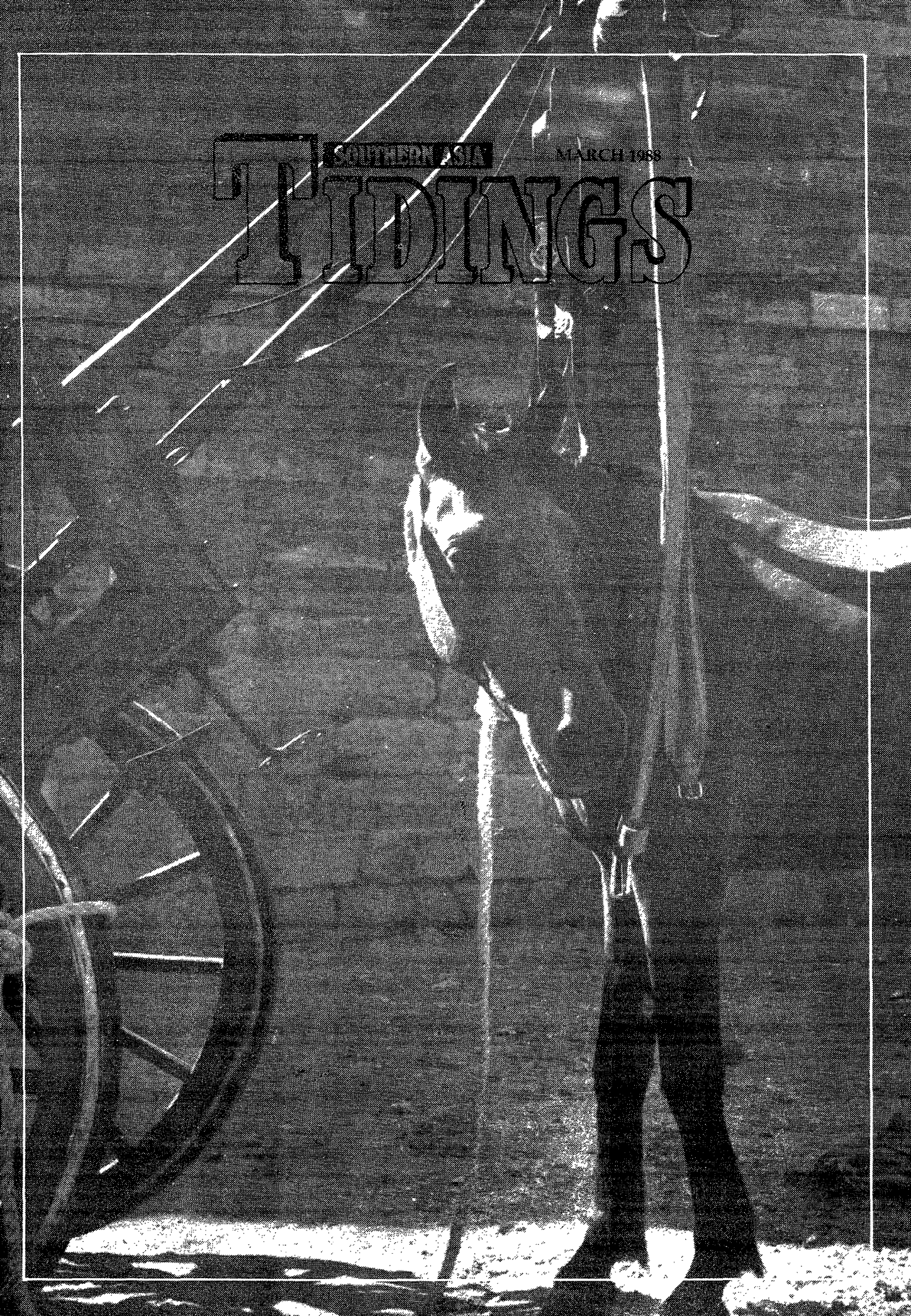
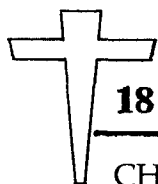


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CHRIST OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION OF 1888

The General Conference session convened on the morning of Wednesday, October 17. Stephen N. Haskell was the temporary chairman, a meeting was held during which Uriah Smith again discussed the "ten kingdoms" in the book of Daniel. That afternoon, Waggoner discussed the law of God and its relation to the gospel of Christ. His talk was based on Paul's epistle to the Romans.

The next day, Thursday, Waggoner "gave another lesson on the law and the gospel." His series of studies continued until Thursday, October 25. They were edited some time later by the author himself and published by Pacific Press, beginning in October, 1890.

There is a prominent Christological theme in these presentations which stress the deity of Christ at a time when some were propounding Arian views. Though not totally free from a subordinationist Christology, Waggoner was gradually moving away from it because of his clearer understanding of the doctrines of the atonement, justification and sanctification. In his summary of Waggoner's sermons at the 1888 General Conference session, Leroy Froom, in his book *Movement of Destiny*, has captured the true essence of these messages: "Christ in, all the fullness of the Godhead—must be set forth as the foundation of all genuine, adequate, and effective righteousness by faith."

A few quotations from Waggoner's *Christ and His Righteousness*, will help the reader in catching the spirit of the message which he endeavored to present:

Ministers of the Gospel have an inspired warrant for keeping the theme, Christ, continually before the people, and directing the attention of the people to Him alone (page 5).

It is only by continually and prayerfully considering Jesus as He is revealed in the Bible, that we can keep from becoming weary in well-doing, and from fainting by the way (page 7).

NORVAL F. PEASE

There is a text . . . which briefly sums up all that Christ is to man, and gives the most comprehensive reason for considering Him. It is this: "But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption" I Cor. 1:30. We are ignorant, wicked and lost; Christ is to us wisdom, righteousness, redemption. What a range! From ignorance and sin to righteousness and redemption (pages 7, 8).

The sinner's surety of full and free pardon lies in the fact that the Lawgiver Himself, the One against whom he has rebelled and whom he has defied, is the One who gave Himself for us (page 45).

It matters not how much a person, boasts in the Law of God; if he rejects or ignores implicit faith in Christ, he is in no better state than the man who directly assails the law. The man of faith is the only one who truly honors the law of God (page 95).

One may ask, "Why should any Christian object to sentiments like these?" There seemed to be a fear on the part of many of Waggoner's listeners that he was undermining the Law of God. One reason for this fear was his view on the meaning of the law in Galatians. While Waggoner was giving his studies, a blackboard was brought into the auditorium on which were written the following propositions:

1) "Resolved—That the Law in Galatians is the Ceremonial Law."

(Signed) J. H. Morrison

2) "Resolved—That the Law in Galatians is the Moral Law."

Waggoner was asked to sign the second proposition but he refused, saying he had not come to debate—that righteousness is not obtained by keeping either law, but by faith alone. It is obvious that delegates who opposed or questioned Waggoner's preaching on righteousness by faith. They regarded

themselves as *savers* of the denomination, reasoning that by devaluing the role of the Moral Law, it would ultimately be knocked out of the Bible itself. This would compromise the Sabbath truth and would sound the death knell of Seventh-day Adventism.

Several years later, Ellen White put her finger on the real issue when she wrote: "In the Scripture (Gal. 3:24) the Holy Spirit through the apostle is speaking especially of the moral law An unwillingness to yield up preconceived opinions, and to accept this truth lay at the foundation of a large share of the opposition manifested at Minneapolis against the Lord's messages through Brethren Waggoner and Jones."

Of the approximately twenty talks and sermons given by Ellen White during the Institute and Conference, ten have been preserved. These can be found in Albert V. Olson's *Thirteen Crisis Years, 1888-1901*. Reference has already been made to her morning talk and sermon given during the week of the Institute. Of importance for our study were her presentations on October 18, 19, and 20, the introductory days of the General Conference session. These three talks seem to be related. They include appeals for spiritual growth, advancement in Christian experience, and deeper understanding of the meaning of salvation.

A few sentences from her first message on "The Need of Advancement" help us catch the burden on her mind:

I hope that at the beginning of this meeting our hearts may be impressed with the positive statement of our Saviour, "Without me ye can do nothing." We have a great and solemn truth committed to us for these last days, but a mere assent to the belief in this truth will not save us. The principles of the truth must be interwoven with our character and life There are many who are content with superficial knowledge of the truth. The precious truths for this time are brought out so

clearly in our publications that many are satisfied, and do not search the Scriptures for themselves.

In this talk, Ellen White was quite critical of some members of the ministry. She was concerned that some men were inducted into the ministry without considering "whether their lives (gave) evidence that they (had) a saving knowledge of Christ." Regarding such ministers, she declared, "Christ is not abiding in their hearts by faith," and "There are too many Christless sermons preached." It was evident that she was concerned about spiritual insight and Christian commitment on the part of the ministry.

On Friday, October 19, she gave another morning talk entitled "Have Light in Yourselves." In this homily, she used the statement that she repeated several times during the Conference: "God desires that we shall have a thorough understanding of the truth as it is in Jesus" (emphasis added). She also said, "We need to grow in our knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

The Sabbath sermon on October 20 was entitled, "Advancing in Christian Experience." Her scripture lesson was 2 Peter 1:1-12, which includes "Peter's Ladder"—"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," the speaker exhorted her listeners: "You cannot be a fruitful Christian and have knowledge of our Lord and Saviour unless you are a practical Christian, unless you are making progress all the time in the divine life.

This long sermon, full of the gospel of salvation, was delivered in typical sermon style:

The human race is accepted in the Beloved. His long human arm encircles the race, while with His divine arm He grasps the throne of the Infinite, and He opens to man all of heaven . . .

Man comes to Christ, and God and man are united at the cross, and here mercy and truth have met together, righteousness and truth have kissed each other . . .

We have a wonderful friend in Jesus, who came to save His people from the transgression of the law. What is sin? The only definition of sin is that it is the transgression of the law. Then here in Jesus Christ, who comes right in and



Ellet J. Waggoner, co-editor of the Signs of the Times, was an eloquent proponent of the doctrine of Righteousness by faith.

imparts His righteousness to us; we cannot overcome in our own strength, but by faith in Him. If you will believe on Jesus Christ you will have Him today. You must believe that He is your Saviour now, and that He imputes to you His righteousness because He has died, and because He has been obedient unto every requirement of that transgressed law of God. If you do this, you will have a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The text of four additional talks and sermons given by Ellen White between Sunday, October 21, and Wednesday, October 24, reveal that the Minneapolis Conference was not a "one-issue" meeting—at least for her.

On October 21 she declared, "There is no power in the law to save or to pardon the transgressor." Later the same day she talked about the power of "kindly words and deeds." In the same sermon she advocated practical common sense: "He (God) desires us to use our reason and experience, by their help adapting methods and plans which, under the existing circumstances, are for the benefit of the church and the schools and the other institutions which have been established." She stressed the importance of Christian love, and she

appealed for patience: "We see individuals committing errors, and we are pained because their lives are not in accordance with the Bible standard of righteousness. But we are not to become impatient . . ." And there was repeated emphasis that those who endeavoured to impart the grace of Christ must first receive it.

Two days later—Tuesday, October 23—Ellen White talked about missionary work. Among her comments was the following exhortation:

I want to know why we should not as Christians who profess to believe the most solemn truths that God ever gave to mortals, why we should not have works correspond to our faith . . .

We want to be the very best and most intelligent workers that there are anywhere . . .

But the first work is a personal consecration to God.

A morning talk on Wednesday, October 24, expressed concern about the conflict that was reaching a crescendo at the session. The depth of Ellen White's feelings at this time is reflected in her statement, "I never was more alarmed than at the present time." Her appeal was "Now, do let us have common sense," and "Now brethren, we want the truth as it is in Jesus." Again she stressed the evangelistic significance of a proper understanding of the gospel: "I have seen that precious souls who would have embraced the truth have been turned away from it because of the manner in which the truth has been handled, because Jesus was not in it."

Her final thrust at the session was a manuscript entitled "A Call to a Deeper Study of the Word" written on November 1. It was addressed, "Dear Brethren Assembled at General Conference," and may have been read to the assembly on the closing Sabbath, November 3. Here are some excerpts from this important presentation:

Dr. Waggoner has spoken to us in a straightforward manner. There is precious light in what he has said. Some things presented in reference to the law in Galatians, if I fully understand his position, do not harmonize with the understanding I have had on this subject; but the truth will lose nothing by investigation, therefore I plead for Christ's sake that you come to the living Oracles, and with prayer and humiliation seek God . . .

The fact that he honestly holds some views of the Scripture differing from yours or mine is no reason why we should treat him as an offender, or a



Uriah Smith, editor of the Review and Herald, opposed the new trend emphasizing grace and faith.

dangerous man, and make him the subject of unjust criticism

I see the beauty of truth in the presentation of the righteousness of Christ in relation to the law as the doctor has placed before us If our ministering brethren would accept the doctrine which has been presented so clearly—the righteousness of Christ in connection with the law—and I know they need to accept this, then prejudices would not have a controlling power, and the people would be fed with their portion of meat in due season

The truth must be presented as it is in Jesus

The debating spirit has come into the ranks of Sabbath keepers to take the place of the Spirit of God. They have placed finite men where God should be, but nothing can suffice for us but to have Christ dwell in our hearts by faith. The truth must be ours. Christ must be our Saviour by an experimental knowledge. We should know by faith what it is to have our sins pardoned, and to be born again

Ask God to lead you into all truth. Tell Him that you want the truth as it is in Jesus

Has the truth as it is in Jesus been received into your heart? (emphasis added).

Every minister and member could profit by reading and re-reading this manuscript. (It may be found in Olson's *Thirteen Crisis Years*, pages 303-311.) It is a masterpiece in crisis management. It is almost certain that Waggoner's presentations would have been rejected and Waggoner himself would have been repudiated had he not had the "unparalleled endorsement" of Ellen White. As it worked out, he had the opportunity of participating with her in a series of revivals extending over several years. This cooperative venture kept the issue of righteousness by faith in Christ alive, and resulted in a deeper spiritual experience for many people.

The long-range results of the Minneapolis Conference are not easy to evaluate. Three schools of thought have developed during the intervening years. One group sees the 1888 session as a great turning point in the direction of a fuller acceptance and understanding of the Gospel of Salvation on the part of Seventh-day Adventists. Another group takes an opposite view, pointing to the evidences of hostility toward the doctrine of righteousness by faith. They feel that the return of Jesus was delayed, and that the church today must repent for the mistakes of nearly a century ago. A third group surveys the evidence, and sees both positions and negative factors about the 1888 conference and its aftermath. They see some accepting and being blessed. They see others doubting and obstructing. They hear Ellen White rejoicing over victories and mourning over defeats.

Ambivalence over the results of the conference became obvious as soon as the meeting closed. William C. White wrote the following comment to a friend:

This has been a very interesting conference, and although not accompanied with all the peace and harmony that sometimes has been manifest, it is perhaps as profitable a meeting as was ever held, for many important principles were made prominent, and some conclusions arrived at, that will be of great value as they may influence our future work. Many go forth from this meeting determined to study the Bible as never before, and this will result in clearer preaching.

Shortly thereafter, Ellen White wrote a letter to Mary White, William C.

White's wife, in which she commented: "I have spoken nearly twenty times with great freedom and we believe that this meeting will result in great good. We know not the future but we feel that Jesus stands at the helm and we shall not be shipwrecked. My courage and faith have been good and have not failed me, notwithstanding we have had the hardest and most incomprehensible tug-of-war we have ever had among our people."

During the decade following 1888, Ellen White, Jones and Waggoner preached and wrote on the subject of salvation by faith. It was during this decade that the books *Steps to Christ* and *The Desire of Ages* were written. Some who opposed the message of the General Conference session changed their views. The church never formally rejected the doctrine of righteousness by faith. Many members were greatly blessed by it—others remained indifferent. Some learned the 'secret of spreading the Adventist message in the context of the bounteous grace and love of our Lord, while others struggled on proclaiming a legalistic Adventism.

There was a revival of interest in this subject in the 1920's, encouraged by Elder Arthur G. Daniells. The General Conference session of 1926 sent strong messages to the church on grace, faith, repentance, and salvation. It was a contrast to the session of 1888 in that the leading officers of the church were at the forefront in proclaiming the "good news".

During the past few decades, many books, chapters in books, articles, and sermons have championed the doctrine of salvation by faith in Christ. Three of the thirteen points in our baptismal certificate deal with this doctrine directly. Yes, Seventh-day Adventists unequivocally believe in salvation by faith. We believe that through God's grace, accepted by our faith, we *become* Christians, we *grow* in stature as Christians, and someday we will have a home in the place Jesus went to prepare for us.

We do not believe that we are saved by observing law, but we do believe that if we are saved, we will seek to follow our Saviour's directions for living. We would agree with David E. Wells, a contemporary Evangelical author, who wrote: "Salvation is a past event, a continuing process and a future hope."

THE WORTH OF A FRIEND

K. WOOLER

WHAT IS A FRIEND? A prize was offered some years ago for the best definition of a friend, and this was the one that received the prize: "A friend is the person that comes in when everyone else has gone out." Of such a character was one who came to John Huss of Bohemia as he was going to the stake, and gripped his hand fervently. Huss turned and said that only God and himself knew how much that handclasp meant. It certainly could easily have spelt death for the courageous friend of this martyr of God.

It is when the winds of adversity blow upon the storm-tossed soul, that the real worth of a friendship is revealed. The Scripture says, "A friend loveth at all times." Proverbs 17:17. In the will of the late Associate Justice Lamar, of the United States Supreme Court, appears an unusual legacy. The testator leaves to his family his "friendships, many and numerous, in the hope that they will be cherished and continued." Here was a man who regarded his friendships as among his most valued possessions, and he would fain pass them on to his family, that they might partake of the fragrance and richness of that true, loving, loyal companionship, that had brightened his own pathway through life.

It is impossible for us to fully estimate the value of a genuine friendship. However, we should prize very dearly those associations that have given birth to lasting friendships, not only so, but we should also express our appreciation by acts of love and kindness, such as the sending of a card, or the giving of flowers, or some other token of friendship.

Do not wait until your friends are laid to rest. Some came to anoint Jesus at His burial. There was one, however, who demonstrated her love by the pouring of a costly, sweet-smelling ointment upon the feet of the Saviour while He sat at meal. Someone has said, "Be gracious to all men, but choose the best to be your friends." In our most intimate friends, we are fortunate if we discover the character traits of trust, reliability, constancy, courage, love and, if needs be, a sacrifice.



Upon a West Indian island, a lone-some missionary once worked single-handed. He was ignored and scoffed at by the European planters and traders, but the slaves grew to respect and love him dearly. Then one day, severe sickness after a lingering illness came the way of the man of God. Suddenly an old Negro appeared before him and simply said, "I'se yours now." Puzzled, the missionary made inquiries, and found that his Negro converts had worried over his loneliness and ill health. Not being able to nurse him because of their own duties to their masters, they had combined their life saving, obtained by hard work, and with this amount bought one of their own number, and this Negro was given to the missionary, to care for him. Thus an aged Negro was freed from the hard labour of the plantations, and the missionary was cared for. But at what cost? This act meant that, to all appear-

ances, none of these men would ever be able to save sufficient to buy their own freedom.

It was Jesus who said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13. We cannot value by silver or gold such infinite friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." John 15:14. It was Jesus, your friend, and mine, who spoke His Ten commandments amid the thunders of Sinai so long ago.

"I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt," are the words our Lord spoke as an introduction to the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). Our Redeemer said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15. Of those who choose the best of all friends, the Apostle John wrote, "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Revelation 14:12. Is Jesus your friend?

CAMP AT NONGDAM

The Manipur-Nagaland Section held their Adventist Youth camp in a Tangkhul village at Nongalam, from October 13-18, 1987. The Section and Union AY Directors, Johnny Shimray and K. A. Shimray, were the directors.

Campers from all over the Section came and stayed in a newly erected high school building. This arrangement was made by the local authorities, and the Security force supplied the tarpaulins to spread on the floor. The village headman provided the furniture.

A few weeks before the camp, Pastor D. Hungyo held an evangelistic meeting in this village and baptized 10 people. It was to strengthen the faith of these new believers and create a closer relationship with the villagers that the camp was held here. The new church members also joined the camp.

The spiritual atmosphere drew all the young people closer to Christ. They all committed their lives anew to the Master and pledged to live and work faithfully for Him. As a result of this camp, six young people were baptized on November 1, 1987.

—V. Thansiamia

MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY

Someone has said, "If you want to make someone happy, do it now."

The Krist Vandana Singers, under the leadership of Mr. Edwin Brave Mathews, were busy this Christmas season making plans on how they could make someone happy—NOW! The plans turned into reality as the group members went around singing carols in and around the Salisbury Park campus.

For the past three years the funds raised were utilized to give food and gifts to nearly 100 handicapped children at Wanowrie. This year it was decided by them to do something for the children in St. John's Orphanage. So on January 3, 1988, a group of 38 orphan children, between the ages of 4-18 were brought to the campus. All the children were engaged in games for one hour where the singing group members also participated. Thereafter they were all presented with gifts. The singing group also led out in teaching choruses before the children were provided lunch.

The children left happy and smiling with the hope of "returning again." One of the caretakers

remarked "these children have been taken up by your friendliness and love." The singing group felt it was a goal reached when they made someone happy—NOW.

—Paulraj Peter

VOP RALLY AT NAGERCOIL

The South Tamil Section conducted a Voice of Prophecy Rally day at Nagercoil on November 26, 1987 in the Women's Christian College. The programme consisted of a procession by students, a baptismal service, and a public meeting in the evening for the VOP students and the public.

The procession started at noon towards the Women's College. A van decorated with banners and fitted with a loudspeaker invited people to attend the evening programme. The march was directed by Mrs. C. Gomez, Principal of E. B. Willmott School. The students procession was led by Pastor D. S. Poddar and Pastor Jesudass Bhagien and followed by Pastor D. M. David, Pastor J. John and our workers living in the area.

The baptismal service was in the college compound after the march. Those baptized were prepared by the Nagercoil area workers participating in the VOP Mail Man Service Media. The baptismal service was conducted by Dr. Willmott and Pastor Poddar officiated.

There were more than 900 people present for the rally that began at 4:00 p.m. Dr. Willmott was the main speaker. The certificates were distributed by Pastor Poddar. He was assisted by Mrs. Glory David. This meeting was arranged by Pastor D. M. David. His assistant was Pastor Charles Durai.

At the end of the meetings 1100 VOP cards were filled and students enrolled. Because of this meeting, we were able to contact many who had finished our course and were ready for baptism. We hope that many more will be baptized soon as a result of their study of our VOP lessons.

—D. M. David

SOUTHERN ASIA TIDINGS

A camp for the young people of Manipur-Nagaland was held at Nongdam. At the camp the young people enjoyed many activities. Flag-raising was one of the many things they enjoyed.



I FOUND GOD

Mrs. Rao and her family members came to know of the truth through her daughter, Basanti. They studied the Bible with the Shillong church pastor Mr. Ricky Wann for one whole year. They were baptized by Pastor K. A. Shimray on December 11, 1987.

Below is a testimony of Basanti Rao.

I came to know of Jesus Christ from an Adventist School which I joined when I was a little girl. I loved to hear the stories which my teachers told from the Bible. From these stories, I came to know more about God. How God loved us and gave His only son Jesus to die for our sins.

One day, one of my teachers invited me to church. I found the people of the church very kind and good. They always welcomed me along with my family members to church. My father was sick and bedridden. The church pastors visited us very often and prayed for us. But sad to say, my father is no more with us today. But I am sure, I'll meet him one day when Jesus comes the second time.

Finally, I along with my family members studied the Bible with the Shillong SDA church pastor and were baptized on 11th December, 1987.

I am very thankful to God for bringing me and my family members to a knowledge of His everlasting kingdom.

—Basanti Rao

CONTINUING EDUCATION IN SOUTH TAMIL

South Tamil Section conducted a Continuing Education for its 61 evangelists and pastors from September 27 to 30, 1987 at Kovilpatti.

At this three-day meeting, leaders from the Section, Union and Division addressed them at instruction periods.

The classes were invigorating, heart-touching and made the hearers draw closer to God.

Morning devotion messages were presented by Union Evangelist Arthur Immanuel, Union Harvest '90 Coordinator P. R. Israel, and Madurai Central High School Principal K. Chelladurai.

At the closing service, Dr. Willmott delivered the dedicatory mes-

sage inviting the workers to commit themselves into the hands of God in the presence of His holy angels. We hope to see better days ahead in the soul-winning ministry of our evangelists and pastors.

—S. Antonidass

LAY TRAINING INSTITUTE AT SECUNDERABAD

A lay training institute was held at Secunderabad for the three churches—Hyderabad, Secunderabad and Mettuguda. About thirty delegates were present. This institute was organized by the laymen of these three churches, and the pastors on a self-supporting basis. Mr. C. M. J. Suvana Rao, director of the Church Ministries department of North Andhra Section, was the main coordinator.

Pastor P. D. Kujur, associate director of the division department of Church Ministries, Pastor M. Prakasha Rao and Pastor K. Israel were the main instructors. The following subjects were covered: Bible doctrines, lay evangelism and the art of giving Bible studies by laymen.

The morning and evening workshops were held at the Secunderabad SDA school chapel and the main instruction periods were conducted at the American Baptist church. At the close of the institute, the laymen pledged to bring 373 precious souls this year. Kindly remember them in your prayers.

The laymen of these churches look forward to have similar institutes on Daniel and Revelation and the Spirit of Prophecy. Our laymen are eager to learn more about the truth and win many souls for the Master.

—P. D. Kujur

Mrs. Rao and her family were baptized in the Shillong church. They were given Bible studies by Dilip Simpson, left, and Ricky Wann, right.



MIZO

YOUTH REVIVAL CAMP

The parents of our young people felt that something needed to be done for their children. They felt that the church should help to raise their spiritual standards. Fortunately a group of youth felt their present life style was not good, they felt they needed to be born again.

From this grew a need for a youth revival camp. The need was carefully studied and Pastor C. Pheirim, Secretary of Northeast India Union, was invited to be the speaker. The camp was to be held at Nisarihtlang, Aizawl, from December 16-20, 1987.

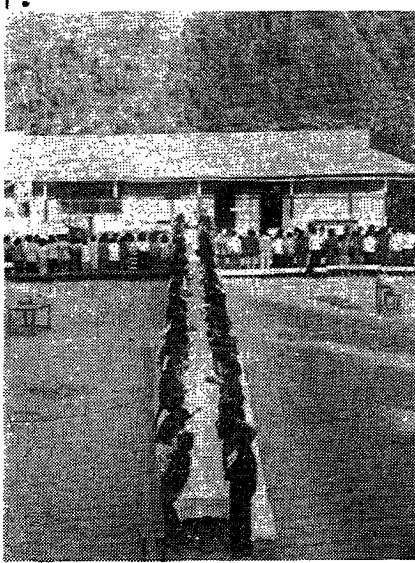
The young people were very happy to attend the camp. They made their own preparations and over 200 young people arrived from all over Mizo Section.

The youth were eager to study God's word and expected to see a change in their lives. To make sure that they don't go back disappointed, the speaker and the other section workers assisting in the meetings spent long hours in prayer and fasted for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord touched the hearts of the young people and the Holy Spirit brought a change in their lives. They felt its working in their hearts. With tears and cries of joy they responded to a call of dedication during the Sabbath divine service. Almost all of them answered the call and went up to re-dedicate their lives. Of these seven young people felt a need to be baptized. They were born again to a new life during a special service in the afternoon.

A communion service was conducted on Sunday evening when all the young people sat around tables arranged in the shape of a cross. This drew the young people together as one body.

The response was so great from the field that another camp was



A youth revival camp was conducted for the young people of Mizo Section. At the end of the camp a communion service was held.

held soon after this. We hope that a revival among the young people of Mizo Section will bring about a resurgence in the work of our Section.

—C. Hmingliana

When the good news had spread that some pastors and religious leaders were coming to conduct some meetings, she decided to attend the religious meetings that were held at St. John's Catholic High School. This religious meeting was of course the Stewardship Institute.

A special prayer was offered for her missing child, and at the close of the prayer, she thanked the pastors and went back to her home, peacefully. At the close of that day, Friday, a vesper meeting was held in one of the church members' house. As Pastor M. Prakasha Rao was preaching, the same lady came running and joyfully informed the group that her missing child returned home after a month. This she attributed to the prayers that were offered for her son on Friday afternoon. On hearing this good news the group of believers were jubilant and thanked the Lord for hearing their prayers.

In order to show her gratitude to God and to the pastors, she invited the group for a fellowship meal and thanksgiving meeting on Saturday. The group gladly accepted her invitation and went to her home. They were thrilled to see that the lady had already invited

STEWARDSHIP

INSTITUTE PAVES THE WAY FOR

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

At the close of the Stewardship meeting at Amlapuram Friday afternoon, September 11, 1987, a non-Christian woman came forward requesting the leaders to offer a special prayer for her missing son. She hurriedly joined the group while the prayer of dedication was being offered by Pastor P. D. Kujur.

This depressed lady told us that her son was missing for a month, and though she had tried to trace her son, she was unsuccessful.

her friends and loved ones for the fellowship meal and thanksgiving meeting. The local church pastor and Pastor M. Prakasha Rao gave a timely message to the congregation. After the fellowship meal, Pastor P. D. Kujur and Pastor K. Israel offered a special prayer for the members of the family and the congregation.

The lady and her friends invited the local church pastor to conduct a series of meetings, as they are keen to know the truth. Pastor M.

Prakasha Rao has expressed his willingness to come back to Amlapuram to assist in the evangelistic meetings which will be conducted some time during the latter part of this year.

—P. D. Kujur

GOLDEN JUBILEE TUTICORIN CHURCH

The Golden Jubilee of the church at Tuticorin was celebrated on 10th August, 1987. The church looked beautiful with its newly whitewashed walls, painted doors and colourful decorations. All the officers from the union and section were present.

The church pastor welcomed the gathering. The Golden Jubilee service commenced with a scripture reading by Pastor R. John followed by a prayer offered by Mr. Peter Devamony. The church's history was read out by Mr. Paul Devadass and Dr. John Willmott preached a sermon of thanksgiving. A small journal comprising church history, church accounts, and witnesses was released. Our school teachers sang the Golden Jubilee song. It was followed by a child dedication programme.

When the service was over, union and section leaders spoke of God's care and leading. Prizes were awarded to some of our believers who had successfully passed a Bible exam on the book of Revelation. A new dhoti and shirt were presented to the church sexton. About 400 believers participated on this occasion from neighbouring churches. The members of the congregation left the church with dedication and renewed enthusiasm.

We thank the Lord for having made our church an outstanding one in South India Section as well as in South India Union.

—D. Arthur Devasingh

HERE'S HOPE FEATURED AT NELLORE

Nellore in South Andhra Section is fast becoming an Adventist town. "Here's Hope" evangelistic series, held from 22 November through 12 December, made the difference!

Located on the Bay of Bengal coast in Andhra, Nellore has become vulnerable to and synonymous with cyclone. A week prior to the opening meeting, the worst cyclone in recent years hit Nellore and the adjacent settlements in all its fury. In every corner of the town and its suburb men, women and children sought hope to survive the storm and its repercussions. **Here's Hope** series pointed them to the source of Hope — Jesus Christ Himself.

Despite heavy rains, the average attendance at the meetings was 750. On weekends, however, the town hall was completely filled with well over 1200 attendance.

Dr. Melchizedek M. Ponniah, Division Associate Ministerial Secretary, served as the Director for the evangelistic series and the field school of evangelism. Dr. Ponniah also presented the health feature every night and preached the decision sermons during the final week. His classes in Preaching Methods and Evangelistic Strategy motivated the workers towards innovative preaching and contextualization. Assisting him was Pastor K. Jesuratnam, the Division Associate Director for Education. In addition to his administrative responsibilities, Pastor Jesuratnam translated for Dr. Ponniah, presented messages in music and taught a class in the Interpretation of Revelation.

Pastor K. Israel, a veteran evangelist and Harvest 90 coordinator for Central India Union, functioned as the main speaker. His fluency in Telugu combined with a profound

knowledge of the scriptures amplified his evangelistic preaching and led many toward commitment to Jesus Christ.

Pastor N. D. Samson, South Andhra Ministerial Secretary, coordinated the daily functioning and the arrangements for the meetings.

Pastor T. S. Lazarus led out in the ministry of music and D. Vararaj managed the finance for the school of evangelism. They were assisted by 29 pastors and Bible women who untiringly visited almost every home in Nellore. Consequently, men, women, and children came to the town hall, they saw, heard and believed.

On the Sabbath of 12th December, 134 men and women through baptism covenanted to follow the Lord. Nine ministers including Dr. K. J. Moses, President of Central India Union and Pastor K. Jesuratnam from the Division officiated in the sacred act. They have been accepted into the fellowship of the Nellore Central Church and the companies at Nawabpet, Royapapalem and Pachiralapadu. At least 70 more are expected to be baptized during the first quarter of 1988. Nawabpet and Royapapalem will be organized churches in 1988.

Among the new believers are former Hindus, Moslems, Baptists, Church of South India members, and other sects. Athinarayana Rao and his wife, former Hindus, perhaps aptly expressed the sentiments of the new believers. They commented, "God has shown us a new path, we promise to walk with Him all the way into His Kingdom." Along with the rest of the baptized group they are bound for the Promised Land.

—Dr. M. M. Ponniah

HOME-CENTERED EVANGELISM

The Harvest 90 emphasis for 1988 is Local Church and Home-centered Evangelism. Home lies at the basis of all society. Home is no home unless it is happy. A land of well-regulated and happy homes is a happy land, a land of prosperity and good government. Everything therefore, that pertains to the preservation and improvement of the home is of vital importance. Mrs. White says that "Far more powerful than any sermon that can be preached is the influence of a true home upon human hearts and lives" (MH, page 352).

In Acts 1:8 we read, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth." We are admonished to witness first where we live. Our homes should be the first witness place. So often we neglect this and go to a distant place to witness. Many times our homes are neglected and they spread a bad influence. During 1988 let us place our first priority on our homes. In Testimonies, vol. 6, pp. 429 & 439, Sister White states: "Our work for Christ is to begin with the family, in the home . . . By many this home field has been shamefully neglected and it is time that divine resources and remedies were presented, that this state of evil may be corrected."

How is our relationship with our partner? A successful marriage does not come spontaneously or by chance. Plato used a ladder to illustrate growth in the marriage rela-



tionship. The two upright sides of the ladder stand for husband and wife and each rung represents something that draws and holds together in inseparable companionship. The lowest rung is physical attraction and the highest rung, pure love for God. Each rung of the ladder depends on the other rungs, and thus all become important in order to maintain the unity of the ladder of a complete marriage. Someone has defined marriage as "the total commitment of the total person for a total way of life."

To be married and enjoy it is a vitally important factor in successful living. It means that they have a healthy creative marriage in which both partners are encouraged, helped built up. Each should support the other. It is a relationship in which the children know genuine warmth and affection. It eventually produces a home that radiates happiness and emanates well-being.

Many educators today feel that the most pressing need of today is a happy and substantial home and family life. The happy, healthy

home is the cornerstone of a healthy society. So a successful marriage is a top concern of our time.

If two people would begin to think constructively about marriage, they will get constructive results.

Marriage relationship is one of the most touchy and difficult of all human relationships since it requires the adjustment of two different personalities in intimate association. When interests differ communication is difficult and problems arise. So common interests should be developed.

We should begin our relationship by basing it on an enduring spiritual foundation. Far too many young people leave God at the marriage altar. They do not take Him into their homes. A "family that prays together, stays together." Having a prayer-centered home is one of the best of all techniques for a happy marriage.

Christ's influence in our life is the important key to a complete marriage. Spirituality is the missing ingredient in our age of permissiveness. As a couple commit themselves and their love to a higher power, they become bound together as partners in a stable, successful marriage relationship.

Once we evangelize our homes, our communities can easily be evangelized and our churches will be full and overflowing with vibrant enthusiastic members. Let us pray and work to this end.

Mrs. Margaret Nathaniel

14 BAPTIZED IN MANIPUR

July is the busiest month for farmers in Manipur as there is then sufficient water for the paddy. In spite of this, Pastor Dickson Hungyo, the Ministerial Director of Manipur-Nagaland Section, began an effort in Nongdam, Manipur.

The evening programme began with choruses taught to the children by N. Somi. They were taught new songs every night. Be-

fore the singing was over the villagers came in.

The villagers were very interested in the Adventist doctrines. After the meetings a number of them remained behind to discuss our doctrines with the pastor.

Many of the villagers decided to keep the Sabbath. When a call was given 16 people from seven families decided to take baptism

by joining the baptismal class. They were all baptized by Pastor D. Hungyo in the Nongdam river on July 25, 1987.

A government employee who was baptized plans to study at Spicer College. Another person baptized was a pastor in another denomination. The village headman, though not baptized, showed interest by donating land to build a church. There is a lot of interest in the place and more baptisms may follow.

—Dickson Hungyo

NEW HEADQUARTERS SOUTH INDIA LE INSTITUTE FOR ORISSA

Official opening of the regional headquarters for Orissa in Berhampur city, Ganjam District, was the biggest and happiest event so far in the history of the Church in Orissa.

In 1927 a property was purchased by Pastor E. R. Osmonson in Khurda, 30 kms from Bhubaneshwar, the capital city of Orissa state. This served as the region headquarters. In 1929 a nice bungalow was built and the Orissa mission of Seventh-day Adventists was established. For certain reasons that building was left vacant for several years. In 1975 an English medium elementary school was opened by Pastor M. D. Moses and U. C. Das.

The work in Orissa was mainly concentrated to the north and central region. But now, with Berhampur in the south, only seven kilometres from the Andhra border, it is hoped that the work will also grow here. With these permanent buildings, and with more workers there is much to be done here.

After this, it was felt that a building be bought to establish the regional headquarters for Orissa. The union leaders worked hard to arrange funds to buy the property and building. A double storied building was finally bought in Berhampur town, second city of Orissa state.

On September 18, 1987 the regional Headquarters for Orissa was officially opened by Pastor K. G. George former treasurer of Central India Union. Pastors S. Mohan Rao, U. C. Das, J. S. C. Barla and P. Steven Kelly were present along with some guests and the local church pastor. After a short speech Pastor K. G. George offered the prayer of dedication.

—U. C. Das

The annual institute of the South India Union literature evangelists began on Tuesday the 13th October, 1987 in a fully furnished assembly hall of the Kerala Government Holiday Home in Kumuli, Kerala. The inaugural address was delivered by Pastor C. B. Hammond, Editor-in-Chief of the Oriental Watchman Publishing House. The stage of the assembly hall was fully packed by literature evangelists from all the five sections and one region of South India Union and with the publishing department directors.

Fifteen literature evangelists were honoured with beautiful imported prospectus and two were honoured with cassette lectures by the Division publishing department advisor, Thomas K. Joseph, for their meritorious services. 1986 October contest cash awards were presented to the winners by the Union publishing department director, Pastor G. Isaiah. The recipients of the cash awards were: Sam Selvaraj for the highest total sales in the Union; Ben Packiaraj for the highest magazine sales in the Union. There were also awards for section-wide highest sales for South and North Tamil Sections

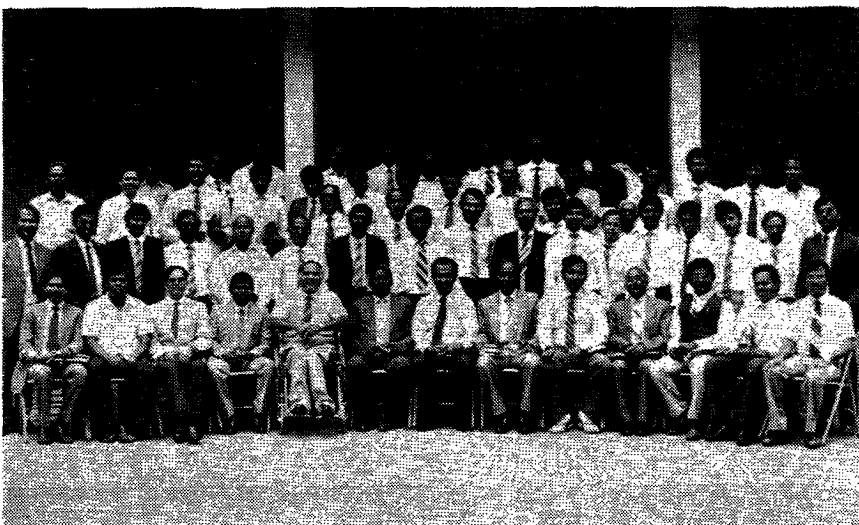
respectively. C. Paramanandam and S. Kumar Raj were given consolation prizes for best attempts in North and South Tamil Sections. In Karnataka Section Samson Mysore was given the cash award for the highest sales and a consolation prize was given to M. Dharmarajan, followed by Benjamin Manuel with a consolation prize for being slightly behind the sales requirement in North Region.

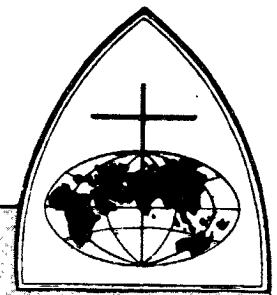
Although the institute was slightly disturbed in the beginning by a few LEs, yet the presence of the Union officers brought in a sigh of relief. Union President Dr. Willmott's sermons were greatly appreciated.

After the symposium, the institute was closed with a short message of charge to the LEs entitled, "Ye are the light of the world" by the Union Publishing Director, Pastor G. Isaiah. It was very solemn and inspiring when the LEs and other leaders left the institute in line, one after another with a candle lighted from a big candle held by the Union Publishing Director reminding them that "Ye are the light of the world."

—G. Isaiah

The South India Union held their annual publishing council in Kerala from October 13 to 16, 1987.





HEAVY RAINS LEAVE SDAs HOMELESS IN CHILE

Torrential rains caused devastating floods in central and southern Chile between July 12 and 25, reports Mario Ochoa, executive vice president of Adventist Development and Relief Agency International (ADRA). Water levels reached unprecedented levels, wiping out bridges and large portions of interstate highways.

Between 800 and 1,000 Adventist families were left homeless as a result of the flooding and several children have died from exposure, Ochoa said. ADRA Chile responded immediately by providing blankets, clothing, food, and medical supplies. Funding is being sought for long-term relief projects.

FRANCO-HAITIAN MEMBER—SHIP SKYROCKETS

As of August 13 the membership of the Franco-Haitian Union Mission totaled 142,536, reports Inter-American Division president George Brown. This represents a 911 percent increase since the mission was organized in 1957 with 15,632 members. The Franco-Haitian Union Mission, made up of Haiti and the French-speaking Caribbean islands, is currently the largest French-speaking union in the Adventist Church.

DENMARK PATHFINDERS COLLECT A TON OF MONEY

In an effort to help a church building project in Pakistan, Denmark Pathfinders collected more than one and a half tons of 25-ore (four-cent) coins. The coins, when laid side by side, measured 383 yards (350 meters) in length and were valued at US \$10,000.

While police in Aarhus, Denmark, stopped traffic, the Pathfinders marched with their banners and coins to the bank, says Helge Anderson, director of Adventist Development Relief Agency in Denmark.

BAHAMAS SCHOOL BUILT IN 10 DAYS

Volunteers from Mission Impact, a youth outreach ministry of the Carolina Conference, built a classroom, cafeteria, and two offices for the Bahamas Academy Elementary School in 10 days.

Among the volunteers were several pastors, teachers, nurses, and high school students.

BRAZILIAN YOUTH GATHER FOR CONFERENCE

More than 8,000 Brazilians converged on the Exposition Park, Assis Brazil, in Porto Alegre, for a youth congress. Featured in the programme was a musical festival with the (Brazilian) Voice of Prophecy quartet, reports Revista Adventista.

AU SELLS FURNITURE BUSINESS

Officials at Andrews University completed the sale of College Wood Products (CWP) to N. Bill Kumar on August 10. Kumar is president of both East-West Corporation of America and its divisions, American Office Systems and International Express of South Bend, Indiana.

"The CWP sale will include the entire manufacturing and marketing operations," said Edward Wines, AU financial vice president. "Kumar will lease the CWP plant from the university and retain the CWP name."

"Our intention is to stay here a long time," Kumar said. "We also intend to offer strong employment opportunities for university students."

CC MUSIC FESTIVAL FOCUSES ON MINISTRY

The Columbia Union Conference and the General Conference Department of Church Ministries Office of Church Music co-sponsored a Choral and Music Festival

November 22-24 at Sligo church on the campus of Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, Maryland.

The three-day festival included workshops on organizing music within the church, techniques in conducting, organizing choirs, and trends in music. This was the first of a series of meetings planned by the General Conference to focus upon music as a ministry.

VANDEMAN BOOK SPARKS HIGH INTEREST

Nearly 35,000 people requested Pastor George Vandeman's book *Rise and Fall of Antichrist*. The book was offered during a recent *It Is Written* mini-series on the book of Revelation, says Eugene Hamlin, public relations director for Adventist Information Ministries, the Andrews University-based agency that handles phone responses for *It Is Written*.

BRAZIL BROADCAST—A FIRST

Residents in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, recently heard the first live radio broadcast of an Adventist church service in that city, reports *Revista Adventista*.

BOTSWANA'S FIRST FAMILY ATTENDS ADVENTIST CHURCH

Botswana president Dr. Quett K. J. Masire and his wife, Gladys recently attended Community Guest Day services at the Broadhurst church, Gaborone, Botswana, reports Noelene Johnsson, Mission editor.

With an annual membership growth rate of 7.59 percent, the Seventh-day Adventist Church is the largest single denomination in Botswana. Its per capita giving (US\$22 per member) is the highest in the Eastern Africa Division. During the services the first lady expressed her appreciation for the church's medical work.

BROADCASTER'S WORKSHOP

News media are pointing to the imminence of the Lord's return. The world communication network are ever widening in range and pace, shrinking the whole planet into a "global village".

At such a time as this Adventist communication outreach—farther as well as faster—is the most urgent need. To meet this end, the radio is perhaps the most effective. It reaches the most difficult corners of the earth almost uninhabited. This irrefutable fact was well emphasized at a three-day broadcasters' council-cum-workshop held from November 16 to 18 at Poona.

Convened by D. S. Poddar, the training was given by Allen R. Steele, General Manager and Greg Scott, Programme Director of Adventist World Radio, Guam, besides Pastor Poddar himself.

With the recent establishment of the church's own transmitting system (Adventist World Radio Asia) those in the broadcasting ministry have greater challenges than ever before. Now their task includes working a full-day schedule, seven days a week. These days when the radio is jammed with Christian programmes, there is already a wide choice for the listener. Add to this the numerous attractions in the form of worldly amusement readily available on radio as well as on TV. All this facilitates the listener to be selective. Here the listener has the sole monopoly as long as he is in control of his receiver set. Unless he is kept interested in a certain programme he simply shuts it off, or switches over to other frequencies.

Here comes the demand for quality programmes. Besides carrying the message, our radio programmes should care for mass appeal. While the three-day crash programme was aimed at enlightening Adventist broadcasters on the art of producing impact-

making programmes, everyone wished the classes were not so short.

The workshop was attended by guest speakers of various languages as well as part-time broadcasters, in addition to programme producers.

—Varghese Idiculla

GC INTERNATIONAL AUDITOR'S SEMINAR

Just prior to the 1987 Annual Council of the General Conference, the Third International Auditors' Seminar was conducted at the General Conference Headquarters in Washington. Directors of the General Conference Auditing Service, from our ten world divisions, gathered for six days of professional and spiritual development.

The theme chosen for the seminar was "Pursuing Professional Excellence." Devotional speakers for the conference included K. J. Mittleider, Vice President of the General Conference, W. T. Clark, Administrative Assistant to the General Conference President, Floyd Bresee, Secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association, Frank Holbrook, Director of Biblical Research of the General Conference and O. C. Edwards, President of the Far Eastern Division.

Specific topics of the council included an in-depth study of the

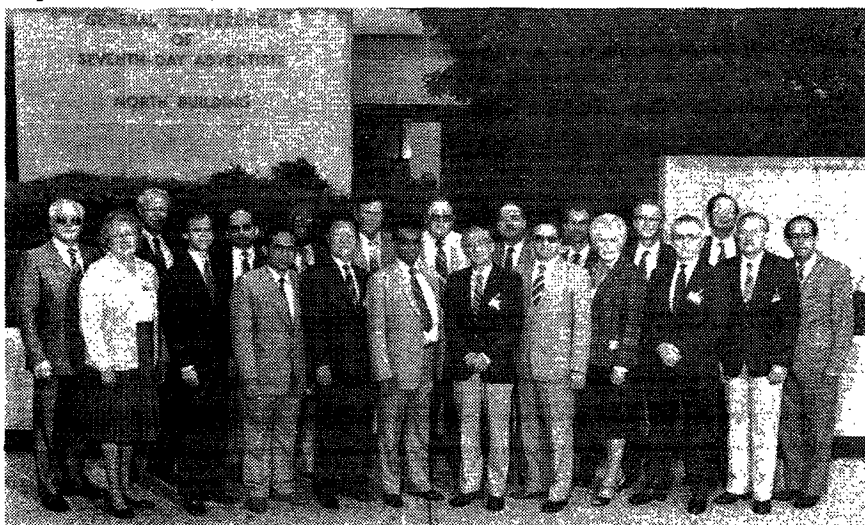
new International Accounting Manual which becomes effective for overseas divisions beginning January 1, 1988. Also, the group focused on a study of modern auditing procedures, including the use of techniques prescribed by the International Accounting Firm of Ernst & Whinney.

Delegates to the session included members of the General Conference Headquarters Staff and Area Directors of the North American Division. World Division representatives include, Wayne R. Vail-AID, Hans Sakul-EAD, Jean-Caude Halm-EUD, R. Martin Moores-FED, Eugene Blackman-IAD, Felipe Caballero-MEU, Roald M. Wensell-SAD, Gordon J. Bland-SPD, I. Nagabhushana Rao-SUD, Graham M. Barham-TED, Coenraad J. Haupt-SAD, T. de Villiers-SUM.

The previous two councils were conducted in 1978 at the General Conference and 1985 in New Orleans.

—David D. Dennis

A World Auditors' Council was conducted by the General Conference at Washington. Mr. I. Nagabhushana Rao represented Southern Asia.



CENTRAL INDIA LE INSTITUTE

The Central India Union Literature Evangelists' Institute was held at Machilipatnam from October 26-31, 1987. LEs from all corners of the Union gathered together at the QUIET CORNER Resort Centre to repose for a little while. Along with the LEs, personnel from the union and division were present.

Their presence and participation in the programme was a great source of inspiration to all the LEs. Mr. M. D. Joseph welcomed all the delegates and a very special welcome was given to all the leaders.

One of the outstanding features of the Institute was that of hoisting an LE flag every morning. The other features of the programme were quite general in nature, like prayer in the morning, instructional periods, Bible studies, group discussions, games, swimming in the sea and campfire meetings at nights. Pastor K. Israel, the camp pastor, gave Bible studies on various topics. On Friday night Pastor Judson Moses, President of South Andhra Section, presented an inspiring message to the LEs. The Sabbath School programme was taken care of by the LEs of the three sections. Pastor Thomas K. Joseph, the Publishing Director of the Division, was the Sabbath morning speaker. In the afternoon Mr. Rajendra Kumar, an LE of Bombay, was rebaptised in the presence of all the LEs. The day closed with sundown worship on the riverside.

It is hoped that this institute will motivate the literature evangelists in this union to work harder not only to sell books but also do their part in winning more souls for the kingdom of God.

—M. D. Joseph

ADMISSION TO SURAT SCHOOL OF NURSING

It is once again time for the Nursing School at Surat to receive applications for admissions for the year commencing August, 1988.

This school of nursing has now entered its 10th year of operation and is currently the only nursing school serving the entire Division. In the previous year we had 50 applicants, of whom only 12 could be admitted.

At present we can take only four students from each Union (for practical purposes we still consider Northern and Northeast Union as a single unit) and two students from the Division institutions.

The students are taken strictly on merit, taking into account the scholastic achievement of the last public examination and the performance at our entrance tests. The qualifying examination is 12th Standard or its equivalent from a University or Board recognized by the Gujarat Nursing Council. Students having studied science are naturally preferred. Other students who are able to do the science section of our entrance examination will also be admitted. Our own entrance exams are objective in nature and are designed to assess a student's ability in English, Science and General proficiency.

The course lasts for 3 years. The students have a fee structure to adhere to. The parents or guardians would have to pay approximately Rs250.00 per month for the student's expenses. The students also have a service obligation of 2 years. If the 2-year obligation service is not completed, a bond of Rs18,000/- will have to be paid in order to receive the certificate.

If you want to apply, this is the procedure to be followed:

1. To receive an application form, send Rs20/- by M.O. to:

The Director
School of Nursing
Surat Hospital Trust Association of SDA
Post Box 10, Athwa Lines
Surat - 395001, Gujarat

2. Send your forms duly filled in by April 30 with the following enclosures:

- (a) Photographs
- (b) Certified copy of 12th Std. certificate.

3. Write your entrance examination on the date and time specified at your centre.

4. Your selection will be communicated to you by 30th June, 1988.

5. Join, if selected, on August 1, 1988.

If you have applied before and have not been selected, or selected and have not joined, you will have to go through the whole admission procedure again. The school sometimes may not assign any reason for refusing admission to a student.

—Dr. A. T. Jonahs

RETIREES CLUB

Dorcas has a new look at Salisbury Memorial Church this year, and a nickname—"The Band-Aids"! Nine new members make up its working committee and this year it was decided to concentrate on the physical, social and individual needs of the church. So, one of the initial projects for 1988 has been to focus on the 38 retired members of the church.

Sabbath, January 16, was declared Senior Citizen's Day at Salisbury Memorial Church. As

each retiree entered the sanctuary they were greeted with a warm handshake and a flower. Later, during the service, the congregation was reminded of the many years of service these honoured members had given to the church work, and what a vital resource they were of wisdom, talent, and counsel. Although they are retired from active work, they still can be a very active part of church function.

In keeping with the Sabbath's theme, an evening of fun and games was planned for these retired members the following day, January 17, on the lawn of the Riches home at Salisbury Park. The senior citizens that attended the party demonstrated how young at heart they really are as they participated wholeheartedly in the games, laughter and fun of the evening.

Towards the end of the party, the participants decided to organize a club for the retired members of the church. The chief purpose of the club would be to continue having regular organized fellowship functions. Pastor S. Hutton was elected the first president, with James Poddar as his as-

sistant. It was decided this new club would be strictly for the retired workers who are members of Salisbury Memorial Church. The club members wanted to get together once a month, and the next function is planned for the end of February—an outing at a nearby lake. Between now and that time the members are thinking up suggestions for a catchy name, one that will appropriately describe the liveliness of the members.

After the party, as the senior citizens were being taken to their homes, a number of comments were made relating to the fun and good time each one had during the evening. "It's like being really alive and important again," was one lady's comment. "There really are so many things we can do as a club, both enjoyable and productive," was another thought.

But it seemed to the members of the Band-Aid committee that the planning and preparation that went into focusing on the elderly this particular weekend resulted in more satisfaction and happiness to the planners than to the recipients. The blessing was returned tenfold.

—Wesley James

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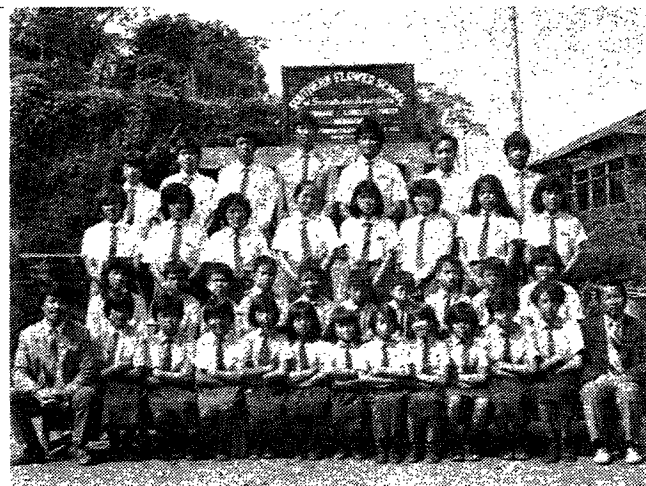
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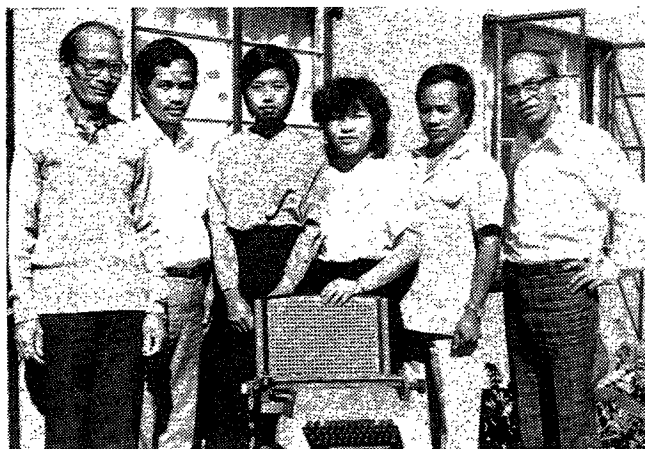
* On September 6 to 8 and 13 to 15 the staff of the SDA Hospital, Ottapalam, along with their families, went on a retreat to Kodaikanal, a hill resort in Tamil Nadu. The theme of the retreat was "Heaven". The beautiful surroundings with plenty of greenery and flowers also contributed very much to the theme. The discussions and paper presentations were led out by the senior staff of the hospital. The staff and their families returned to Ottapalam greatly enriched spiritually and they hope to have similar retreats every year.



*The teachers of Southern Flower School in Lunglei, Mizoram, with the help of their headmaster L. K. Hluna, are doing their part for Harvest 90. Through their Branch Sabbath School work they brought 19 people for baptism on November 14, 1987. They were baptized by Pastor R. Lalthankamlova.

* A family began the study of the Bible with Mr. K. M. George. When Mr. and Mrs. Jose George of Edappaly, near

Ernakulam, were convinced of the truth they were baptized by Pastor A. J. Titto at Kaloar, Ernakulam. Also baptized at that time was a young lady from Thiruvankulam. It was a day of rejoicing for these churches. They fellowshiped together and had lunch provided by the principal of the Ernakulam School, Mr. K. A. Paulose.



*The 1986 "Our Times" campaign award went to the Mizo Section. Even though this is the smallest Section in the Division and there are no big towns, the workers and members worked hard to get subscription for the religious journal. The Section received a typewriter as a prize. The two office typists and some of the Section officers are shown with their award.

*The General Conference Department of Church Ministries is interested in knowing about Adventist-owned or -operated child day-care centres around the world. We would appreciate information stating the size of the facility, number of children enrolled, length of operation, users/clientele, if the centre is successful and the names and addresses of the centres. Please send your information to Elder M. T. Bascom, General Conference Department of Church Ministries, 6840 Eastern Avenue, NW, Washington, D. C. 20012, USA.

* Harvest 90 is almost halfway through. But still there are very few reports of its progress coming in. You surely must be doing something! Write and let us know about it. It will be an encouragement to all in the field.

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