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SOUTHERN ASIA TIDINGS

Special Programmes from AWR-ASIA

Adrian M. Peterson, Communication Advisor

During the first full week in December, special programmes will be broadcast by AWR-Asia. These programmes will commemorate thirty years of "Voice of Prophecy" Correspondence School activity in Southern Asia.

Currently, there are 13 tape recorded programmes broadcast each week by AWR-Asia, in its programmes from the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation in Colombo. Nine of these programmes are prepared weekly in the AWR-Asia Radio studio in Poona.

It was back in 1947, that the first applications were received in Poona, requesting enrolment in the newly established "Voice of Prophecy" Correspondence School. This school was established by the late Pr. A. E. Rawson, and, at the time, offered just one course in English.

Today in Southern Asia, there are 15 "Voice of Prophecy" Correspondence Schools located in 15 major cities in 5 countries. They are offering 55 courses in 15 languages, and they send out nearly one million lessons by post every year.

As a tribute to the founder of

the "Voice of Prophecy" schools in Southern Asia, and to commemorate 30 years of correspondence school activity in this Division, a long series of Anniversary events is taking place during 1977. These events began in April this year, and will conclude with the special broadcasts from AWR-Asia early in December.

The special programmes are part of "AWR Week", in which international attention will be focussed on AWR-Asia. The millions of regular listeners are invited to send in reception reports and to request enrolment in a suitable correspondence course.

It is anticipated that additional thousands of listeners will be tuned in to AWR-Asia programmes during "AWR Week". Appropriate news items about AWR-Asia and "AWR-Week" have been published in many radio magazines issued in different countries around the world. Similar information has also been presented by many of the world's leading international radio stations in the special programmes on short wave for radio monitors.

As an attraction to short wave

listeners in Southern Asia, as well as in other countries around the world, AWR-Asia will be offering special verification cards for all correct reception reports submitted.

Seventh-day Adventists throughout Southern Asia are also invited to participate. You may encourage your friends to listen to the special programmes; you may enroll in VOP correspondence courses; and you may submit reception reports of the AWR-Asia programmes, to Box 15, Poona 411 001.

Special prizes will be presented to the listeners who tune in to the most number of AWR-Asia programmes on the most number of channels during "AWR-Week". Programmes will commence on Sunday, December 4 and will conclude on Saturday, December 10.

A special four day council was held recently in Poona, to which all AWR radio speakers and VOP School directors were invited. This series of meetings commenced on Wednesday, September 28, and concluded on Sabbath, October 1.

In the absence of the Division

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A Reform Needed

Ellen G. White

If Seventh-day Adventists practiced what they profess to believe, if they were sincere health reformers, they would indeed be a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. And they would show a far greater zeal for the salvation of those who are ignorant of the truth.

Greater reforms should be seen among the people who claim to be looking for the soon appearing of Christ. Health reforms is to do among our people a work which it has not yet done. There are those who ought to be awake to the danger of meat eating, who are still eating the flesh of animals, thus endangering the physical, mental, and spiritual health. Many who are now only half converted on the question of meat eating will go from God's people, to walk no more with them.

In all our work we must obey the laws which God has given, that the physical and spiritual energies may work in harmony. Men may have a form of godliness, they may even preach the gospel, and yet be unpurified and unsanctified. Ministers should be strictly temperate in their eating and drinking, lest they make crooked paths for their feet, turning the lame—those weak in the faith—out of the way. If while proclaiming the most solemn and important message God has ever given, men war against the truth by indulging wrong habits of eating and drinking, they take all the force from the message they bear.

Those who indulge in meat eating, tea drinking, and gluttony are sowing seeds for a harvest of pain and death. The unhealthful food placed in the stomach strengthens the appetites that war against the soul, developing the lower propensities. A diet of flesh meat tends to develop animalism. A development of animalism lessens spirituality, rendering the mind incapable of understanding truth.

The Word of God plainly warns us that unless we abstain from fleshly lusts, the physical nature will be brought into conflict with the spiritual nature. Lustful eating wars against health and peace. Thus a warfare is instituted between the higher and the lower attributes of the man. The lower propensities, strong and active, oppress the soul. The highest interests of the being are imperilled by the indulgence of appetites unsanctioned by Heaven.

Great care should be taken to form right habits of eating and drinking. The food eaten should be that which will make the best blood. The delicate organs of digestion should be respected. God requires us, by being temperate in all things, to act our part toward keeping ourselves in health. He cannot enlighten the mind of a man who makes a cesspool of his stomach. He does not hear the prayers of those who are walking in the light of the sparks of their own kindling.

Intemperance is seen in the quantity as well as in the quality of food eaten. The Lord has instructed me that as a general rule we place too much food in the stomach. Many make themselves uncomfortable by overeating, and sickness is often the result. The Lord did not bring this punishment on them. They brought it on themselves, and God desires them to realize that pain is the result of transgression.

Daily abused, the digestive organs cannot do their work well. A poor quality of blood is made, and thus, through improper eating, the whole machinery is crippled. Give the stomach less to do. It will recover if proper care is shown in regard to the quality and quantity of food eaten.

Affecting the Soul

Many eat too rapidly. Others eat at one meal varieties of food that do not agree. If men and women would only remember how greatly they afflict the soul when they afflict the stomach, and how deeply Christ is dishonoured when the stomach is abused, they would deny the appetite, and thus give the stomach opportunity to recover its healthy action. While sitting at the table, we may do medical missionary work by eating and drinking to the glory of God.

To eat on the Sabbath the same amount of food eaten on a working day, is entirely out of place. The Sabbath is the day set apart for the worship of God, and on it we are to be specially careful in regard to our diet. A clogged stomach means a clogged brain. Too often so large an amount of food is eaten on the Sabbath that the mind is rendered dull and stupid, incapable of appreciating spiritual things. The habits of eating have much to do with the many dull religious exercises of the Sabbath. The diet for the Sabbath should be selected with reference to the duties of the day on which the purest, holiest service is to be offered to God.

Eating has much to do with religion. The spiritual experience is greatly affected by the way in which the stomach is treated. Eating and drinking in accordance with the laws of health promote virtuous actions. But if the stomach is abused by habits that have no foundation in nature, Satan takes advantage of the wrong that has been done and uses the stomach as an enemy of righteousness, creating a disturbance which affects the entire being. Sacred

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Pr. C. Pherrim and Mr. Kheuihe, the advocate from the magistrate's court who translated the lectures every night.

After several months of planning it was decided to conduct a series of meetings among the Sema Naga tribes of Nagaland. St. Pauls hall was booked for our nightly meetings. The booking for this hall, owned by an ex-minister, was cancelled just a few days before our meetings due to pressure from another denomination. Posters and hand bills were already printed.

As there was no other way out, Pr. Y. Luikham contacted the Deputy Commissioner of Zunheboto District town for the Jubilee hall, owned by the government. The D. C. gave us the use of the hall for just three days.

We started our meetings as scheduled. On the third day we approached the S.D.O. because the D.C. was out of station. He was very kind to us and let us use the hall until the D.C. returned. But the D.C. came seven days late. By that time we already had a large audience attending. When the D.C. came back, the S.D.O. took us to his office and requested him on our behalf to make the hall available for our meetings. At first the D.C. was not willing, but I said, "Sir, we have already finished ten meetings very peacefully. Every night our hall is packed and hundreds stand outside as there is no place inside. As we have finished all these ten meetings very peacefully, I want to assure you that we will continue to conduct them similarly."

The D.C. very kindly granted our request. He gave us the hall

for 16 days more at the concessional rate of Rs. 40/- per day.

Our first meeting began on Wednesday. We were supposed to start our meeting at 4:30 p.m. but the big hall was already packed by 3:00 p.m. That night there was over two thousand people and over a hundred of them stood outside the hall throughout the meeting.

Every night there were between 800-2000 people attending. Attendance cards were printed to be checked by the ushers at the door but with twenty to thirty people coming in at the same time we just had to let them in without signing the cards.

A faithful group walked to the meetings every night from their village ten miles away and returned back late in the night.

One day eight church leaders

I WAS TAKEN TO COURT

C. Pherrim

—the pastor, a minister, a political assistant to the D.C., and five others—belonging to another denomination took me to the D.C.'s court and requested him to close down the meetings immediately. After questioning for nearly one hour, the D.C. said, "I cannot stop any religious meetings. As India is a secular country according to the law and constitution of the Land, I cannot and will not close these meetings."

All the town leaders supported us. In fact my translator, each night was an advocate. I was set free to continue with the meetings unmolested.

Two workers, Pr. Y. Luikham and L. Ashikko helped in this effort, and two laymen, Brothers Honivi and Yekhalu, recent converts, worked hard to make these meetings a success.

As a result of these meetings thirteen people were baptised and many will be joining the church within the next few weeks. Pr. Y. Luikham is doing the follow up work.

On the last day after the baptism a communion service was held and following this a fellowship lunch was eaten together. Some of the newly baptised members expressed their joy in belonging to the family of God. □

Thirty students joined the baptismal class as a result of the week of prayer conducted by Pr. R. N. Baird at Raymond Memorial Training School, Falakata. "Real Happiness", based on the Sermon on the Mount was the theme of Pr. Baird's talks.



FIVE BHILS BECOME ADVENTIST

P. H. Lall

Asind is the regional sub-divisional headquarters of the district of Bhilwara in Eastern Rajasthan. This area is beautifully surrounded by many lakes, large ponds and numerous villages. The language of the area is Mewari, a form of Hindi. The Bhils who are spirit worshippers with no temples, are



These three were baptised by Pr. E. F. Gardner in Bhilwara.

the original inhabitants of Bhilwara. Their homes very simply built, are made of mud and thatch and their food is 'dalbati'. This is made of a dough, kneaded well and made into small pieces and dropped into a lentil stew to be eaten with one's fingers. These people are mostly non-vegetarians and kill animals with bows and arrows or spears. They are dark in complexion and short and thin in stature.

There are three Christian families in this area and of these one is an Adventist. Recently Pr. E. F. Gardner, a pioneer worker in Rajasthan, along with evangelist B. T. Jacob, Ulfat Masih and Jagdish Singh began work in Asind. Makham, the Adventist layman took the workers to the villages near Asind and translated for them.

These simple uneducated people listened very attentively to the Word of God and were deeply impressed. They came to the pastor with their questions and doubts. They also brought their relatives and friends.

After a month of regular Bible studies 19 people were baptised. Five of these were Bhils. It is the first time in India that Bhils have

accepted the Adventist message. These people have promised to bring 50 families to the truth. They are now desirous of building a small place of worship. These enthusiastic people have pledged money, stones and some free labour to build the church.

Among the 19 baptised were Maharaj Dhanna Nath, his wife and son. For 12 years he was a Yogi and a Sadhu. He spent most of these years meditating in the Himalayan mountains. He was overjoyed in his new found faith and is working to bring 50 families that are related to him and 150 of his former disciples.

The whole area of Asind is wide open to the gospel work. There is no opposition to our work. People are not prejudiced to Christianity. The local people wish to have an Adventist school so that their children can learn about Christ. We need men and means to finish the work of God in Rajasthan. □

SRI GANGA NAGAR FIVE-DAY PLAN

R. N. Baird

Just over a year ago an Adventist school was opened in the township of Sri Ganga Nagar, Rajasthan. This is a rich agricultural area near the Pakistan

border. Five hundred children are now enrolled in this school.

The Madhya Bharat Region Director, P. H. Lall and H. V. Massey, principal of the Sri Ganga Nagar school, conceived the idea of a Five-Day Plan in this town. This was going to be their school project and Pr. and Mrs. R. N. Baird were invited to participate with them. With a group of teachers and students, advertising was well done throughout the town.

The 5 Day Plan was conducted in the Zilla Parishad Hall. This did not appear to be a very inviting place at first, since pigeons inhabited the inside of the building and beggars had found shelter on the verandah surrounding the hall. But with a few odinil packets, some burning incense sticks and fresh air, it seemed much better.

It was rather ironical that Shri Subhash Karma, president of the Lions Club of Sri Ganga Nagar and wholesale dealer for cigarettes and Shri Bhat Ram Lila, former Lions Club president and a wholesale dealer in wines opened the programme and thanked the Adventist School for arranging such a programme.

To encourage more people to come it was decided that the programme be translated into Hindi. P. H. Lall was the translator. This brought an audience of more than 200 people, and on the closing night nearly 300 people crowded into the hall.

Following the regular programme on Wednesday night a

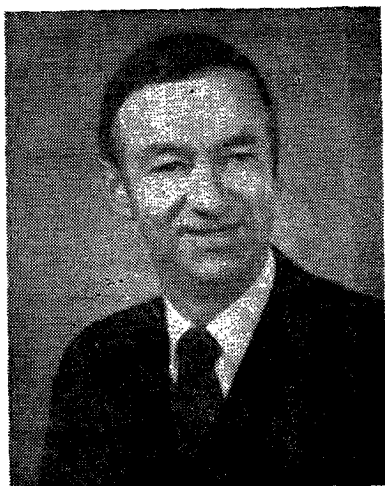
Twenty people were baptised on September 15, 1977 at Village Rayanwala in Sri Ganga Nagar, Rajasthan by Pr. E. F. Gardner. This harvest is a result of an effort conducted by Aslam Gill and Jalal Masih.



special programme was arranged for the members of the Lions Club, Rotary Club, Medical representatives and press correspondents. This programme lasted late into the night but was well appreciated as the problem of drinking and smoking were discussed and films shown. "Ganga Nagar Patrika", a daily newspaper gave the programme front page coverage with a request to all smokers to attend.

The following night during the film show, Pr. Baird slipped over to the Rotary Club meeting and again presented the harmful effects of smoking. In all over 400 people came to know of our temperance principles through these programmes. This has been the means of good public relations for the school in this city. □

ELDER HEGSTAD TO VISIT SA DIVISION



Roland R. Hegstad, Editor of LIBERTY magazine and Associate Director of the Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty of the Seventh-day Adventist church is scheduled to spend the month of November 1977 in Southern Asia.

Elder Hegstad began denominational work as a pastor in the Upper Columbia Conference. After his ordination in 1954 he was appointed to the Southern Publishing Association as an Assistant Editor. He assumed his

present responsibility as the Editor of Liberty in 1959. Beside directing a number of documentary films on Religious Liberty, he has written two books, 'Rattling the Gates,' and 'Mind Manipulators.'

Elder Hegstad will enter our Division at Kabul, Afghanistan, and move through the Division touching Karachi, Lahore, Delhi, Bombay, Poona, Colombo, Khatmandu, Calcutta, Dacca and Rangoon. He will be calling on government, religious and social leaders at these points in the interest of the cause of religious liberty and the promotion of Liberty magazine. During his visit he will be on-the lookout for material for our world periodicals, particularly the Liberty magazine and the Review and Herald. He will be addressing our people whenever possible.

A very cordial welcome awaits Pr. Roland Hegstad, one of our world Church leaders. □

SHE DID WHAT SHE COULD

Gloria Thomas

On June 25, Sabbath School members around the world focused their attention on Southern Asia and its three pressing needs: Qasid Publishing House, Nurses' Training School, Ranchi Hospital, and a new science complex at Spicer Memorial College. We, too, in Southern Asia joined them in sacrificial giving on the thirteenth Sabbath.

Doubtless, some gave the suggested three times the regular offering, others gave double the 3Xs, and still others gave with no limit.

One little lady, a member of the Poona English Sabbath School, happily joined all givers, in a sacrificial offering.

Miss Gladys Leighton is totally blind from birth, has absolutely no income as such, and does not have any family members on whom to rely. She lives by herself in an old people's home. Finding her in this unfortunate condition, one Sabbath School member provides



Miss Gladys Leighton, though blind did her part to bring in a special offering for the Thirteenth Sabbath.

her the transportation to come to Sabbath School. Week after week she heard the appeals made for missions. She longed to respond, but didn't know how, more than what she was doing.

She earned Rs. 5/- a month for washing the dishes of a crippled man that lived next door and collecting drinking water for him at the correct time. This money had to provide for her the weekly offering and any other personal needs. But she wanted to give a special offering for the 13th Sabbath.

Another Sabbath School member also interested in Miss Leighton learned that Gladys could make paper bags. Immediately they teamed up to work together. She gathered and supplied her scrap paper. Gladys' experience varied from time to time depending on whom she could find to sell the bags for her. The bags varied in size and in quality, most of them small enough for vendors who sell gram, chivda, peanuts and the like.

With rejoicing in her heart, she brought Rs. 6.87, hard earned money, as a special 13th Sabbath offering for Southern Asia!

Surely she did what she could! Could it be that each of us is doing our utmost for the support of God's work. □

DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP MEETING

M. U. Thomas

Kerala State consists of eleven districts. North Kerala Section consists of eight of these districts, extending from Central Travancore to the borders of Mysore. As we scan through the fields, we see a number of unentered territories. This has burdened us to spread the light to the people in these dark areas. To enlighten our members and workers to this urgent need, and consecrate ourselves for the coming second season of efforts, the month of September was set apart for special meetings and prayers in most of our churches.

Twenty-four meetings were conducted from September 2-30, out of which we had eight District Fellowship meetings in our district central churches. All the members and workers of the nearby churches were specially invited to attend. The average attendance was 200 in each place.

The meetings in all these places followed a planned programme which began at 9 a.m. with a season of prayer. Pr. M. U. Thomas then presented a revival sermon based on Hebrews 12:2, followed again by a season of prayer. Pr. John P. Thomas, Section president, talked on the importance of commandment keeping based on Rev. 14:12 and invited the people to consecrate themselves. This brought the meeting to a close at about 4 p.m.

A special feature in all these meetings was the partaking of the Lord's Supper. It was quite evident that the Spirit of God was guiding us in these meetings, because the people confessed their sins and re-dedicated their lives and showed a spirit of oneness throughout the meetings. This gave new hope and inspiration to the believers to make the second season of efforts a success. At the close of each meeting a special offering was collected for our four schools in North Kerala Section.

During these meetings Pr. P. J. Theophilus organised seven com-

panies of believers. Besides these, there are 23 organised churches and 37 companies

At the end of the day, there was still time to visit the homes of the members. Sometimes our visitation programme went up to twelve o'clock in the night. This helped us to have personal contact with the members and pray with them in their homes. Our earnest desire is to continue these kind of meetings each quarter. □

LAYMEN'S RALLY IN SOUTH TAMIL SECTION

Y. R. Samraj

Laymen have been taking a very active part in the spread of the gospel in South Tamil Section. They are very happy to have a share in the work of the Lord. To encourage them and to bring the fruits of their efforts in for baptism, the section held four laymen's rally in the towns of Sankarankoil, Sattur, Aruppukottai and Koilpatty.

At all of these meetings Pr. John Willmott, Associate Ministerial Secretary for Southern



A layman, M. Masilamony who brought twelve people to Christ recently attended a laymens rally. Though a cripple he travels about in his tricycle sharing his faith. He is shown paying his tithe to Pr. Willmott who first brought him into our church.

Asia was the main speaker. He encouraged the laymen to work in their home churches with a renewed dedication and zeal and help to bring many more souls to Christ. There were many hours of profitable study and valuable instruction is soulwinning were taught.

At the end of each rally the laymen brought in their people for baptism. At Sankarankoil 26 persons were baptised; 25 in Sattur; 21 in Aruppukottai; and 25 in Koilpatty. □

Twenty workers of the South Tamil Section assisted Pr. John Willmott in conducting a very successful effort in the city of Madurai. Twenty seven souls were baptised on September 2 and many more are preparing to be baptised soon.



LET'S GO CAMPING WITH PATHFINDERS

Justin S. Singh, Youth Advisor

How many of you have experienced the wave of excitement that goes through a Pathfinder Club when the Director announces "We are going on a camping trip?" This article is being written to help those dealing with the planning of a Pathfinder camp.

The goal of camping is to draw close to the boys and girls and point them to Jesus. It is a rewarding experience to witness our boys and girls commit their lives to Jesus through camping together. To reach this ultimate goal requires much thought and planning by the leader and his staff. It has to be a co-operative venture in which every detail from departure to return has been listed and planned for.

The first things to be decided upon are "when" and "where" in the planning. The "when" must be a suitable time so that it does not conflict with the school programme, and the weather conditions are most favourable. Every Pathfinder and the staff must be able to go. "When" would depend on what you wish to accomplish on the trip. For instance, when the wild flowers are in blossom, when the birds are around, when it is good weather suitable for camping. Remember, some of the require-

ments for nearly all of the Nature Honours may be met on various camping trips.

The menu should be handled by a small committee and supervised by them. The responsibility of preparing and serving the meals should be shared by the Pathfinders. It is surprising what thrill the Pathfinders get when asked to assist in preparing and serving the meals.

The Sabbath School and Church programme should be assigned to another small committee. The Sabbath afternoon activities are considered by some to be the biggest problem of the entire camping trip. But when there is advance planning, this will not be a problem. The nature of the Sabbath afternoon activities will depend upon your camping site. If you are close to a village or a town, then it would be well to organise the Pathfinders to engage in Share Your Faith activities. If you are out in the jungles, then a well-planned—with definite goals in mind—nature hike or nature display can be interest-absorbing. Whatever you do, don't leave it up to the Pathfinders to choose their own activities.

One of the highlights of a camping trip should be the Saturday

night activity. The Saturday night campfire should be planned to be a memorable experience for the Pathfinders. Have a lively song service and a couple of good campfire stories. Opportunity may be given for a formal testimony service. Not a general type. But, if a Pathfinder or a staff member has had an unique experience to share, he may be permitted to share it with others. Close the campfire with a couple of sacred choruses and a season of prayer.

Sunday morning after a good breakfast, is a good time for a hike. These hikes must be goal-oriented. Some clubs take with them to the camp games equipment. But this is not the place to play foot-ball or cricket or any other such games. Carefully, the leaders must choose those activities only, during a camping trip, that will lead our boys and girls closer to their God. The games equipment had better be left behind. It is the privilege of each youth leader during a camp to help the pathfinder feel the presence of God in his or her life through personal talk and contact. Look for opportunities to fulfil this need. Then it can be said that the time and money spent on a pathfinder camping trip was well worth it.

Every Pathfinder Club should have the opportunity to go camping at least once every year. Every Club director would do well to possess "The Pathfinder Field Guide" and to have attended "The Pathfinder Staff Training Course." Your Pathfinders wait upon you to provide them this thrilling and soul-saving camping experience. □

November 19 Pathfinder Day Programme and Pathfinder Day Offering



Nursing care at the Ranchi Hospital.

MED INSTI SOUTHE



Staff of the Scheer Memorial Hospital, Nepal.



Ruby Nelson Memorial Hospital, Jullundar.

Lakeside Medical Centre, Kandy, Sri Lanka.

Staff of the Simla

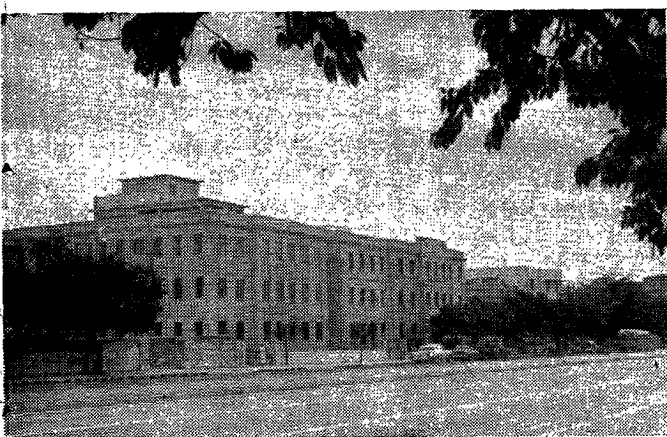


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Dr. Mullen at the Panauti Clinic, Nepal.



The Surat Seventh-day Adventist Hospital.



The Karachi Seventh-day Adventist Hospital.

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Adventist Hospital at Nuzvid, Andhra Section.



Literature Evangelists Symposium

D. R. L. Astleford, *Advisor*
Publishing Department

Did you ever attend one of these? Most Adventists have, and have been thrilled as they have listened to the adventures, exploits, and experiences of our literature evangelists which have been related.

Recently it was my good fortune and privilege to sit in and listen to experiences at three LE symposiums. As I listened, I jotted down notes on what I heard. Being a slow writer, my notes did not include all the details, but they did include the essentials. You may regard them as a synopsis or summary. I am going to place these here for your reading pleasure, encouragement, and to challenge you to join them.

A definition of a literature Evangelist might be best first. A LE is a happy SDA with a briefcase full of gospel books in his right hand. He takes books to the people—to help prepare them for the soon coming of Jesus. In addition to this, he does the following:

1. Starts and operates Branch Sabbath Schools
2. Prays with people in their homes
3. Gives out free literature—where people do not buy
4. Invites people to our meetings
5. Gives Bible studies occasionally
6. Enrolls people in the VOP courses
7. Recruits more LEs.

A LE wears an EAST-WEST smile and always knows where he is going. He is a man with no doubts, but a debt. You can read about his kind of debt in Romans

1:14. St. Paul had this also. Now let's get on to the symposium:

LE Symposium, ATS, Assam, India

10 September, 1977

Chairman—K. S. Kongari,
A/PDD, Northern Union.

S. Rema (From Tura)

I have been selling in Tura for eleven years. In 1972 there were no church members in my territory—now there are 35. Seven more are ready to be baptised soon.

Negotiations are in progress now for the purchase of a plot for a church.

N. G. Pheirim (From Nagaland)

Last week I went to a certain place, and was invited to preach. This meeting was held in a Sunday keeping church, and there were 300-400 people present. My subject was: "What is the Holy Spirit, How shall we receive it, and what shall we do after we receive it." After this, one set of FOOT-PRINTS OF JESUS, Vols. 1-4 and GOD SPEAKS TO MODERN MAN were purchased for the church library.

God helps me in my work.

Two couples (four people) have been baptised as a result of my work this year.

K. A. Shimray (PDD, North-east India Section)

In our Section, a government officer read a relative's copy of The Great Controversy recently. He liked it so much that he set out

to find a copy for himself. He searched for three years, and finally he met up with one of our LEs. He bought it quickly, and was so happy to have it, that tears came to his eyes. Friends, we have good books, and they are sought after and appreciated by many.

One LE in our Section, R. Khorei by name, went to visit the chief minister in 1976. There were many people waiting to see him. The CM called our LE in next, however, and bought all he had. This meant five books.

One judge recently asked LE Khorei if it was man that had written our books. He believed our books were inspired. He had purchased a number of our books before, and purchased more on this particular visit from our LE.

F. Sangliana (PDD, Mizo Section)

"Let none of you think that you cannot engage in this work because it is taxing, and requires time and thought. If it requires time, give it cheerfully. . . ."—*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 21.

I now introduce our lady LE—Mrs. Suaknguri. She is strong in faith and works. This year, she has won 15 souls.

Mrs. Suaknguri

Recently I was privileged to be able to assist my PDD in a short effort. It convened 13 June-2 July.

This is during the rainy season, but the meetings were not disturbed. There were 400-500 in attendance each night. I was helping and selling. At the close of the effort there were 42 precious souls baptised, and five more one month later.

Southern Asia Tidings

Very recently I went to an area where motor vehicles cannot go. I took my personal effects with me, and books. Three people came with me to help carry the goods, and to help me in my mission. There were many hardships on the way—I got lost once, much rain, rough roads, leeches and insects, etc. In spite of these, I had a wonderful time.

I covered five villages in two weeks, telling the gospel, showing the picture rolls and selling books. My sales amounted to Rs. 600 for the tour. In this venture I returned to one village that we went to when outward bound. In this I found an old man keeping the Sabbath as a result of my visit. This made me very happy.

If you want to be a happy SDA—join us in this ministry.

If you want to hasten the coming of the Lord—join us in this ministry.

R. F. Wray (PDD, East India Section)

"The church must give her attention to the canvassing work."—*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 7

"And He said unto them, Go ye unto all . . ." Mark 16:15.

The East India Section has taken this challenge. I came on the job here in 1972. There was then one PDD and one LE. Now we have six LEs.

Now I want to introduce Brother Swansi. He works in Ranchi, and has been a LE for 22 years. He is a humble person, with a happy family.

J. S. Swansi

I am a happy LE. One day I went to a Christian home and showed the FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS set. This family liked these very much. They asked for delivery before payment—and I agreed. Later I returned for I had only Re. 1.00 on me—and was hungry, too. I did get the money, but at a later time. After they couldn't pay at first, I went on to a Roman Catholic School. There I showed the FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS set and sold

it with a three year subscription to our health journal. I was also given food at this school.

On another occasion I went to book a renewal to the health journal subscription for a priest. I failed to find him the first time, but found him on the second. He renewed it—and also bought HEALTH & LONGEVITY, OUR CHILDREN and GOD SPEAKS TO MODERN MAN.

He then gave me two leads which I followed up. I made sales to both. These people are now interested in the message. I plan to follow these interests up.

R. F. Wray (Cont'd from above)

Ranchi is full of Christians and Christian institutions. Brother Swansi is doing a wonderful work there. In April I sold Rs. 2,040.00 worth of books there with him. This included 8 sets of FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS—of which seven sets went to Roman Catholic centres.

M. Hembrom

I am an LE—and a very happy one. I always have money in hand, though sometimes no food. In 1973 I went to a building contractor in Darjeeling. I sold him a three-year sub. to our health journal. After that he asked to see my price list and I showed it to him. He then ordered three copies of each item on it. This sale amounted to Rs. 1,200.

One man in Nepal wants us to open a high school, college and hospital. He wants to donate the land. A group will be joining me on October 9 to see the proposed site, which is at an altitude of 6000 feet. I'm hoping something good will develop from this contact.

This is a good work friends.

Do join us.

LE Symposium, Chuharkana, Pakistan

Chairman—John Mall, PDD

S. Taylor (Star LE in Union)

I was a student here at Pakistan Adventist Seminary. It is good to

have the annual institute at my school. We learn much in school. We learn much in the field, too.

In Karachi recently I worked all day till 6 p.m.—but without success. It is God who gives success, however. I believe we must work for it—and persevere—till He gives it. After 6 p.m. I saw an old building. In this building I met a Moslem bachelor, and canvassed him.

This bachelor did not want to talk about religious and health books. He wanted to talk about drinks and nightclubs. I told him, however, that these common things wouldn't make us happy. After that we talked about his business for a while and he told me how he established it, and built it up. I then asked him about who made his hands which had done all these things. He somehow didn't want to talk about religion; though he was Moslem, he didn't believe in God at all.

After a while I was able to canvass him for our books. In one I showed him a chapter—"Is there a God." He then bought Rs. 450 worth of our publications.

On subsequent visits he told me that article—"Is there a God" was convincing. He also bought *Patriarchs and Prophets*, and *Desire of Ages*. He has also stopped drinking. Today he is a changed man, who talks about God and the future. He is also taking the VOP course as a result of my introduction to it, and I trust he will be one of us in due course. Please pray for this work and those we contact.

N. M. Benca (A very happy LE; just got married last week)

Selling books is difficult for me. I was instructed and taught how to do it, and I'm happy in this work.

At first I wanted to be a mistry. Pr. Johnson, however, said it would be best for me to sell books. After that—I accepted the work. It was the Union PDD that started me in this work. The first thing we did on that first day, was to have prayer. After that we went out to see the people.

At the first place we sold nothing. The PDD encouraged me not to lose heart. At the second place we sold Rs. 25 worth of books, and after three visits our sales amounted to Rs. 125. I was surely happy now. I had never earned so much money in such a short time before. On my second day of work, however, it was different; I had no PDD with me.

After a half day I had no sales and was discouraged. I concluded—"I must go back; I must quit." I wanted to weep. My promise was to work eight hours, however, so I arose to continue with the task. As I worked, I remembered part of the last verse of St. Matthew—"Lo, I am with you alway." This encouraged me. At the next three places my sales amounted to Rs. 42.00. I was very glad. Pastor Johnson phoned me that night and I told him the good news.

I don't plan to get discouraged or quit, but to press on in this work till Jesus comes. Stay by the work, friends, get on with it, with all your might.

Charles Dean

I want to tell you of an experience I had in the month of May. After morning worship, I went to work. My first contact was the Director of Irrigation, in his office. He ordered a subscription to our journal for Rs. 20, and paid me for it. In the course of our conversation, however, he mentioned that the Bible told about Mohammed. He believed the Bible promise of the Comforter referred to Mohammed. I could not agree, and took leave shortly after this.

At another office shortly afterwards, I canvassed for our journal again. My prospect seemed interested and said he would go and get the money. He came back with 20 men instead. This was because of the suggestion or instigation of the Director of Irrigation. My prospect then accused me in front of these 20 men of taking Rs. 150.00 from him 15 years before. I replied I was only in the work for three years. He threatened me, however, and had the police come. They

checked me out and asked me to confess. I told the officers, however, that I was not the guilty man. My bag was taken away from me and I was taken to the police station. En route I prayed.

The police then checked with a previous customer, a dentist, who upheld me. He appreciated our literature. The police then phoned our office at Adventupura, and Pastor Zubaid upheld me also. After that I was released.

What do you think I did next? I prayed for my last prospect, and then went back to see him again. Imagine his surprise at seeing me again! He then apologised for what he did, and asked for forgiveness. I then suggested—if you are truly sorry, order the subscription and get the benefits of the publications. He then ordered a subscription in Urdu and another in English.

Friends—it is the Spirit of God working upon hearts that brings success. Don't worry about fabricated stories like the accusation of stealing! Press on.

J. Gill

One day I started to work at 9 a.m. I prayed first, of course, and hoped for success. My first visit brought no apparent success, however, and my sales at 3 p.m. still amounted to zero. At 3 p.m. I was quite tired and hungry. I had made 18 exhibitions or visits—and had not had lunch.

At that time I went to see a doctor in his clinic. He had many patients in the waiting room to see him. I sent my card in to him and he called me right away. I canvassed him, but without making a decision he sent me to his wife. She was a doctor also. I showed her DEAR MOTHER TO BE as she was expecting to have a child. She then asked me—"Are you a Christian?" My reply was "Yes"—and she then told her husband that she liked the book but that I was a Christian.

On hearing that I was a Christian, he chased me. I asked to see him further however, and so he invited me in again. I saw a pic-

ture in his surgery of Jesus healing a patient, and I asked him about this. He did not answer, but asked to see the books again. It seemed his heart had softened. I explained about the books. After this he bought all I had, about Rs. 75 worth.

Never be discouraged. Have the determination to succeed and win.

Literature Evangelist Symposium, Hapur, India

24 September 1977

Chairman—K. S. Kongari, A/PDD, Northern Union

Hymn No. 448 "Far and Near the Fields are Teeming"

Isa. 54:2,3 "Enlarge ... lengthen ... and strengthen ..."

This verse means growth to me. God's remnant church is really growing, and the publishing work in particular. "This is the very work the Lord would have His people do at this time." *Colporteur Ministry* p. 6

Babu Singh (PDD, Upper Ganges Section)

There are 10 LEs in my Section: 2 Credentialed, 6 Licenced, and 2 Identification Card holders. They are conducting Branch Sabbath Schools, helping in efforts, enrolling people in the VOP courses, etc. They are always happy in this work.

C. J. Franklin

Recently I went to see a bank manager and canvassed him. In the middle of my presentation he told me—"You are an SDA and have brought me good books. I am happy for this. I know about your church doctrines, and plan to be a SDA someday." He then bought quite a number of books from me.

I. A. Fleuary

Ten days ago I worked three and a half hours on a rainy day

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with no sales. My wife was with me. I wanted to quit at that point—but my wife encouraged me to continue. After her encouragement and persuasion I went to see the director of an engineering firm to renew his subscription to our journal. He was glad for my visit and told me how our **HERALD OF HEALTH** had helped him to stop smoking and to eat regularly. He not only renewed his subscription—but asked me if we had books and he purchased Rs. 160 worth from me in only five minutes.

This man is on the right road.

J. P. Singh (Finished 3rd year engineering one year ago, was baptised at the '76 Falakata Institute. He was encouraged to do his work by his brother A. P. Lall who is a successful LE in Bihar State.)

I think the life of an engineer is nothing beside this work. One morning I went to see the principal of a school to sell our books. I had no money in pocket as I had just paid for my food and rickshaw. He bought all the books in my bag, including the **FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS** set. This amounted to Rs. 349.95. I was grateful for this order when my pocket was empty.

I have seven people ready for baptism right now.

Maqbul Massey (Holder of non-SDA BA degree—student at Spicer for three years)

I want to tell you about one of my customers. Recently I explained some of our books and journals to him, and he bought Rs. 100 worth. Afterwards he offered me tea, coffee and a smoke, but I of course, declined. I explained why I declined, and told him about the SDA church, too. Since then I have been able to help him to stop his vices through playing badminton. He likes our books and his new way of life.

Two of my recruits are in the audience. Herbert Samson and G. P. Kikan. (They stood) One of my customers got baptised this year.

G. P. Kikan (Baptised last year)

One man asked me recently—"What is in your bag?"

I replied—"Something good for you."

He asked—"Show me please." I did.

I showed him all about our journal **HERALD OF HEALTH** and he ordered it. I also enrolled him in a VOP correspondence course. One person this year has joined our church as a result of my work.

T. R. Gill (PDD, North India Section)

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that ... publisheth salvation." Isa. 52:7.

I believe this is referring to our LEs right now. They are doing much in operating Branch Sabbath Schools and helping in the churches.

E. M. Dass (From Srinagar in Kashmir)

Kashmir is a Moslem state. We have no church members there yet. I'm preaching the message there—through books.

Recently one man asked me if I had a book on frustrations, and help for this condition. I replied yes, and sold him **GOD SPEAKS TO MODERN MAN**.

S. M. Naihar

We are in a war—to win souls.

Recently I went to see a man with our books—and waited for one hour to see him. After my canvass he told me he was not interested and thus did not want to buy any. I told him, alright, I have done my duty to show them to you and you have done yours to decide. I left a bit discouraged, however. My next canvass was about the same. I showed my products and their advantages, and got a negative response. Here we continued to chat in a friendly way, however. This man then told me he was surprised that I didn't get mad and depart immediately after his refusal. He said this is what the other salesmen did. He asked me then about the books again. I then showed him books on moral

education—our set of children's books. He liked these and asked me for 20 sets, and one set of **FOOTPRINTS OF JESUS**.

I was now greatly encouraged by this huge sale.

Samuel Gill

Not long ago I showed our **HERALD OF HEALTH** journal to a certain couple. The man did not like it, however, and asked me to leave. He asked me to "get lost quickly." I was disappointed, but departed and went to the next house. Here a thin, poor-looking man invited me in. I explained our journal to him and he liked it. He asked for more publications, and I showed him more.

I showed him **GOD SPEAKS TO MODERN MAN, YOUR GUIDE TO HEALTH, HEALTH AND LONGEVITY, OUR TIMES**, etc. He bought all.

S. M. Gill (This LE sells books and looks after a church where there is no pastor.)

I'm happy to be a LE. Right now I'm selling in a military area. Just the other day I showed all my books to a Colonel, and he bought all. This amounted to Rs. 200 and included **GREAT CONTROVERSY, STEPS TO CHRIST, GOD SPEAKS TO MODERN MAN**, and a two-year subscription to our health journal.

I'm leading out in one church and two Sabbath Schools. I enjoy selling, and I enjoy helping the people in my church and sabbath schools. Pray for me and all the LEs.

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Dear reader—you know what a LE is, and a LE Symposium. You have read the summaries of the experiences related by many LEs at three symposiums. You know somewhat of the work, and most probably you are deeply impressed with what you have read. Your next step should be to acquire and read the book **COLPORTEUR MINISTRY** by Mrs. James White. After you have read this, you will know what to do next. □

A REFORM NEEDED

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things are not appreciated. Spiritual zeal diminishes. Peace of mind is lost. There is dissension, strife, and discord. Impatient words are spoken, and unkind deeds are done; dishonest practices are followed, and anger is manifested—and all because the nerves of the brain are disturbed by the abuse heaped on the stomach.

What a pity it is that often, when the greatest self-denial should be exercised, the stomach is crowded with a mass of unhealthful food, which lies there to decompose. The affliction of the stomach afflicts the brain. The imprudent eater does not realize that he is disqualifying himself for giving wise counsel, disqualifying himself for laying plans for the best advancement of the work of God. But this is so. He cannot discern spiritual things, and in council meetings, when he should say Yea, he says Nay. He makes propositions that are wide of the mark, because the food he has eaten has benumbed his brain power.

The failure to follow sound principles has marred the history of God's people. There has been a continual backsliding in health reform, and as a result God is dishonoured by a great lack of spirituality. Barriers have been erected which would never have been seen had God's people walked in the light.

Shall we who have had such great opportunities allow the people of the world to go in advance of us in health reform? Shall we cheapen our minds and abuse our talents by wrong eating? Shall we transgress God's holy law by following selfish practices? Shall our inconsistency become a byword? Shall we live such unchristianlike lives that the Saviour will be ashamed to call us brethren?

Shall we not rather do that medical missionary work which is the gospel in practice, living in such

a way that the peace of God can rule in our hearts? Shall we not remove every stumbling-block from the feet of unbelievers, ever remembering what is due to a profession of Christianity? Far better give up the name of Christian than make a profession and at the same time indulge appetites which strengthen unholy passions.

God calls upon every church member to dedicate his life unreservedly to the Lord's service. He calls for decided reformation. All creation is groaning under the curse. God's people should place themselves where they will grow in grace, being sanctified, body, and spirit, by the truth. When they break away from all health-destroying indulgences, they will have a clearer perception of what constitutes true godliness. A wonderful change will be seen in the religious experience.

The apostle plainly states that those who reach a high standard of righteousness must be temperate in all things. The Lord sends this message to His people: "Know ye not that they which run in a race all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air; but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

"It is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof." □

AWR—ASIA

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president, the opening devotional was conducted by the Acting Chairman, Pr. W. J. McHenry. Other meetings were conducted by Pr. E. A. Hetke, Pr. J. M. Curnow and Pr. D. R. Bankhead. The "VOP Directors and Radio Speakers Council" was organised and conducted by the Division Communication Advisor, Pr. A. M. Peterson.

The first day's meetings dealt with the radio outreach in Southern Asia through the broadcasts from

AWR-Asia. Reliable statistics indicate that we have a regular audience of 20 million people listening to our programmes. A tape recording, featuring many of the Adventist radio stations around the world was one of the interesting features of the day's activity.

Another tape recording was played on the second day. This one featured the eight programmes which are recorded each week in the Poona studio of AWR-Asia.

During the last three days of the council, emphasis was placed upon the importance of strengthening and building up our Voice of Prophecy Correspondence Schools.

The Director of each Correspondence School has a two fold responsibility. In the office he cares for the regular day by day conduct of the correspondence school. He also has an additional field responsibility of promoting VOP work, of visiting worthwhile VOP interests, and of conducting VOP evangelistic efforts and public meetings.

The Council concluded on Sabbath with the Divine Service in the Salisbury Park Memorial Church, when Pastor Peterson spoke on the "Adventist Outreach". □

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Newsflash

- * A three week evangelistic effort was recently conducted by the staff and students of Kellogg-Mookerjee School at Jalirpar in Bangladesh. The main speaker was Section evangelist, Pr. N. D. Roy.
- * A new store has been opened at the Kellogg-Mookerjee School at Jalirpar. This is the first time that the 300 staff and students have had an adequate shop on their campus.
- * In a building extension programme at the Kellogg-Mookerjee School in Jalirpar, Bangladesh, two new major structures have been added. Here is now a new dining hall, capable of seating the entire student body at one sitting and an extension to the main administrative building.
- * Two more "Testimony Countdown" programmes have been conducted in India. One commenced in the Bangalore English Church on September 28, and another was held subsequently in the Madras English Church. These series of meetings are being conducted by the Division Ministerial Advisor, Pr. W. G. Lowry.
- * The Roorkee Seventh-day Adventist High School celebrated its 50th Anniversary with special services on the Campus from October 20 to 22. Current Principal is Mr. S. D. Kujar.
- * The Adventist Dental Clinic in Dacca has been remodelled and now accommodates four chairs. Dr. and Mrs. Walter Hadley have returned to the United States, and have been replaced by Dr. and Mrs. David Johnson of Massachusetts.
- * Recently Pr. and Mrs. B. H. Stickle have returned to USA after many years of service in Southern Asia. To replace them, at the Bangladesh Adventist Academy, a new family has arrived, Pr. and Mrs. C. Ondrizek. Previously, the Ondrizek family has served at the Elsamie School in Bangkok, as well as in the education department of one of our colleges in Africa.
- * Spicer graduate Ronald Sapa Tlau is currently working in Mizoram with another evangelist. He states that eight people should soon be ready for baptism.
- * Sixty one and a half tons of books, magazines and pamphlets have been ordered by "It is Written", the Adventist TV series conducted by Elder George Vanderman. These items will be used in "Revelation Seminars" to be conducted in USA and Australia during the year 1977-78.
- * During the first six months of this year 181 people have been baptised in the Northeast India Section. Thirteen efforts have been conducted and at present our workers are studying the Bible doctrine with 276 people.
- * Reports from Uganda indicate that 27 church organisations, including the Seventh-day Adventist Church, have been banned in that country. It is not yet known what effect this decision will have on the 12,000 members and the continued operation of the Seventh-day Adventist educational and medical institutions in that country.
- * Geneva Jones of Palms Springs, California arrived in Pakistan to serve as a physician in the Karachi Adventist Hospital.
- * Three schools have been opened in the Madhya Bharat Region this year. Mrs. Jagdish Singh is the Headmistress of the school in Ujjain; Mrs. P. E. Howard started the school at Ajmer and is its headmistress; and Pr. E. F. Gardner opened one in Asind, the only English medium school in the town, of which Ulfat Masih is the headmaster.
- * The Karnataka Section is at present conducting 25 village efforts in the district of Belgaum and Gulbarga. The response to these meetings are very encouraging and they are expecting a very rich harvest at the end of these efforts.
- * The Maharashtra Section will be conducting three major efforts in the cities of Miraj, Amravati and Manmad. These are in addition to the 21 small scale city and village efforts and nine Quiet Hour Search for Truth efforts. In most of these meetings union and section officers will be actively participating.
- * Out of a planned 18 meetings in the North India Section eleven have been held. This has resulted in the baptism of 73 people. There are sixty other possible candidates who are studying with our workers.
- * The principal and staff of the Jullundur School conducted evangelistic meetings in the village of Madaran under the title "Jullundur Seventh-day Adventist School Community Project for Better Living." They featured singing, illustrated stories on flannel-graph, health talks and evangelistic doctrinal subjects.
- * An enthusiastic group of young people of the Shillong Church under the guidance of their church pastor have formed into 'The Living Circle Singers'. They have made several witnessing trips to outlying churches in the Khasi and Jaintia Hills. They also assist in revival and evangelistic meetings. Through fellowship with this group twelve young singers have been baptised.
- * Devadas Moses, 1970 graduate of Spicer College, and Charles Shultz, church pastor and health education incharge of the Scheer Memorial Hospital in Nepal, have joined the Health Education and Religious Philosophy departments of Spicer College. Mr. Moses and Mr. Shultz have both finished their M.A. in Religion at Andrews University and M.P.H. at Loma Linda University.

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