaikwad, Sageran Sighamony gave a small report of the activities of the Singers so far. Josi George reminded those that had birthday in the months of January, February and March of the blessings of God following this Emil Kachchhap presented the Mission story.

The Divine service was slightly different from usual. Instead of the usual sermon, Pr. Curnow read short quotations from the Spirit of Prophecy. This was translated into Marathi by the Headmaster, Gibeon Sharon. In between each of these quotations the group sang eight songs on the joys of witnessings.

An Investiture service was conducted on Sabbath afternoon by Mr. S. Mahapure, Maharashtra Section Youth Director. When this meeting was over the students took all of us for a walk across the river. There under the shade of mango trees experiences in witnessing were related. Mrs. Curnow conducted the sun-down worship.



Dr. Rajarathnam Abel of the SDA Hospital, Ranchi, organised a free Blind Relief camp in the hospital with the help of the Rotary club.



The Remnant singers are composed of school and college students at Spicer staying in Salisbury Park. Mrs. Curnow is the Director of the group.

Saturday evening a nature programme was presented by the group. Nature slides were shown as Mrs. Curnow read short poems and in between each poem we sang songs on God's nature. We closed the programme by remembering that Jesus is coming again and a beautiful new earth will be created.

Apart from the singing, each member in the group had a small part in the programmes. In all we sang around 50 songs, excluding those sung during the song service.

The Remnant Singers had been planning on this appointment for over a year. Thanks to the help extended by the Lasalgaon School and the Salisbury Park Church, this trip was a success. □

## HEALTH PROJECT BEGUN IN PAKISTAN

The Pakistan Adventist Seminary and College in Chuharkana has inaugurated a long-range public-health project in cooperation with the governments of two nations, West Germany and Pakistan.

The programme, which includes training more than 100 public-health workers over a period of four years and establishing a rural-health project in 40 villages, is being funded by the Evangelische Zentralstelle für Entwicklungshilfe of West Germany. First payment

for the project was scheduled to arrive in Pakistan in January. Construction of the first building in the health-education centre begins immediately.

George Babcock, president of the seminary, reports that two Pakistani teachers, Austin John and Bashir Khazzan, are now completing Master's degrees in public health at Loma Linda University and that they will be part of the staff for the programme. Students from Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, as well as Pakistan, also will be trained.

The three-pronged objective includes training college students in public-health, training selected villagers to run simple public-

health centres in rural areas, and constructing 40 village health centres to be manned by the trainees. □

## GARO ADVENTIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION

D. S. PODDAR

The Garo Adventist Youth Organization, known as GAYO, was formed on October 16, 1976 with the parents of the youth pledging support with funds to help the youth go forward to spread the gospel. The parents also pledged to work with the youth.

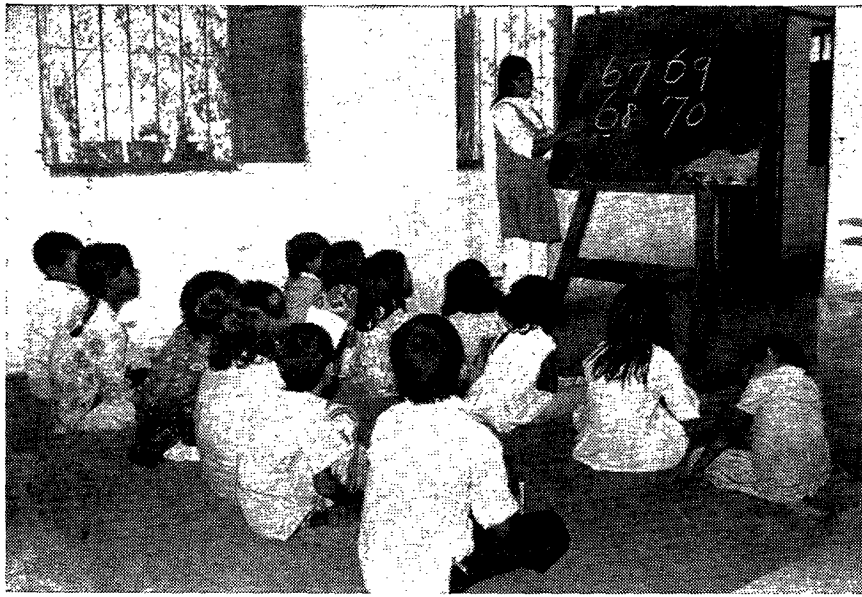
The GAYO held their first youth camp from February 13-16, at Donegri, near Tura, capital of the Garo Hills. The 70 campers were led in their discussions, regular camp duties and other activities by Daren Sangma.

Pr. D. S. Poddar, Northern Union Youth Director was able to attend the last meeting at which he challenged the youth to complete the work of speeding the gospel by 1980. The main discussions of the youth were centred around how to spread the gospel.

In response the youth made plans to spread the gospel among their people and towards this end they pledged to collect Rs. 1005 and set a goal of winning 104 other youth through baptism. □

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Village schools get student teachers.

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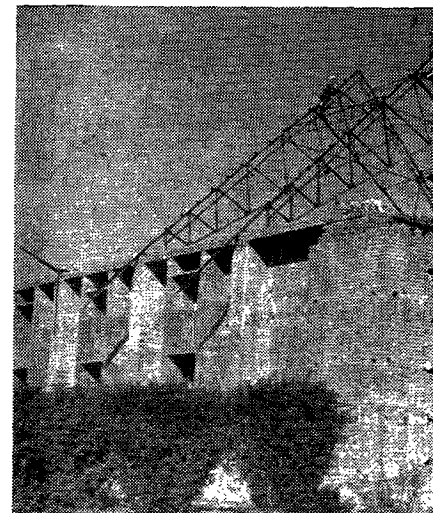


Besides sewing, other crafts are also taught.



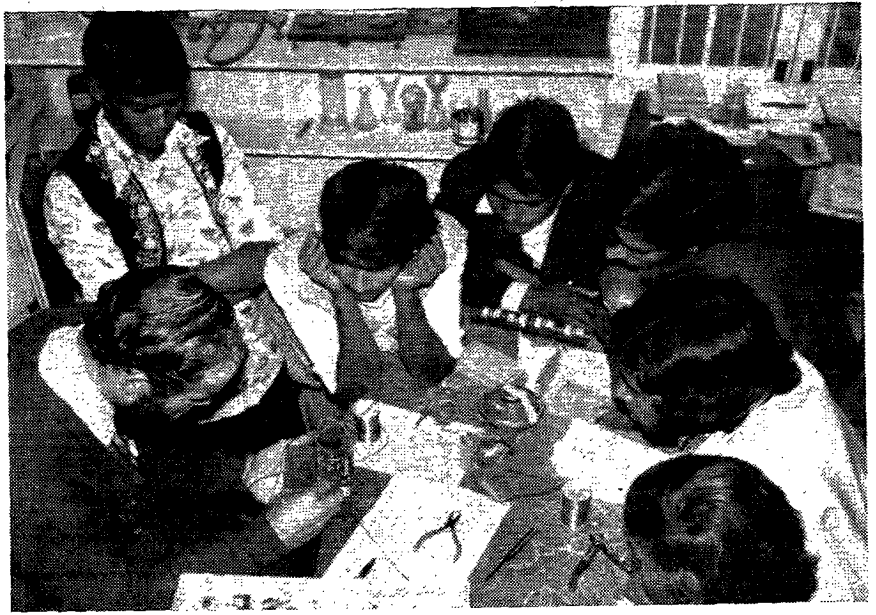
The new chapel

Students ready to go out on sabbath afternoon for evangelistic work.





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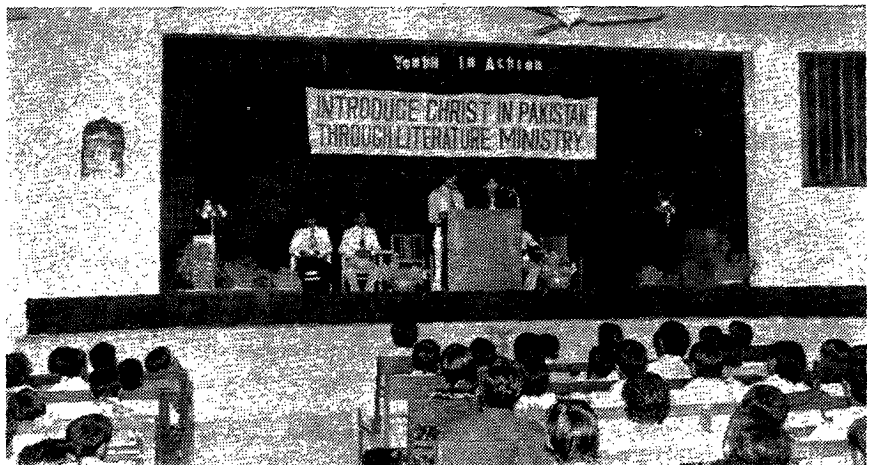
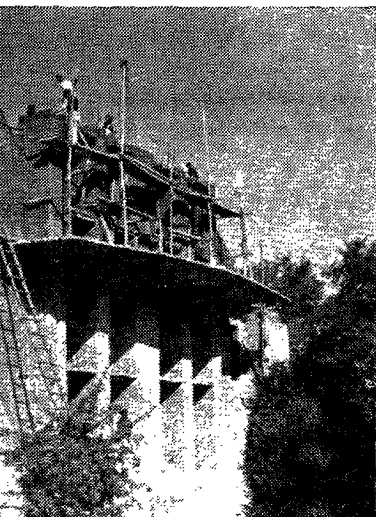


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Students from the public health department help out in the village clinics.

The school students were the speakers in an evangelistic meeting.



# SCIENCE AND HEALTH

RALPH WADDEL, M.D.

Only a few centuries ago the plague ravaged Europe decimating its population. Cholera swept through India, China, and other parts of the Orient, destroying millions of lives. Smallpox, typhoid fever, tuberculosis, and diphtheria were feared as savage killers until recent years, pneumonia was frequently called "the old man's friend." Mortality rates ran 50 per cent and more even among the young and strong. Many of these diseases are now being controlled through substances produced by plants.

Ancient Israel recognised the virtues of healing remedies. Solomon observed, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine" (Proverbs 17:22). A merry heart, joyous disposition, optimism, and freedom from worry are known to hasten recovery. Interesting, isn't it? Solomon compared the life-giving effects of a merry heart with medicine and its effect upon the user. It is well to understand that all so-called medicines are not this beneficial, some are downright harmful.

In addition to the natural remedies so clearly outlined by Mrs. White—"pure air, sunlight, abstemiousness, water, trust in divine power" (**Counsels on Health**, p. 90)—there are additional agencies at our disposal. In **The Ministry of Healing**, pages 231 and 232, we read, "Those who seek healing by prayer should not neglect to make use of the remedial agencies within their reach. It is not a denial of faith to use such remedies as God has provided to alleviate pain and to aid nature in her work of restoration." We are told repeatedly in the chapter "Prayer for the Sick" that we must employ every facility available to us and utilise every remedy God has given to man as a means of bringing about recovery, relieving pain, and preventing disease.

Unfortunately, there was an era in man's history when medicine and drugs consisted quite largely of poisons and drastic agents that were definitely harmful. Mercury, strychnine, arsenic, and opium were used extensively. In commenting upon the use of these, Mrs. White declared, "Drug medication, as it is generally practiced, is a curse."—**Counsels on Health**, p. 261. God has given us a better way. He is the author of all true science, and has inspired men to search out those elements in the organic as well as inorganic spheres of nature that aid in the prevention and treatment of disease. "Rightly understood both the revelations of science and the experience of life are in harmony with the testimony of Scripture to the constant working of God in nature" (**Education**, p. 130).

Diabetes mellitus is a common disease. References are made to it in the ancient literature of India, Egypt and China. Before insulin became

available less than 20 per cent of patients suffering from severe diabetes lived more than ten years after the onset of the disease. In 1921, Bunting and Best were successful in isolating insulin from the pancreas of animals and administered it to humans, resulting in the control of their diabetes. As knowledge about the disease and its treatment has been developed diabetic patients can now look forward to a life expectancy comparable to the general population, provided they are faithful in following prescribed diets and in taking their medications.

Prior to 1926 pernicious anaemia was invariably a fatal disease. In that year Harvard scientists, Minot and Murphy, reported a large series of patients suffering from pernicious anaemia who began showing signs of marked clinical improvement after being placed on diets rich in liver. Within a few weeks normal levels of haemoglobin and red cells were attained. In 1934, Whipple, Minot, and Murphy were awarded the Nobel prize in medicine because of the work they had done in providing one of the most dramatic medical victories over premature death. Since that time much has been learned concerning the mechanism that produces anaemia, although no means has been discovered to prevent it. Liver is no longer needed in its treatment since active factors are now available that are even more effective.

Life can be prolonged and years of usefulness added when we act in accordance with the instruction of God, that men "should not neglect to make use of the remedial agencies within their reach."

Smallpox was long considered one of the world's more dreaded plagues. Recorded epidemics date back nearly 2,000 years, fiercely sweeping through much of the world, leaving in their wake disfigured bodies and faces and trails of wanton death. During the eighteenth century smallpox was responsible for the death of more than 60 million people in Europe alone. Scientific investigation has isolated the causative organism, has devised methods of dealing with the disease so as to reduce its incidence, and has developed a vaccine to prevent its occurrence. Dr. Edward Jenner practiced medicine in England from 1773 to 1823. During those years he developed a method for providing immunity to smallpox through vaccination. Today, smallpox is almost never seen, vaccination has eliminated the disease from India.

In His great love for mankind God has seen fit to inspire men of science to search out ways and means of holding back the tide of evil by discovering methods and media for preventing disease and for restoring life and health to those afflicted. □

# VENDEN'S WEEK OF SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS

K. J. MOSES



Dilip Simpson won a prize in the elocution competition conducted by the department of economics. He had earlier won the temperance speech contest.

dates for two-year certificates recommended as associate members, the senior class of 1977 will consist of 76 members—65 seniors and 11 two-year certificate candidates.

The seniors elected as their officers Antony Romain Rabot, president; Alan Wong, vice president; Pauline Prakasam, Secretary; R. Joshi Victor, treasurer; R. Zominthanga, class pastor; Mr. Joy C. Kurian, sponsor; and Mrs. L. A. Willis as pianist. The senior class of 1977 were formally presented to the college family at the 8:30 p.m. special gathering. Elder Paul G. Smith, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Stewardship Department, spoke at the presentation of the senior class of 1977 on

Division Communication Director assisted Elder Reeder. In 15-hour long sessions, the speakers focused on communication to the public, the mission and service of the church through Radio, Newspapers etc. The Academic Policies Committee recommended to grant either a lower biennium or upper biennium credit of one hour depending on the student programme. Ten students completed the course for credit.

## GRADUATING CLASS ORGANIZED

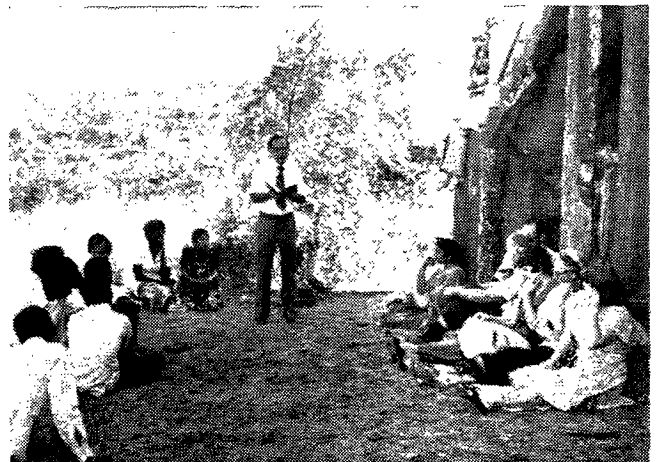
With comprehensive results declared on 17th February, Vice-President M. Amirtham, assisted by the Academic Vice President H. D. Erickson and the Registrar A. T. Thomas, organised the senior class of 1977 on 17th evening consisting of thirty-two second semester seniors, eleven first semester seniors and twenty-two summer school seniors, thus making a total of 65 seniors. With eleven candi-

## WORKSHOP ON COMMUNICATION

A Workshop on Communication was conducted from February 6 to 9, at Spicer College by Elder Marvin H. Reeder of the General Conference Communication Department. Pr. Adrian Peterson, the

The officers of the graduating class (left to right): Antony Romain Rabot, president; Pauline Prakasam, secretary; Alan Wong, vice president; R. Zominthanga, class pastor; and R. Joshi Victor, treasurer.

Dr. Cherian took the sabbath sermon, held in the shade of the Jangira fort.



"God's Guidance in An Individual's Life."

All the members of the Senior Class together with college academic administrators attended a weekend retreat from March 3 to 6 at Murad-Jangira in Colaba District. Among other activities at the sea-side retreat, the 70-strong gathering participated in a lively discussion on "Post College Growth," "A Christian Role in a Community and A Nation," and "Employment Problem in the Church." Mrs. L. A. Willis, H. D. Erickson and R. H. Jones directed the discussion sessions, Pr. L. A. Willis spoke during the Friday Vespers and President M. E. Cherian brought the message on Christian Happiness during the Sabbath service. The campers enjoyed a hike to the Jangira fort, swimming in the sea, games and camp fire programme.

## REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS

Dr. S. B. Mujumdar, Professor and head of the Botany Department and an Executive Council member of the University of Poona, was the guest of honour at this year's Republic Day celebrations. Dr. Mujumdar, who is also the Director of Symbiosis International, an organization for foreign students in Poona, spoke on the uniqueness of Spicer College educational programme. He invited the college family to remember the ideals on which the Indian Republic started and work to achieve these ideals in their lives.

Following the parade programme, the college family took part in annual sports under the leadership of G. Sargunam.

## MISCELLANY

**Elocution Contest.** The Department of Economics, under the direction of Dr. K. V. Varghese conducted an elocution contest in January. Students of Business Administration and Economics took part in the contest covering "Rural Indebtedness," "Water Resources and Development," and "Population Policy in India". Alan Wong,

a senior Economics students won the first prize. Chandrahas Nirmal and Dilip Simpson received the second and third prizes respectively. The Forum of Free Enterprise of Bombay sponsored the contest.

**Volunteers For Christ (VFC).** V.F.C. stands for Volunteers for Christ, a club organised at SMC on 7th of August 1976. It's main aim is to show the love of Christ to others through action. The 25-member group every Thursday do one-hour of social work in nearby villages. On Saturdays, they visit the same place with borrowed musical instruments and sing gospel songs to the community. Every alternative Saturday the members visit hospitals, remand homes, jails etc. to sing and distribute tracts and screen temperance films. The VFC is quietly moving ahead with plans to adopt a village for social service. But, its limitations are funds for which its members not only donate time and money but also look for voluntary contributions from the believers. Mohan Jayaram served as president of the VFC for 1976. Silas Kumar is president for 1977. H. D. Erickson and Anil Nowrangi serve as resource personnel for the VFC.

**President Cherian Speaks.** President M. E. Cherian was a special speaker at the Public reception held in St. Vincent's Gulati Hall on 20th January 1977 in honour of Catholic Cardinal Lawrence Picachy, S. J., president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of India. Speaking on Christian Unity in the Realm of Social Concern, Dr. Cherian emphasized the need of all Christians to pool their resources for rendering medical and educational services. Dr. Cherian particularly outlined the social activities being carried out by the protestants in general and the Seventh-day Adventists in particular.

**Choirs' Singing Programme.** The Hindustani Choir, under the direction of Mr. Noble David; The Male Chorus with Mr. Charles Jenson incharge; and the Ladies Chorus under the leadership of Mrs. L. A. Willis performed several programmes during the Christmas season. The choirs sang in the Gulati Hall, the St. Mathews Church, The Nehru Memorial Hall, and The Christ's Church. Many commended the singing programmes of the college choirs and their witness to the people of Poona. □

Ground was broken for a new Church in Hyderabad. The twin cities didn't have an adequate church for the growing members. With this in mind a large church is being constructed. Dr. Lowry from the Division and Pr. Riches from the union were present for the ceremony.



At 3:00 a.m., Mr. Jesurathnam, the Andhra Section youth director awakened the boys and girls in their hostels. By five the country boat was already loaded with all the boxes, and beddings, food supply and other camping gear. Breakfast was served and eaten by six o'clock and the campers started on the first leg of the one-and-half mile hike to the Godavari River bank. Upon reaching the river, the campers boarded four large boats and started the upstream voyage gaily. After crossing the river the direction of the wind changed which stalled the boats. Long ropes were tied to the boats



## JUSTIN S. SINGH

Justin S. Singh, camp director, took the divine worship and K. Bhaskar Rao translated for the benefit of the 50 Anthervedi church members who joined the campers for sabbath service. Top right: Campers in the out-of-door communion with God during the morning devotion. Below right: Campers listened to Pr. I. D. Devadas discuss dress standards for SDA's. The improvised tents made from bed covers and sarees are seen in the background.

# Narsapur School Camp

and a group of campers hopped out of the boat to pull the boats all along the river bank for the next three miles. Of course the boys' left the girls way behind as only boatmen were pulling their boats.

After disembarking from the boats the campers set out on the second leg of their 4 miles hike. I marvelled at those campers who were gladly willing to undertake this long hike through the paddy fields. I guess, the boat ride did cut the monotony a bit. It was after three in the afternoon when the campers began to arrive at the campground. Thanks to the cooks who kept the lunch ready for the hungry and tired campers, that they forgot the long, hot, and tiring hike.

The luggage only arrived at sunset. The boys carried the luggage from a distance of about half a mile. The school had hired an electricity generator which helped to light the casurina grove with

tube lights. The campers got busy preparing their tents. They did not hire tents, but they made their own. The casurina trees served as poles and with coir ropes a tent like structure was constructed which was covered with colourful bed-covers and sarees. I marvelled at the ingenuity of these campers! By ten all the units had their tents completed and the campers retired to their rest for the first night in the sea-side casurina garden.

The campers were divided into twenty units—twelve of boys and eight of girls. Principal's wife, Mrs. K. Bhaskarao, was the director of food services and her team did a splendid job with delicious meals served on time. G. S. George Nelson was the business manager and he had everything well planned.

Swimming in the Bay of Bengal twice a day was the most exciting event looked-forward-to by every camper. Organised games were

conducted on the beach. The following honour classes were offered: Birds, Camp Crafts, First Aid, Needle Craft, Physical Culture, Reptiles, Sea-Shells, Star Study and Story Telling. The honour classes helped many to be invested at the investiture service conducted Sabbath afternoon. Sixteen Friends, 1 Companion, 14 Explorers and 15 Guides were invested.

**DARE TO BE DIFFERENT** was an appropriate theme that permeated the Camp Council discussion and the week-end services. Pr. I. D. Devadas, the camp pastor, brought messages at the campfire devotionals in keeping with the camp theme. During the Saturday night campfire commitment service, the entire camp stood on their feet, expressing their gratefulness to God for the wonderful message of Salvation, and renewed their dedication to live for Him. □

# Amateur Radio

DR. C. A. NINAN

Amateur radio has been of great help in times of disaster. The area has been able to quickly contact with Adventist headquarters in the stricken area, assess the situation, and make arrangements for SAWS relief consignments, all through amateur radio.

Here in Southern Asia, we have one amateur radio operator who regularly speak to people in many fascinating places around the world, and sometimes to bring emergency help. Take for example this recent experience. "VU2CAN this VU2KX. Hello Ninan, I have some urgent traffic. Roger Sushil, What is it?"

One night I was sitting in my home and talking to friends in Lusaka (Zambia), Colombo and Coimbatore. This is when the above conversation took place. A friend of mine near Calcutta was calling me. Sushil is a Professor and I had spoken to him several times before. The urgency tonight was because his father was very sick with Heart Disease, and needed a medicine urgently. This was not available anywhere in India. Immediately I phoned a local Cardiologist friend who fortunately had this medicine. I was thus able to send it to him through Indian Airlines to Calcutta.

Would you like to sit in your home and talk to people and make friends all over the world? You can also send your photograph and receive theirs over the air. Now it is possible to bounce your radio signals via Satellites in Outer Space.

All this will be possible if you take up the interesting hobby called Amateur Radio (sometimes called Ham Radio).

It is simple to get a licence to establish a Radio receiving and Transmitting station in your home. All you have to do is spend 1 hour daily for 3-4 months studying Basic Electronics, morse Code and Regulations. Then you will have to take an examination conducted by the Ministry of Communication. When the licence finally arrives it will be the beginning of hours and hours of pleasure.

In Ham language YL means a young lady and XYL a married lady. All men are called OM (old man).

YLs XYLs how would you like to exchange recipies with a Japanese YL? I have tasted some delicious Japanese food. There are many women hams throughout the world and even in India. In fact there is a 'YL net' when women hams in U.S.A. and other countries get together on the air daily at a fixed time. Recently they helped a very sick Coimbatore girl.

It happened the same night when Sushil called me. There was a young girl in Coimbatore very seriously ill and one medicine that was needed was not available anywhere in the country. A Coimbatore Ham gave details of this medicine to one in Lusaka. He immediately contacted a Ham in U.S.A. Within half an hour they obtained the medicine and sent it to the airport on its way to the dying girl.

There are Amateur Radio clubs in many cities in India and nearly 1,000 licenced Hams. Anyone of them will be most happy to help you prepare for the examination and set up your Radio Station.

Right now you can become an SWL (Short Wave Listener). Listen to DX (Distant) Commercial and Amateur Radio Stations.

They can be heard on the 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter bands. The easiest way is to tune in just before the 41 meter band (40 meters or 7 Mc) in the mornings preferably Sunday morning 7:00-9:00 A.M., You can hear Indian and neighbouring Amateur stations. If your radio has a BFO (Beat Frequency Oscillator) you can hear many more stations on most of these bands mentioned above. Specially 20 meters in evenings and nights.

Antenna (or aerial) can be cut to a particular length according to a simple formula for a particular band. With this you will be surprised to hear many stations never before heard.

Much pleasure is also derived from experimenting. Once you know all about your home radio receiver you can add new features to improve its quality. Would you like to sit in your room and talk to your mother or XYL in your kitchen or to someone at your door? Just make an intercom and install it. Many interesting things can be made.

How about earning money in your spare time? When word gets round, neighbours will bring radios etc. to repair.

This hobby becomes most useful in times of disaster. In some recent earthquakes all normal lines of communication were disrupted. Within minutes however, Amateur Radio operators established communications with the outside world transmitting and receiving vital information.

One Ham in Bombay was listening to his radio when he picked up a distress signal. This was from a couple sailing round the world in a Yatch. They were caught in a cyclone and were in grave danger. He called them, got their location, informed Coastal Guard authorities and kept communicating with them until they were rescued.

So let me say 73s (best wishes) and 88s (love and kisses). Hope to C U (see you) on the air soon.

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- March 25— Itinerary, Dr. S. P. Vitran  
Andrews Theological Seminary.