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I. Letters
   1. John & Ruth Sipkens <johnsipkens@gmail.com> March 16:
      We enjoy receiving the SUD newsletter and always read through to see what is going on. I especially want to add my thanks for the Eric B. Hare stories. While living in Ceylon (Sri Lanka) we enjoyed living where the story of the Big Yellow Truck took place. After reading the latest 'new found' story sent via this letter, I share it with our school teachers who enjoy reading his stories to the children. . . a new generation of Eric B Hare listeners.
      [The story was taken from R. Curtis Barger's biography of Eric B. Hare, "Don't You Know? Haven't You Heard?" published by R&H,1985, pp 48-50.] ~~~~~~~~~~
   II. Spicer College Blessed with Additional Campus
       Rajendra Prasad <rajendraprasad2000@yahoo.com> March 18:
       Spicer Memorial College is ensconced on a 73-acre country estate blessed with natural beauty and farmland with lots of large shady trees, interspaced with neat-mown lawns, paved roads and foot walks, framed by green hedges, dashes of flowers and perennials, and blessed with a peaceful ambience. It was recently further blessed with an additional sprawling land measuring 29.5 acres at Ahirwadi Village, 38 km from the present Aundh campus, close to Lonavla, the famous hill resort of Maharashtra, about 1 km from Pune-Mumbai old highway, with a motorable road to the property, nestled in the foothills of a hillock teeming with rain and greenery. This is perhaps the biggest land purchased by the Southern Asia Division in the recent past.
       The land survey and registration is completed, all the documents are in order, and soon the compound wall will be built.
       The possibilities in this new campus are as follows:
       A Residential Higher School
       An Engineering College and
       A Theological Seminary
       All the friends and well-wishers of Spicer College are invited to send in your valuable suggestions to the College President, Dr. Justus Devadas, at <president@spicermemorialcollege.org>, or phone him at 091-9890903939.
       We are grateful to the Lord Almighty for His continued blessings on this institution. May it continue to exist for His glory and honour and attract many more souls to His feet!
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III. Remembering and Honoring Pastor S. James
   Gerald J. Christo <christohsr@dataone.in> March 18:
   Vintages from the Past
   While reading a devotional reading from "Our Daily Bread" by Randy Kilgore for today's date, March 18, I was reminded of the late Pastor S. James, father of Priscilla Selvaraj and Wesley of California. Whenever we faced a crisis in the Division Committee or were discussing an important issue, it seemed the chairman Dr. Roscoe Lowry, invariably turned to Pastor James and requested to plead with God to lead us to a solution to the problem we were struggling with. "Like the centurion in Luke 7, people in the storms of life don't waste time or mince words. They go directly to the people whose faith they've
tagged as real. We need to be those people. Do our lives mark us as a go-to person in touch with God? . . . Even the hardest of souls might ask for help when someone they love is at risk."

When I was holding a series of evangelistic meetings in Jabalpur. Pastor James, then a departmental director in the Northern Union, was one of my associates. It was comforting to know that he was pacing up down off-stage lifting me up in prayer during the presentation of the message. While Ingathering in Calcutta he would be up early; I can imagine him sitting cross-legged on his cot singing his favourite hymn in his clear tenor (No 323 in the SDA Hymnal)-- "O, for a Heart to Praise my God." I often would sit on his bed joining in the last phrases of the prayer:
"Thy nature, gracious Lord impart.
Come quickly from above.
Write Thy new name upon my heart.
Thy new best name of Love." --Charles Wesley.
-----With advancing age am I getting more nostalgic?
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IV. Death of Bessie Siemens Lobsein

On March 19th Bessie Siemens Lobsein lost her battle with cancer. She was living in Redding, California since the death of her husband. She had served in three world divisions as a volunteer missionary as a trained and experienced librarian: Pakistan in the old Southern Asia Division, Hong Kong in the old Far Eastern Division, and Mexico in the Inter-American Division.
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V. Death of Pakistani Missionary Daughter in Cambodia

   Franklin Allan Inayat <franklin.inayat@gmail.com> March 21:

Tragedy struck a Pakistani family in Cambodia on Sabbath, March 19, 2011.

Neha Khan, daughter of Pakistan Adventist Seminary & College alumni Akram and Alia Khan, currently serving as SDA missionaries in Cambodia, died in a motorbike accident. Mrs. Alia Khan was involved in the accident too and is admitted in the hospital in an unspecified condition. Special prayers are requested for this missionary family. E-mails of encouragement and support can be sent to Mr. Akram Khan at the following address:
<akramalia@comadventist.org.kh>

The PASC Alumni Association also offers its condolences and sympathy to this grieving family. May God give them the comfort, courage, and strength to bear this great loss.

-- Franklin Allan Inayat, Vice President, Pakistan Adventist Seminary & College Alumni Association International

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VI. Death of Elder Dewan M. Gill in UK

   Surendra Paul Gill <spgill@comcast.net> March 22:

I am sadden to inform you that I lost my elder brother on March 17, 2011 in Oxford, UK. He was the father of Pastor Sohan M. Gill who is the senior pastor of Langley Church, Birmingham, UK and also the father of Pastor Kishore M. Gill, Northern India Union Publishing Department Director, New Delhi, India. Pastor Sohan’s cell phone # is 779-143-0701 and Res. Tel. is 121-500-6261 in UK. Email is <Wilson@yahoo.com>

Last April 6, we lost our only sister of 8 brothers and now the brother.

My family is going through a rough time, although we a have blessed hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. One of my sister-in-laws and I will be attending the funeral in Oxford, UK on March 30, 2011. Please dispatch this sad news to our brothers and sisters in Christ and seek their prayers.

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VII. Two Spicer Professors Earn Doctorates

   Rajendra Prasad <rajendraprasad2000@yahoo.com> March 18

Spicer is blessed with two more of its faculty getting the PhD degrees.

Ms Vishranthi Uttam Sathe, a lecturer in the Spicer College of Education (BEd), affiliated to Pune University got her PhD in Education on the thesis "Study of Academic Achievement and Selected Adjustment Factors of Urban and Rural Adolescent Students" from Pune University while Mr. Noah Anburaj Balraj, Dean, School of Business Management affiliated to Griggs University, USA got his PhD in Business on the thesis, "A Critical Study of Services by Financial institution to User/Consumer of Credit Card with Reference to HDFC, ICICI, and SBI in the Region of Pune" from Tilak
Maharashtra Vidyaapeeth. These additional qualifications will spur them into putting more efficient services to this institution. May the Good Lord continue to bless them.

VIII. The Eastern Tidings--100 Years Later

Gerald Christo presents some historic information from Southern Asia's first official journal, "The Eastern Tidings." In this centennial year we will bring some short items that still thrill us to read:

From the Eastern Tidings of January 1911, published at 19 Banks Road, Lucknow.

Editor-W. E. Perrin
Writs J. L. Shaw:

***Death of a Little One

In harmony with the action of the advisory board, I spent one week at Karmatar and Babulmohal counselling with the workers in these stations regarding future plans of work. On arriving at Karmatar our hearts were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Sister Little's baby. When we saw the little one at the time of the conference in Lucknow she looked so well and strong; we could hardly believe that death had taken her away. This has been a second great shock to Sister Little. Going through the hours of anxious care for the little one has made it, doubly hard for her bear. We laid the baby to rest in the Karmatar burial ground. God graciously strengthening our dear sister to bear up under her affliction. She came up to Lucknow with us, but is now returning again to Karmatar. As never before, Sister Little finds that her greatest source of help and comfort is in God.

IX. A Mission Story: "The Stubborn Businessman"

by Britto Amal Raj [in the current Senior SS Lesson Quarterly]

"I am a stubborn man. I thought I could solve all my problems without God's help. But God showed me otherwise.

"When I opened my own business, I met unforeseen financial challenges that brought stress on my family and me. My wife urged me to ask her parents for a loan to help pay our bills, but I was proud and refused.

"As the stress increased, so did my smoking and drinking. The family begged me to quit, so I hid my habits from them. I went to church with my family on Sundays, but I returned home unchanged.

"The Seventh-day Adventist pastor is one of my neighbors, and we became friends. During one especially difficult time, I asked him for advice and prayer regarding my financial problems. I needed to order a shipment of rags with which to make floor mats, but I had no money to pay for them. Without the rags, I couldn't make mats to earn money. The pastor prayed with me and encouraged me to trust God.

"The next day I received an unexpected shipment of rags. I called the company and learned that they had sent the rags without an order and I could pay over time. This was an answer to prayer! I made the mats, paid for the rags and had money for my other bills. Now the company sends shipments on credit, and my business is growing.

"I began thinking more about my relationship with God. When the pastor invited me to visit the Adventist church, I went. I began seeing my sinful life through God's eyes, and I ask God for forgiveness and strength to give up my bad habits. I threw away my cigarettes and alcohol. I struggled with these temptations, but God delivered me, and I haven't smoke or drank since then.

"My pastor friend helped me commit my life completely to God. He studied the Bible with me and I was baptized.

"I'm sharing what I learn with my wife, and she listens. She sees the miracles that God has performed in our lives, and while she doesn't yet attend church with me, she does join me for prayer every morning to commit our lives and family to God."

[The author shares his faith in a town near Madurai, India.] ~~~~~~~~~ To remove your name from the mailing list of this newsletter simply reply to this e-mail and put "REMOVE" in the Subject line.

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