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OWPH enters the computer age.
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Christ in You

Alf Lobne



"Build up, build up,
prepare the road! Remove the
obstacles out of the way of my people."

I want to share with you a mystery that can bring you the greatest and most joyful experience of your life. When I discovered this "sacred mystery" for myself, it changed my life and solved many of my problems. It helps me every day. And whenever I meet people who have accepted Christ, I find them rejoicing in this simple secret.

In writing about his divine commission Paul says, "That I might fully declare God's Word—that sacred mystery which uptill now has been hidden in every age and every generation, but which is now as clear as daylight to those who love God. They are those to whom God has planned to give a vision of the full wonder and splendour of his secret plan for the nations. And the secret is simply this: Christ in you! Yes Christ in you, bringing with him the hope of all the glorious things to come" Col. 1:26-27, Phillips.

In Paul's time this was a startlingly new and different thought: the innermost secrets of the faith to be revealed to every nation. That which had been hidden in "every age and generation" was now to be "clear as daylight" to God's people.

Pagan practice was exactly the opposite of this. It followed secret ceremonies and mystic rites which only the initiated few were supposed to know. This is not so different from the rituals carried on today in secret societies and orders in this so-called enlightened age. Half-dark chambers, moonlight, midnight darkness, mystic formulas and strange words and ceremonies understood only by the initiated—it is all part of modern paganism. It is shocking to realize how little belief and unbelief have changed. Thousands of years in time and half a globe in distance make little difference.

But God has no desire to bide His sacred mystery. He will reveal it to all those who are ready and willing to receive it. Human understanding of itself cannot fathom out this secret because "The unspiritual man cannot simply accept the matters which the spirit deals with—they just don't make sense to him, for, after all, you must be spiritual to see spiritual things. The spiritual man, on the other hand, has an insight into the meaning of everything, though this insight may baffle the man of the world. This is because the former is sharing in God's wisdom, and Who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct him. Incredible as it may sound, we who are spiritual have the very thoughts of Christ!" 1 Cor. 2:14-16, Phillips

This does not mean that the "spiritual man" has reason to boast. All he has was given to him by God. The measure of his humility is also the measure of the depth of his understanding God has been able to share with him. God's revelation of divine mysteries is for the believing and the open-minded. To them it is "a vision of wonder and splendour."

There is no doubt about what the mystery Paul refers to is. "The secret is simply this: Christ in you! Yes, Christ in you, bringing with him the hope of all the glorious things to come." Col 1:27. Christ in you. What a marvellous statement! It must have meant a lot to Paul because he makes use of this expression seventy times in his letters. He must have believed that if he repeated this wonderful truth enough times, his readers would be sure to remember it!

Christ in you. Christ in me. This is the secret. This is the solution to many of life's problems. This is the way to peace. "I die on the cross with Christ. And my present life is not that of the old 'I', but the living Christ within me. The godly life I now live, I live believing in the Son of God, who loved me and sacrificed himself for me" Gal. 2:20, Phillips

The indwelling Christ changes things. We see things in a new light, hear them with a different meaning, do them in a new way. The greatest beauty of the church is not in its organization. It is not in its church buildings or institutions. Not even the doctrines of the church are of first importance when it comes to making it attractive. Christ in you—Jesus revealing Himself in the lives and the words of those who love Him—this is the beauty, the power, the glory of the mystery of God.

This is what Paul so desperately longed to see in the church. He uses the illustration of childbirth, and it is perhaps the clearest as phrased in the Living New Testament, "Ob, my children, how you are hurting me. I am once again suffering for you the pains of a mother waiting for her child to be born, longing for the time when you will be finally filled with Christ." Gal. 4:19.

With greater intensity, God is longing for us to be filled with Christ. He is longing for the sacred mystery to be revealed in the lives of His children.

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Elder Alf Lobne is a general vice-president of the General Conference.



The Jullundur Church witnessed the baptism of seven young people, and accepted them into church fellowship, July 3, 1982. The baptism followed an AY Week of Prayer conducted by Pastor D. S. Poddar, section president, who also baptised the candidates. Left to right; Dr. A. T. Jonahs, church elder, Wilson Gill, Samson Gill, Mr. and Mrs. Mohinder Paul, Anita Massey, Renu Sidhu, Amita Sondhi and B. S. Massey, church pastor. The Jullundur Church, however, is greatly saddened by the passing away of Renu Sidhu, aged 14. While lighting a stove, she caught fire and was burnt seriously and rushed to the Civil Hospital. Before sleeping in the Lord, Renu expressed her joy of accepting Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour. She was the only child of Dr. and Mrs. Sidhu.

Christian perfection

ELLEN G. WHITE

As man works on the plan of addition, God works on the plan of multiplication.

And beside this," the apostle continues, "giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity" (2 Peter 1: 5-7). As man works on the plan of addition, adding grace to grace, God works on the plan of multiplication. Peter declares, "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue" (verses 2, 3).

"For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (verse 8). But a profession of faith without corresponding works is nothing. "He that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins" (verse 9). This is a description of a professed Christian who lives a life of sin. He grieves the Lord Jesus, and puts Him to open shame because he manifests a character after the similitude of Satan. He retains the same objectionable traits of character that he had before he claimed to have received Christ. Indulging his corrupt tendencies, he forgets to be a doer of the Word. He does not eat the flesh nor drink the blood of the Son of God. He does not practice Christ's words nor do His works.

Then comes the conclusion: "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (verses 10, 11). This is the life-insurance policy that every one may have. "Wherefore," the apostle says, "I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance" (verse 12, 13).

For a man to be effectually saved, the truth of the Word must be inwrought in the soul. It is a power that works inwardly to bless the soul of the receiver, and outwardly to bless the souls of others. Take the Word just as it reads, and be a doer of it. The Holy Spirit works with the consecrated soul who searches the Scriptures.

Now, just now is our great opportunity to study the Word of life. The hearts of many in this world are hungering and thirsting for the bread of life and the water of salvation. They desire to know the Scriptures; they desire to know what the Word of God says to them. The Holy Spirit is impressing their hearts, drawing them to the

bread of life. They see every thing around them changing. They come to hear the Word just as it reads. They desire to build upon a firm foundation; and therefore Christians are counselled to be always ready to give a reason of the hope that is in them, with meekness and fear.

A clear, faithful testimony must be borne by every shepherd of the flock of God. The state of the heart is to be our first concern. "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:10). Mere speech is nothing. Preaching the Word, and then working contrary to that Word, makes it of none effect. Lip knowledge, forms, and ceremonies are of little value if Christ does not abide in the soul. We are to watch for souls as they that must give an account. We are to sanctify the Lord God in our hearts. Then we shall be men and women of faith and prayer and power. There is a great work to be done. The heart must be faithfully sentinelled, else pride and rebellion will bear rule within. Evils without will awaken evils within, and the soul will wander in its own homemade fog, all the time charging upon someone else the result of its own unchristian course of action.

The living Word must dwell in us richly, else we can never sanctify the Lord God in our hearts. We must live by the Word, and take self in hand, closely examining ourselves to see whether we love God, or are bound up in our own conceit. Every heart that is not subdued by grace is treacherous, and will lead to ruin.

What privileges are ours if we will only believe and walk humbly before God, ever seeking to learn His will concerning us. The graces of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness—are the fruits that a life hid with Christ in God will produce. As a people who have had great light, we should be far advanced in spirituality and holiness. "Neither pray I for these things alone," Christ said, "but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they may also be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them as thou hast loved me" (John 17:20-23). By manifesting Christlike love we present to the world the credentials that God sent His Son to this earth to save the human race. It is our privilege so fully to partake of the divine nature that we may be one with Christ as He is one with the father. When this is so, Christ can confess us before God and before the heavenly angels.



Group studies yield results

From this Bible study group 11 were baptized.

South Kerala reports 291 baptisms for the first two quarters of 1982. Many accepted the truth as a result of group Bible studies conducted by local evangelists and pastors.

At Kallumala group study began with five and increased to 13. One of them that joined the group at a later stage was a nurse working in U.P. who had come home for her annual leave. A former V.O.P. student, she asked many questions on the Sabbath, judgement, baptism by immersion and the state of the dead. Mr. M. M. Abraham answered from the Bible her many doubts and questions, and the Holy Spirit convinced her of the truth which she accepted.

Her decision to join the Adventist Church enraged her husband. Under the influence of Alcohol he threatened that he would kill her if she went against his wish. Undaunted she stood firm by her conviction. Three days before her baptism she invited her husband to come and witness it. His response was an angry shout. But she ventured again politely, "Would you permit me to be baptized?" To which she received a No answer.

The next day and the next she tried again, this time an invitation to join her in Bible class. Friday evening he surprised her by returning home early, 4:30 p.m. From his walk and his action she knew that he was sober. He took a bath and put on clean clothes and was ready to accompany his wife to her Bible class. It did not stop there. He attended church service the next day and witnessed his wife's baptism in the afternoon. What he saw and heard touched his heart and he decided to join the Bible studies. Before long he too gave his heart to the Lord and was baptized.

Another evangelist, H. Sam, began gospel meetings among a group of labourers in an interior area called Killikkadu. These people spend a major portion of their income in drinking, smoking and chewing *pan*. Starvation, constant quarrelling and sickness paint the stories of many homes.

After a few meetings, the evangelist could see some change in the lives of the labourers. Eighteen stepped out to accept the whole message and were baptized.

A church pastor at Kottarakara, T. Sathiadas, began a series of Bible classes with the intention to teach the members more of the fundamental teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. A few members attended these night classes regularly. But after a time, non-Adventists began to swell the group. Seeing the interest, the church pastor organized his church members into groups to visit these new comers at home. Tracts and booklets were also distributed among them. At the close of the series 17 were baptized.

Encouraged by the results in Kottarakara, the pastor has begun a similar programme at Oommanoor, 10 kilometers from Kottarakara. More than 250 people are attending.

B. Samuel, one of the church pastors at Adventpuram, heard of two former Seventh-day Adventist families who sold out and went to settle down in a remote hilly area called Chettikunnu.

He decided to locate these two families. After a long search, he did. And there in the remote settlement he

found many Christians; not one group with a place of worship. The two Adventist families requested the church pastor to begin a series of meetings and promised to construct a shed for the meetings.

Within a few days everything was arranged and the meetings began. The shed was packed each night. Through prayer and fasting many were made free in the name of Jesus from demon possession. The series of meetings resulted in 31 precious souls committed to God and the three angels' messages. Many are continuing with Bible studies. **

What a visit can mean

September 18 was a day of rededication and fasting for the church at Kolhapur. Each member pledged to work for the salvation of others during the 1000 Days of Reaping. On that day two were added to the Kolhapur church through baptism.

One of the candidates was Deepak Sonule, 13 years old. Some years ago while they lived in North India and the father was serving in the Indian army, a Seventh-day Adventist pastor and his wife visited their locality. Seeing children playing in front of a four storey building, the pastor asked if they knew of any Christians living in that area as they had come to pray in their homes. Though they were non-Christians, Deepak invited the pastor and his wife to come to his house. He led them to the fourth floor where they met his parents. The pastor spoke of the love of Jesus and how he came to die on the cross for their sins. As visits became frequent, Deepak's parents yielded to the working of the Holy Spirit and accepted the message and were baptized into the Adventist Church. **

OWPH acquires modern machines

W. A. Benwell

Progress to a publishing house means a steady flow of books and magazines into the hands of LEs, meeting the ever rising demand for more with greater speed. The Oriental Watchman Publishing House has long felt the strain of overtime work to keep up with the demand while working with slow machines.

The introduction of two modern machines makes news for the OWPH and relieves the stress and strain in the bindery and the composing room. The three-knife trimmer, installed in July, cuts three sides of magazines or books in one operation, saving the time of cutting one side at a time and changing gauge for each side. Seeing work accomplished faster, the bindery workers are encouraged. Besides the bindery has caught up with the back-log of books which the NHHS and the LEs have waited anxiously for.

The Linoterm phototypesetter, which has just begun operation, places the OWPH in the computer age. This issue of the *Tidings* is the first magazine to be set on this machine and printed offset. The machine is one of the earlier models of computer typesetters, but is nevertheless fascinating to operate and to watch being operated.

The operator begins by giving a job name. He then indicates the line length, size of type, space between lines, and font required. The matter is then set on a floppy disc. When the job is finished, it can be recalled on the screen, proofread, corrected if necessary, and then the machine can be told to output this onto bromide paper. While the machine is doing this, the operator can be setting a new job. This phototypesetter will set recorded text from the floppy disc at a speed of 18 lines per minute.

The press is looking towards the future. Statements from the writings of Mrs. E. G. White give us great courage. "Our publishing houses are God's appointed centres, and through them is to be accomplished a work the magnitude of which is yet unrealized. 7T 144. "And in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of the other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory." 7T 180.

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* For the pupils of the Tambaram school the experience of the Week of Prayer, August 2-6, was one of friendship, songs, stories, health talks and prayers. During this week they made friends with the speaker, Pastor J. D. Johnson, who introduced them to his best friend, Jesus Christ. They learned one new song a day about Him. Heard stories from the Bible and memorized Bible verses. A few minutes each day were devoted to health talks. The children participated in the question and answer period. They dropped their questions in the question box and Pastor Johnson attempted to answer them honestly. Each meeting concluded with the pupils praying together in prayer groups. Of the 116 pupils only 50 were Christians.

* This year the Karnataka State Bible Auxiliary unit delegates and members chose the Bangalore Seventh-day Adventist Church for their 157th Thanksgiving Service location. Pastor P. H. Lall, vice-president and Consultative Committee Chairman of the Auxiliary, and Pastor V. D. Edward, member of the State-level Membership Development Committee, were active in hosting this annual meeting. In his keynote address, Rt. Rev. M. Elia Peter, Bishop of the Methodist South India Regional Conference, maintained that the Bible is not a hammer, neither is it a magic charm, but a vibrant, living word that speaks to, shapes and moulds the Christian life.



Pastor V. Raju, OWPH manager, and Mr. W. A. Benwell introduce to you *The Upward Look*, a yearly devotional book for morning manna for 1983. *The Upward Look* is the thirteenth morning watch commentary authored by Ellen G. White. It is compiled from letters or manuscripts written or given orally by her on the same calendar day.

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For about a decade the once flourishing Indore church limped along without a pastor. The church school principal divided his time between school work and church work, the school being more pressing re-

ceived due attention but the church was neglected.

When a new principal was appointed in June, he was asked to take a special interest in the church work as well. Taking the direction given

Nine Added to Indore Church

him by the Madhya Bharat Region director, Principal C. L. Chad released a teacher, A. M. Sagar, for church work. Mr. Sagar began visiting the members in their homes, encouraging them not to leave the fellowship of the church.

In a month, a team of three, Pastor J. B. Bazroy, A. M. Sagar, and K. Bhatti, began cottage meetings in Shukla Nagar. The meetings resulted in nine joining the Indore church.

Encouraged by the result in Indore, Pastor Bazroy and Mr. Sagar began visiting backslidden members of Mhow, 14 miles from Indore. They are now holding public meetings as well.



So You Married the Sphinx?

R. H. Pierson

"I have a husband who has forgotten how to talk," a distressed woman complains. "All he does is grunt when he wants something. Please help me."

I have a hunch this is not an isolated case. Through the years I have met many a spouse who is greeted by nothing more responsive than the Sphinx every morning, with little improvement through out the day. What to do?

If this is your problem, first you might analyze your own conversa-

tional habits. Do you do all the talking? Is it hard for you not to monopolize the conversation, especially when company is present? Consider the possibility that your partner has become discouraged and simply withdrawn.

How about the topics of conversation? It can get pretty boring when a partner wants to talk about topics only he or she is interested in. Can you find ways to broaden what's up for discussion?

Then there are the interrupters. Oh, they don't mean to do it, in fact, after a while they don't even recognize that they are doing it. But every time you begin a sentence, they finish it for you and then go on for another paragraph. In reality, it's as effective as saying "shut up!" One of the best ways to encourage a partner to share with you is to listen carefully to everything they do have to say and let them know you really want to understand.

Who knows, you may awaken the Sphinx!

"Minute Manna for Marrieds" is a series of articles provided by the Home and Family Service of the General Conference.

South American Youth Active

During 50 days of travelling in the South American Division, J. H. Harris, GC Associate Youth Director, was impressed constantly with the major role the youth play in the evangelistic outreach of the church, and the importance and care the church places on the youth.

In the South Brazil Union, 850 youth workers handle the day-to-day direction of youth ministries in the local congregations and, amazingly, they have additional 250 trained youth leaders awaiting an opportunity to fill leadership vacancies as they may occur.

In Belo Horizonte, the Pathfinder staff held 28 Voice of Youth meetings, resulting in 28 separate Bible classes. So far 129 have been baptized and two new churches have been established.

At East Brazil College, 200 students completed a specialized leadership training course along with nearly 550 lay persons. Leadership training is a much sought goal by youth workers for extending the ministries to the youth.

In Santiago, Chile, in connection with the first national youth congress, the youth and conference leaders dedicated and donated to the city a Ten Commandment monument. The commandments were carved on two four-by-seven-foot granite slabs each weighing 1,500 pounds.

Scientists enlist computer in Genesis controversy

Who wrote the book of Genesis, or more precisely how many authors wrote it?—is a question that has troubled Biblical scholars for the past 200 years. Scientists at the Technion, Israel's Institute of Technology, have given the problem to a computer which has answered that Genesis has only one author.

A team of researchers, coordinated by Yehuda Radday, a Bible scholar of the Technion's general studies department, fed the words of Genesis into a computer, which conducted a painstaking and complete analysis of the book's linguistic makeup. After appraising the computer data, the scientists concluded that Genesis most likely was written by one hand.

These findings support the view held for centuries that the five books of Moses, which include Genesis, had only one author. Traditionalists held that it was Moses himself.

In the past few hundred years, however, scholars have attributed the book to three authors, due to contradictions and repetitions in the text.

The most blatant inconsistency, they said, was the use of two names for the Deity. Thus they designated two authors, according to the names each gave the Deity, as the Jahwist ("J") and the Elohist ("E"). The remaining sections comprised of genealogies and treatises, learned writings, and the like, were credited to a priestly writer designated as "P".

Today this fragmentation of Genesis into J, E, and P is widely accepted in Biblical scholarship and taught at nearly all the world's universities. The theory is called the "documentary hypothesis."

When the scientists at Technion studied the computer's analysis of Genesis they found the J and E narratives to be indistinguishable linguistically. The third, the P sections, did differ widely from both, but Professor Radday notes that such a discrepancy is to be expected, since dramatic accounts and legal documents by nature require different language usage.

"If you compared love letters and a telephone directory written by the same person, linguistic analysis would point to different authors," says Professor Radday.

The question of the unity of Genesis first was raised at the beginning of the nineteenth century by the German Protestant theologian Julius Wellhausen, who noted the contradictions, duplications and differences in style in Genesis, for example, there are supposedly two conflicting accounts of Creation in chapters 1 and 2. In one, man and woman are created at the same time; in the other, Eve is created from Adam's rib,

For these reasons, the "documentary hypothesis,"

propounded by Wellhausen, claims that not Moses, but a later editor, who may have lived at the earliest during or after King David's reign (about 1000 B.C.E.—Before the Common Era), compiled Genesis, from ancient oral traditions or written documents.

In another theory contradicting that of Professor Radday's team, Richard Friedman, a professor of Hebrew and comparative literature in the University of California at San Diego, says that parts of the first five books of the Bible were written in about 600 B.C.E. by rival groups of priests seeking to protect their political power. Professor Friedman says that two authors added the rival views of descendants of Moses and Moses' brother Aaron. Since the groups differed in their interpretation of history, their additions to the Bible have left us with two intertwined stories that do not agree.

When the Bible was assembled into its present form, says Professor Friedman, the editors—whoever they were—could not discard either version, since both had become famous.

The California Professor cites the story of Noah and the Flood, in which Noah is told by God to bring two of every animal aboard the ark. A bit later in Genesis Noah is told to bring seven pairs of each clean animal. These conflicting accounts, according to Professor Friedman, are due to differing views on animal sacrifice held by the two groups.

Statistical Proof

The Israeli team however stands firm on its contention, backed up by 54 indicators obtained through a combination of statistics, linguistics, computer science, and Biblical scholarship. The indicators include word length, use of the definite article and of the conjunction "and," vocabulary richness, and frequency of transitions between word categories.

"These criteria are a reliable gauge of authorship because these traits are beyond the author's conscious control and, what is more, are countable," says Professor Radday.

Radday worked together with Hiam Shore, a Tel Aviv University statistician; Moshe A. Pollatschek, an operations research specialist in Technion's industrial management and engineering faculty; and Dieter Wickmann, a mathematician at the Aachen Technische Hochschule, in Germany.

The team claims total objectivity. "A computer does not take sides," they maintain.

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ELLEN DAVIDSON

November—VOP Evangelism Month

VOP Day—November 13

Church Construction Begins for Badami Bagh

Mernie Johnson

The corner stone of the Badami Bagh church was laid at a special service on the evening of August 26, 1982. The building of any new church is a very happy occasion in itself; but the Badami Bagh church is also special for a distinctive reason. It is the fruition of three years of active efforts initiated by the publishing workers in the Lahore area.

In the latter part of 1979, Publishing Department Director John Mall and some LEs decided to hold an evangelistic effort in the Badami Bagh area, making it a special project of the publishing department. One full month of evening meetings by the LEs culminated in the baptism of 22 souls for Christ.

In many areas interest dies because of lack of follow up-work. This was not allowed to happen in Badami Bagh. Each Sabbath afternoon for the past three years, Paul Dean and Charles Dean have held doctrinal studies with the group or have made arrangements for someone to meet with the group if they personally were unable to attend.

Not long after the evangelistic effort ended, Mrs. Charles Dean, a qualified adult literacy instructor, began an adult literacy class in Badami Bagh, where practically none of the members or interested people were literate. This program met with much enthusiasm, and several people

learned to read their Bibles. The class was so popular that Mrs. Dean was requested to conduct another such program. Currently she is scheduled to begin a third adult literacy class in Badami Bagh. Because of the interest in the adult literacy program in Badami Bagh, relatives of members there requested that Mrs. Dean conduct a similar program in their home area of Kashmiri Gate, about a mile away. Interest has grown in that area, and probably will lead to another evangelistic effort.

Vacation Bible Schools are another

means of keeping the interest in the Gospel very much alive. For the past three summers, VBS programs have been conducted in Badami Bagh by students from Pakistan Adventist Seminary and College.

Because of the continued efforts in this area, more baptisms have taken place. A second evangelistic effort was held there. And to date there are 36 baptized members in the Badami Bagh church group.

Thus far the meetings have been held either on a vacant lot or in someone's home. Church members there



Happy church members rejoice that their group will soon have a church building in which to worship. Literature Evangelist Paul Dean (back row, upper right) was one of the regular workers for the Badami Bagh efforts.



Allah Ditta, once illiterate until adult literacy classes were held by Mrs. Charles Dean, can now read the Bible and is one of the church leaders in Badami Bagh.

have been anxious to have their own church building in which to worship. After considerable effort, a plot of land central to the church family was finally acquired. Although the location of the land was ideal the condition of the plot was not at all good. It was a very low-lying area into which all the drainage naturally flowed, and which the community chose to use as garbage dump. After the purchase

was finalized, church members went to work cleaning up the area and filling in the land to raise it approximately six feet, to a level that would allow good drainage.

Members brought bricks and other building materials and at last construction was ready to begin. A very special ceremony commemorated

this important event. Publishing workers, union officers, the section president and several neighbouring factory owners attended the service. Pastor Z. M. Zubaid, union secretary, gave a message of encouragement. Mr. Ivan Jones, manager of the Qasid Publishing House and a strong supporter of the Badami Bagh project, laid the bricks which would become the cornerstone of the new church. Special music, garlands and a sumptuous meal added to the celebration.

The Badami Bagh church construction is special for one further reason. It is a part of a growing concern for the inner-city people. Church leaders in Pakistan look at Badami bagh as the beginning of a work that will take the Gospel message to many in Lahore city. **

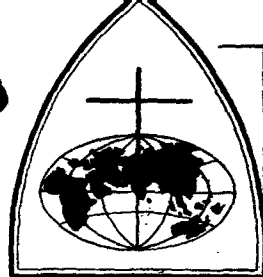
Mrs. Mernie Johnson is the wife of the president of the Pakistan Union, which designation demands both devotion and time. Besides, she is a home-maker and a mother. Whether serving as a health-worker, home and family director or an editor, she has enjoyed doing her best.



Leaders of the Pakistan Union, Punjab section and Badami Bagh church group meet together for a special cornerstone-laying ceremony. Meeting was held on the church building site, with mats laid on the ground and tenting hung around the area to provide a makeshift church.



Qasid Publishing House Manager Ivan Jones lays the cornerstone bricks for the new Badami Bagh church building.



RHODE ISLAND

Bible wins tax-free status

The Holy Bible and other scriptures now enjoy the tax-free status available in Rhode Island to Playboy, Penthouse, and other magazines, daily newspapers, and periodicals. Governor J. Joseph Garrahy has signed into law legislation exempting the Bible from the 6% sales tax on novels and other books.

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FAR EAST

Christians elected governor, executive officer

Elected recently as top officials of Ngatpang State, republic of Palau, were Ngratkel Etpison, governor, and Sam Whipps, executive officer. Both are members of the Koror church.

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TRANS-AFRICA

Food packets for children in South Africa

One hundred and eight adults attended the cooking demonstration held at the Soweto Tabernacle in South Africa. More than \$700 from a Canadian international organization was used during the cooking classes to prepare packets of food to give to mothers for their children. While the mothers were attending the classes, the children listened to Bible stories told by some of the church women.

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UNITED STATES

H. M. S. Richards honoured and recovering

H. M. S. Richards was honoured at a celebration of Thanksgiving on Sunday evening, August 29, at the Glendale (Calif.) Civic Auditorium. Over 850 persons attended the event, held one day after Pastor Richards' 88th birthday. The banquet and testimonial program were sponsored by the Greater Glendale Chapter of the VOP Committee of 500.

Elder Richards was unable to attend the celebration because of the stroke he suffered at his home on Wednesday

night, August 25. He has been in the intensive care unit at Glendale Adventist Medical Center since then.

Daily reports from the hospital indicate continual improvement in Elder Richards' condition. He has both feeling and movement in his left arm and leg, and he is talking to his family and the medical staff.

Fortunately the Sunday broadcasts for the rest of this year and early 1983 are already recorded, so listeners will continue to hear both H. M. S. Richards and H. M. S. Richards, Jr., each week.

Featured speaker at the birthday celebration was Elder Morris Venden, pastor of the church at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. His tribute included many scenes from his own life in which Pastor Richards had played a role.

Highlights of the birthday celebration included messages from many church and government leaders. U.S. Representative Carlos Moorhead read a letter from President Reagan, as well as a tribute to Richards that appeared in the *Congressional Record* earlier in August. Greetings from the General Conference were brought by Elder Charles E. Bradford, vice-president for the North American Division.

As a finale for the celebration, Glendale artist Dr. William Nethery unveiled a painting of Elder Richards. The painting will be hung at the Voice of Prophecy.

—VOP NEWS RELEASE

TRANS-AFRICA

Ellen G. White Research Centre

With an increased budget, the staff of the Pieter Wessels Library on the campus of Helderberg College in South Africa are striving to reach a basic goal of 50,000 books. They are 17,000 short of the goal. The library now subscribes to 170 journals and periodicals. An Ellen G. White Research Centre will open there on January 1, 1983.

—ADVENTIST REVIEW

TRANS-AFRICA

Church burgled

Three burglaries last year left the Shabani church in Zimbabwe with no chairs for its members to sit on. Old park benches and bus seats were found and used while the church members began a drive to raise funds for new pews, which have now been installed.

—ADVENTIST REVIEW

EASTERN EUROPE

Radio reaches remote corners

The place was a remote corner, a village not easy to reach, somewhere in Eastern Europe. Every Sunday morning a group of about ten people met in the home of the family C, who possessed a radio set, rather old but with a good shortwave receiver. There they listened together to the "Voice of Hope" from faraway Portugal.

Months later the pastor of an Adventist church decided to begin evangelistic activities in that area of his district. He mailed invitations to all neighbouring villages. By "chance" a program came into the home of that family. Once they had attended the first meeting and found out that it was the same message they had listened to on radio, they did not miss a meeting. Through winter's ice and snow they rode bicycles the ten miles from their village to the meeting place. Today they and two of their neighbours are preparing for baptism.

—ADVENTIST REVIEW

AUSTRALASIA

Literature evangelists special part-time program

Australasia's literature evangelists will launch a special part-time program under the slogan, "1000 Hours in 1000 Days." The plan is to spend 1000 hours selling Adventist literature during the One Thousand Days of Reaping.

—ADVENTIST REVIEW

Ellen White in Brazil

Robert G. Wearnar

Almost 70 years after Ellen White's death, the influence of her life and writings is felt throughout Brazil.

Ellen White never visited Brazil in person. However, she is well known here. Almost 70 years after her death, the influence of her life and writings is felt in every corner of this great country. Nearly fifty of her works have been translated into Portuguese, the national language. The Brazil Publishing House is now in the process of republishing all her principal books in a standard size, all bound in dark-blue cloth.

At Northeast Brazil College, my son Ronald and I, with the help of several other teachers, put on a special Spirit of Prophecy week. We told stories of Ellen White's work in the United States, in Europe, and in Australia. Then it occurred to me to present an evening program entitled "Ellen White in Brazil." I asked for volunteers in several of my theology classes who would like to tell of the influence of Mrs. White's books in their lives. Several responded.

Jonas Vaz told his story. He was reared in a Protestant family and first learned of Seventh-day Adventists through the Voice of Prophecy in Portuguese. He studied for the ministry in a large seminary operated by his church in the city of Recife in Northeast Brazil. His professor of comparative religions warned his students against Adventists. According to him they were legalists, seeking to save themselves by keeping the law. The dangerous heretical sect was especially obnoxious because it was ruled by a "female pope." Jonas entered the ministry with the avowed purpose of warning everyone against being deceived by such an "unchristian" religious group.

After about six years as a Protestant pastor he received a letter from a former classmate who had become an Adventist. Gradually his opinions changed. An Adventist neighbour conversed with him, and eventually he studied the Bible with an Adventist pastor. It was difficult for him to accept the doctrine of conditional immortality of the soul, but in time he became convinced of it. His wife was quicker to grasp the Adventist message than he was. Renouncing his pastorate and deciding to study in our

seminary, he still had misgivings about Ellen White. In Paulo Marquart's Spirit of Prophecy class, however, he read *The Desire of Ages*. This beautiful study of the life of Jesus completely changed his concept of Mrs. White. The reading of this book gave him a new vision of the world's Redeemer, and renewed his desire to preach the gospel. After finishing his studies, he accepted a call to pastor a district of Adventist churches.

Manoel Abdoral de Freitas had a Catholic mother and a Baptist father. He had little interest in religion, but to please his mother he took his first Communion at 10 years of age. Some years later as a teenager, Abdoral was looking over the books in their home library when he noticed one entitled *A Vida de Jesus*, an Ellen White book on the life of Christ sold by literature evangelists in Brazil. He began to read it with interest and found that Jesus kept the seventh-day Sabbath.

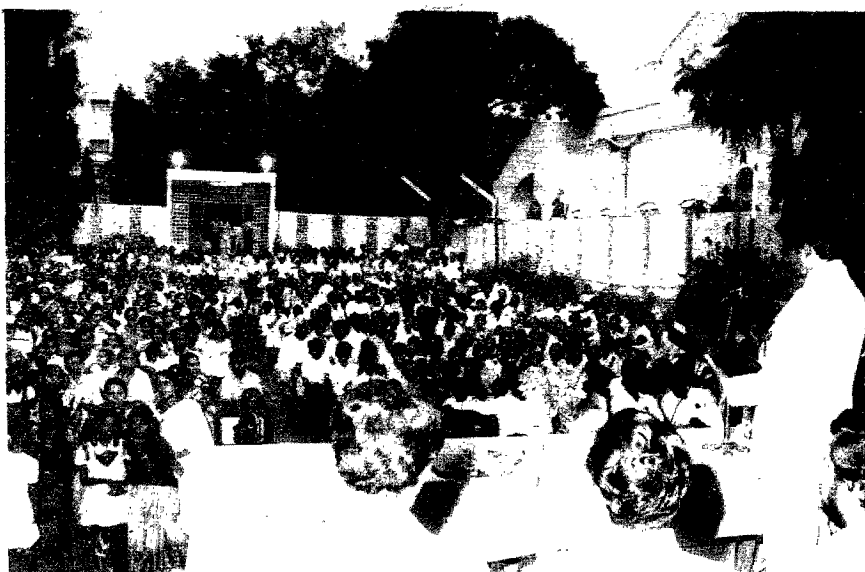
Although he had never met a Sabbathkeeper, he decided to observe the seventh day. Not knowing any better, he kept the Sabbath from midnight to midnight. Then he began to visit one church after another—the Baptist, the Presbyterian, the Jehovah's Witnesses, the Pentecostal. No pastor, however, could answer his question about the Sabbath. There was no Seventh-day Adventist church in his town. As he read his Bible from cover to cover, his spiritual experience grew, and his convictions became stronger. By this time his father had forsaken religion completely, and his mother tried to persuade him to give up his strange ideas. She insisted that the Catholic priests and Protestant pastors knew much more than he did about the day of worship. But he refused to change.

When does Sabbath begin?

Then one day an Adventist literature evangelist visited the home when Abdoral was away. He sold a book to his mother and returned on Saturday night to deliver it. The young man was thrilled to meet an Adventist for the first time, but was concerned to find him working during what he considered as holy time. The literature evangelist quickly turned to the texts that show that the Sabbath begins and ends at sunset. For a time Abdoral corresponded with the literature evangelist. He took the Voice of Prophecy lessons, but the untimely death of the literature evangelist ended the contact. After three months he met a missionary-minded layman employed by the railroad who encouraged him to be baptized. Now he is studying for the ministry.

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Vizag School Welcomes Inspection Team

To Vizag School August 2-4 meant the end of preparation to show forth what the school is doing and what its potentials are. For three days the school had in its midst eight educators working as a team to inspect and evaluate the various details of the school program.

The first inspection day coincided with the parents' day program which was held at the Apsara Hotel. Principal C. M. J. Suverna Raj, introduced the evaluation team, headed by Dr. John M. Fowler, to the parents who welcomed the team with thunderous applause.

Hours of practising paid off in a delightful cultural program by the children. The Principal presented the school report; Dr. Fowler spoke on the role of Adventists in the field of education; and parents voiced their appreciation for the school's faithfulness in being a bright beacon of light to the community. It is their hope that the school be up-graded to a plus two program.

The evaluation team was made up of Dr. Fowler, division education advisor; Dr. K. J. Moses of Spicer College; K. Bhaskara Rao, union education director; the three section presidents, S. S. Pandit, P. Judson Moses, and N. S. Bhasker Rao; P. Steven Kelly, principal of Narsapur School;

and George Luke, principal of Secunderabad School. **

To restore in man the image of his Maker, to bring him back to the perfection in which he was created, to promote the development of body, mind, and soul, that the divine purpose in his creation might be realized,—this was to be the work of redemption. This is the object of education, the great object of life.

—*Education*, page 15, 16.

Burma Graduates 19

In a beautiful commencement service, 19 Burma Union Bible Seminary students graduated. About 500 people attended the week-end services, representing a cross-section of the people of Burma.

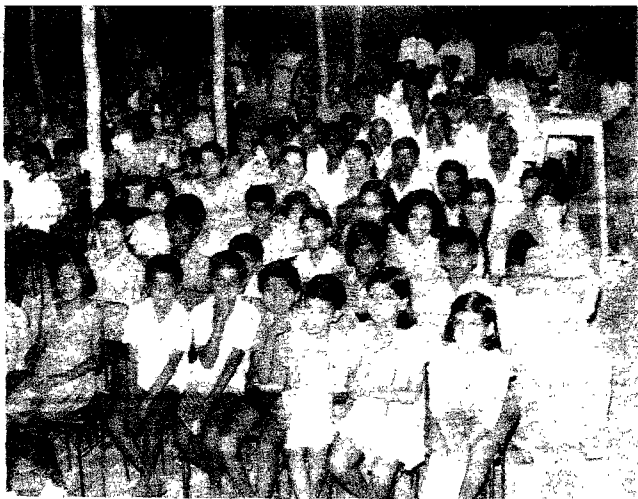
Each year, a few months before graduation, members of the graduating class go out with their teachers to take part in public evangelism as one of the requirements for graduation.

This time they chose to work among the people of the plains, in the Arrakan Yoma area on the sea-side. Fishermen by trade, they are known for their distinct culture, strong traditional beliefs and their special pride in their preserved written records.

A music class for the boys and a sewing class for the girls broke down prejudices. Each class opened with a Short worship. Before long many

people were attracted to these worships. When assured that enough people were interested in what they had to offer, the students began public meetings. The students made themselves at home with the community, visiting them in their homes and helping them in their fishing work. The effort resulted in 21 precious souls.

The young graduates leave the gates of their Alma Mater ready to work for the people. Not all of them receive denominational work appointment because Burma produces more graduates than they can absorb in the work. But one day the church in Burma will have a very strong laity, laymembers who are spiritually strong, biblically grounded and mentally alert, witnessing by their lives in all the important towns of Burma **



Batticaloa church rejoices over five

Since the days of pioneer evangelists like James Prakasam and Francis Scott, for 25 years a church and a small school have continued to hold the light of truth for the people of Batticaloa, Sri Lanka. And in July a special series of evangelistic meetings were conducted in this town. Leading evangelists of Sri Lanka under the leadership of Dr. John Willmott, division ministerial advisor, worked together at this campaign that attracted about 200 people regularly. At the close of the meetings five were received into church membership through baptism.

Other Advenist activities at Batticaloa includes welfare work among cyclone victims. The Adventists cooperated with the government in providing houses for those rendered homeless by the cyclone.

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Clockwise: (1) A section of the crowd that attended the Batticaloa meetings. (2) V. Sambasiva Iyer, assistant government agent, gives a health talk on Home and Environment at the same meeting, Dr. John Willmott, main speaker, waits his turn. (3) Workers and laymen and many of their wives who assisted in the meetings.

Pathfinder Day

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Tomaz Edison Meira, a freshman, had a most thrilling story. Coming from the state of Bahia, he lives in the state capital, Salvador. His cousin Luis, who lives at Jequie, a few kilometers away, was a member of an amateur rock music group. He and his friends were deeply involved in the drug culture. One day he was visiting in the home of a marijuana merchant and found a copy of *The Great Controversy*. Luis paged through it and asked permission to read it. The more he read, the more interested he became. As he and his friends smoked marijuana, they took turns reading the book aloud. Some of the boys liked the reading, others did not. One of the group took a special interest. He was a spiritist by the name of Florisvaldo Figueredo Fernandes.

One day three of the young men climbed a high hill called Alto to Cruzeiro. There they sat for some time smoking and reading the Bible and *The Great Controversy*. Suddenly Florisvaldo began to scream, "I don't want the Bible!" One friend ran away, but Luis continued to read the Bible. He begged his friend to think of the name of Jesus. Soon the spirit left him. Realizing that they needed help, Luis finally persuaded his spiritist friend to attend a Seventh-day Adventist church. He felt they could get help there. They both enjoyed the sermon by a layman. Later they attended an Adventist youth camp, and the young people gave

the rock musicians Bible studies. Satan did not give up easily, but in time the young men gained complete victory over their evil habits and surrendered their lives to Jesus.

In the meantime Luis remembered his cousin in Salvador and sent him a copy of *The Great Controversy*. An avid reader, Tomaz read the book with interest. When he was halfway through the book, he felt condemned because of his sinful life. He decided to skip to the back of the book to see how the story ended. After reading the last chapters, he felt even more condemned. At the time he was studying journalism at a university. When his vacation began he went to Jequie to visit his cousin. Luis talked much of his new-found faith and took Tomaz to church. Tomaz was going through an internal struggle at the time for he was keeping company with a girl who smoked, drank, and was opposed to religion. He spent the night at the home of an aunt.

Early in the morning he had a dream in which Jesus appeared in a blinding light. When he awoke he decided to make a complete surrender. He left off his vices, terminated his association with the worldly girl, and prepared for baptism. Several of the rock music group were baptized on April 1, 1979. Tomaz is now studying for the ministry, and Florisvaldo is a colporteur.

As a direct result of the Holy Spirit's work with one copy of *The Great Controversy* found in a drug pusher's home, ten people were baptized, seven of whom were former users of marijuana.

No, Ellen White never visited Brazil in person, but the influence of her writings under God's blessing, is changing lives in this country. **



* July 10, 1982, was an exciting day for the members of Lakhani Kalan Church, one of the village churches in North India section, when 12 young people were added to the church membership through baptism. Pr. D. S. Poddar, section president officiated in the baptism. By the end of July, 335 members have been added to the North India section membership in 1982.

* Tuticorin school grows in number and buildings. The new school building at Nataraja Nagar, constructed on a two-and-half-acre site, was declared open on June 3, 1981, when the ground floor was half completed. While the building stands in need of completion, another more sure foundation is laid—that of faith on the Word of God. Early this year, 458 students completed all the requirements for the AJY and AY classes. One bright day the student body and their teachers marched to the YMCA Hall by the sea to witness these 458 being invested by Pastor E. S. James, union youth director. Tuticorin School is one of the seven schools which aims at encouraging all the teachers to complete the Master Guide course, following the example set by the Jalahalli School, Chikmagalur School, and Panaveli Bible Seminary.

* At the Central India Youth Council, August 25-28, conducted in Bombay, the youth workers committed themselves to work toward reaching 50 per cent of the union goal for baptisms during the 1000 Days of Reaping. The treasurers, who were delegates to the same council, assured their co-operation by making budgetary provisions for expenses relating to youth programs.



* Beginning at 7:30 a.m., for eight to nine hours daily, Star L.E. Davis Massey is seen on his parrot-green Bajaj scooter doing house-to-house canvassing. House-to-house method, he confides, is his secret of success. In 1981 his total sales reached Rs. 1,62,000 mark and was named the top-selling L.E. His goal for 1982 is two lakh rupees. He is now selling more "Footprints of Jesus". Mr. Massey entered the Literature Ministry at the age of 22 and has remained in this service for 30 years. 20 years in Delhi where he now labours. According to him, six to nine in the evening are the golden hours for work.

UNTIL TOMORROW



ISRAEL, Mrs. Krupavathy, 67, passed to her rest, September 9, 1982, shortly after the passing away of her twin brother, Asirwadam. Born August 1, 1915, she

was the last of six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Penumaka David and was given a name that symbolized her character, Krupavathy: full of grace. After completing 8th standard from Narasapur School in 1930, she joined the Adventist Hospital in the same town as a practical nurse. On her 18th birthday she was married to Osuri Israel and together they served the Lord in South India Union and Central India Union. While in Poona she worked in the Voice of Prophecy School. A mother of four children, she managed her home well along Adventist principles. Her contribution to the church at Salisbury Park included unrecorded acts of kindness and loving care for the needy, the discouraged and the sick. Among the host of her surviving relatives are her husband, Osuri Israel; her children, Joan, Gentry, Michael and Leela; and seven grandchildren.

DAVID, Mrs. Angelina, 68, passed away July 31, 1982, following a brief illness

and hospitalization. She had served as a nurse at the Karachi Adventist Hospital from the time it opened in 1951 until she retired in 1979. She was taken ill very suddenly. An emergency surgery showed extreme cirrhosis of the liver. Her condition deteriorated very rapidly following the surgery. She died at the Seventh-day Adventist Hospital in Karachi. Mrs. David is survived by many sons and daughters.



LANGAN, Percival Thomas, 66, passed away on August 15, 1982, and was laid to rest in the Adventist cemetery of Salisbury Park, Poona. He was born

in Bangalore, fifth in a family of nine children. He was a keen listener to the "Quiet Hour" and "Voice of Prophecy" radio programs for many years. So, after his retirement from government service, where he served as a gazetted officer in the Agricultural Department, he decided to settle in Poona so he could get to know more about the SDA church beliefs. This resulted in the baptism of both he and his wife and two sons Glenn and Ian. Mrs. Gladys Langan has been connected with the OWPB editorial section since 1975.

Recent Health Studies Confirm Adventists' Lifestyle Pays

The results of a two-year study released recently by the National Academy of Science, U. S. A., underscore what Adventists were saying more than a hundred years ago. The study revealed a person may reduce the risk of cancer by making certain changes in his or her dietary habits.

Dr. Mervyn Hardinge, director of Health/Temperance at the denomination's world office, said the findings came as no surprise and produced nothing church members worldwide did not know already. The dietary changes the study suggests are similar to those the Adventists follow. "Eating largely of fruits, whole grains, vegetables, and reducing consumption of fats, sugar, and salt is something most of the members have practiced for more than a century," Dr. Hardinge said.

Statements made as early as 1854 by Ellen White, Adventist writer and

lecturer, strongly recommend the eating of foods free of grease, salt, condiments, and spices. Members were encouraged not to use tobacco, liquor, tea, coffee, or eat flesh foods as early as 1872. That malignancies are largely caused by eating flesh foods is a statement Mrs. White also made in 1896. "The diet planned for man by his Creator, consisting of grains, fruits, nuts, and vegetables, is by far the most healthful and nourishing," Dr. Hardinge added.

Studies conducted in three countries—the United States, The Netherlands, and Norway—indicate Adventists in these countries live six to eight years longer than the average population. Since findings of health scientists in the United States confirm Adventists have less cancer, heart disease, hypertension, stroke, and diabetes, it appears the counsel they received 100 years ago has paid off. **



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NEWS FLASH



* Thirty young marrieds of Tuticorin church and neighbouring churches came together for the first marriage enrichment seminar held in Tuticorin, September 9, 10. Group interactions, paper work, and personal self-evaluation and temperament tests balanced by Pastor Justin Singh's instruction based on research and studies made by professionals on the dynamics of human relationships made the seminar a very lively two-way learning experience. The film, *Johnny Lingo*, did not fail to touch the finest sympathetic heart strings in the search to bring out the best in those we love most dearly. Mr. Shamgar Prasad Rao, South Tamil section youth director, and Mr. I. Marshall, laymember and editor of *Ekkalatbomi*, arranged for the seminar.



* Over a hundred delegates attended the Rangoon Spirit of Prophecy Institute, August 27-30, conducted by Elders Paul Gordon and Elbio Pareyra from the General Conference. The institute confirms the positions the church in Burma holds: (1) that the gift of prophecy for the remnant church was manifested in Ellen G. White, though very much a human being, yet an instrument in the hand of God; (2) that God will not leave the mainline body of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in darkness as it is His last depository of the third angel's message.



* In an inspiring service on Sabbath afternoon, June 26, Maqbool Inayat was ordained to the gospel ministry. Mr. Inayat graduated from Spicer College in 1969, married Mavis de Silva of Sri Lanka in the same year, and joined the teaching staff of Pakistan Adventist Seminary. Later the Inayats moved to Karachi where they taught in Adventist Lodge School. Following this service Maqbool served in various departments of the Karachi Adventist Hospital where he currently serves as chaplain. Those officiating at the ordination service were Pastors G. C. Johnson, T. L. Butler, R. M. Khan, John Mall, and Gladwin Jacob.



* August 26, 1982 etched a new landmark for Ranchi Hospital when Pastor E. A. Hetke, division secretary, declared open the extension of the Silver Jubilee block. This newly added maternity block provides 14 private rooms, a 16-bed general ward, a nursery, a labour room, a delivery room, and an operation theatre. A central supply room is attached to the new block.