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What a Tract Can Do

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THERE is need of greater activity in this phase of missionary endeavour. The time is short, and the days are evil. Satan's legions are exceedingly active in filling the land with theories that are leading the souls of men down to perdition. We should be as earnest and active in bringing the saving knowledge of the last Gospel message to men. And let us make greater use of the agencies God has placed in our hands to assist us in winning souls to Christ and His cause. Think of the hundreds of thousands of tracts going out each year from our publishing houses and on, through our churchmembers, to those who wait for the light. How little we know of the far-reaching influences exerted by these silent messengers that go forth to speak for God in many places and to many hearts! Know, assuredly, dear reader, that in the "day of salvation," a host shall come before Him, saved through such humble instrumentalities.

GIFT OF £1,000

A GIFT of £1,000 was made to one of our schools by a woman whose experience in this cause dates back to a tract. Some years ago, while visiting a friend in

San Francisco, she read a tract, "God's Memorial," which had been left at the door. Its message so took hold of her soul that she straightway visited the Pacific Press, where the tract was printed, and had a long interview with the manager. She left that office virtually a Seventh-Day Adventist. She at once paid in £600 tithe, and bought £26 worth of books and other literature for herself and friends. Since that time she has been a most faithful worker, having given thousands of pounds to the cause, and has bought thousands of pounds' worth of literature to use in extending a knowledge of the truth. Yes, someone left the tract at her friend's door, but perhaps never knew of the far-reaching influence growing out of that single act. Eternity will reveal some glorious surprises for that tract distributor, and for all who are faithful in the work of witnessing with the pages of truth.

TRACT IN A BOTTLE—ONE SOUL

W. A. SPICER is a firm believer

in the use of tracts. He tells the following: "Over on the Delaware River a few years ago, some members of a picnic party after they had eaten their lunch, wrote their names and addresses on slips of paper, and put them into bottles that had been emptied, and threw the bottles into the river. One of our sisters wrote her name on one of our tracts and put the tract into a bottle, and after carefully corking the bottle threw it overboard. Months later she received a letter from a United States marine off the coast of Mexico. He said: 'I fished that bottle out of the water and got that tract, and I have never read anything that has done me so much good. I wanted to write you this letter to assure you that you will find one star in your crown for sending that message across the sea.'"

TRUTH OUT OF THE FIRE

A FAMILY enthusiastic in the work of scattering our literature, are in the truth to-day because an uncle, years ago, sent them tracts. The little packages kept coming through the mail until the mother of the home accepted the message. The father opposed it. One Sabbath day, however, after he had thrown a package of tracts into

Tract Campaign Rally Day, Sabbath, February 3rd

the stove, he returned for some reason and raised the lid, there to be met with the message, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." The printed matter stood out in white upon the charred page which had burned to ash. It was too much for him. From that day the entire family have kept the Sabbath, and are living witnesses to the influence of the

uncle's faithful work with tracts. Tract circulation is a beautiful mission for very member of the church.

Let us *make it a habit* to be prepared with a little supply of tracts, a few in your pocket or handbag, to give out as you follow the daily routine. "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days."

Two Hours a Week for Christ

If we are to be counted worthy of the "well done," something must be *done*, and a beginning must be made. We must learn to organize our time, systematize our work, and begin to do the things we have been dreaming and praying about. As an aid to this end, the plan of dedicating two hours a week for prayer, Bible study, and soul-winning work along all lines, has been found helpful. Many churchmembers are settling down to carry out this plan conscientiously, determined not to allow anything or anybody to interfere. God is blessing the willing ones. A new zeal and power in the individual life and in the church is apparent.

A few suggestions as to how these "two hours a week for Christ" may be utilized to the greatest advantage are presented for consideration, as follows:

1. *Meditation.* Ask yourself questions which stimulate clear thinking, such as, "If I keep on going the way I am now, and the way I have gone for the past year, past month, past week, and make no change in my life to-morrow, next week, next month, next year, will I ever hear the 'well done' spoken to me?" Or "If others had done no more for me than I am doing for others, would I ever have accepted Christ as my Saviour?" And "If Jesus had been as easily discouraged in working for me as I have been in working for others, would I ever be in heaven?" Seek an answer to such questions by earnest prayer and serious meditation. Then follow the way pointed out to you by the Spirit of the Lord, and *do it now*.

2. *Visiting.* Call on some discouraged soul, an invalid, or a sick person in the hospital or in the

home; visit members of the church who do not come to the Sabbath-school or church services, and let them know that you are interested in them and willing to help them. Study the Bible and pray with these.

3. *Letter Writing.* Write a letter to some discouraged believer or backslidden Adventist, some near relative who is not saved, or someone else who is not in the faith, but who may be studying our literature and willing to accept more light. Fill these letters with a warm message, breathing light, life, and love for the lost soul. Assure the one addressed that his name is ever before you and that you are earnestly praying for him.

4. *Circulate Literature.* Spend part of this sacred time on the streets of the cities, or on the country roads. Circulate our tracts, papers, and books. Select a sec-

tion of territory and make yourself responsible for placing the printed page of truth in every home. Go over this district again and again. Get acquainted with the people and ask God to give you a burden for these souls who would be happy to learn of the truth which someone so willingly brought to you.

5. *Conducting Cottage Meetings, or Branch Sabbath-Schools.* Gather the neglected children and youth of the world into a home or a suitable hall or building and conduct a branch Sabbath-school or Sunday-school. Gather names of interested people in your town or community who would be glad to attend cottage meetings, and in a public way bring to them this wonderful truth. Join up with some active church programme and help in every way to build up the work of your church and encourage others who are interested in this soul-winning work.

Such a plan adopted and earnestly followed out by every Christian would mean a new day in their experience, and most surely a rich harvest of souls everywhere.

The plan of dedicating two hours a week or any other period of time to definite soul-winning work, is worthy of careful consideration by every believer. We are admonished to "redeem the time," also, "our time belongs to God. Every moment is His, and we are under the most solemn

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80	IS PERMANENT PEACE POSSIBLE?	3	4
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80	BOYS' AND GIRLS' FRIEND.	3	4
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obligation to improve it to His glory. Of no talent He has given will He require a more strict account than of our time. . . . Now is our time to labour for the salvation of our fellow-men. There are some who think that if they give money to the cause of Christ, this is all they are required to do; the precious time in which they might do personal service for Him passes unimproved. But it is the privilege and duty of all who have health and strength to render to God

active service. All are to labour in winning souls to Christ. Donations of money cannot take the place of this."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, pages 342, 343.

Review these statements and the fact that many things are crowding in upon us in these solemn closing hours of earth's history. Would it not be a wise thing to make definite provision for the fulfilling of that solemn duty which falls to the lot of every disciple of Christ.

J.H.

"We Would See Jesus"

"BLESSED are the pure in heart: for they shall see God," and "Blessed are your eyes, for they see," said Jesus. "The light of the body is the eye." Matt. 6:22. There is nothing we value more highly than our physical eyes as well as the eyes of our understanding. The inner as well as our outer man has eyes with which to see, ears with which to hear. "The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made, even both of them." Says the wise man, "The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart."

Speaking of the Gentiles the apostle says, "Having their understanding darkened, they were being alienated from the life of God through ignorance and because of the blindness of their hearts." Heart-blindness is more to be deplored than even head-blindness. Travelling through some of the most beautiful scenery in the north lands, overcome with the matchless beauty of the "northern lights," under the arctic circle and the midnight sun and towering snow-capped mountains, and the Alps on the beautiful shores of the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas, under the silver moon and the southern cross in Africa, I have often remarked to fellow-travellers or residents of some of these "high places," wonder spots of earth: "It must be ennobling and inspiring to be surrounded by all this beauty and grandeur," and invariably the reply has come: "We are so used to it we don't see it or think much about it." A sad fact: beauty all around, blessings unnumbered, the power and opportunity to enjoy them, but indifferent or blind to them all.

"Having eyes that see not, and having ears they hear not." There are many things to hearing ears and seeing eyes to which it would be well if we were blind. But "blessed" indeed are "the eyes that see." We prize our eyesight, but what we should prize above all is heart-sight and mind-sight. We should pray that the eye of our affections and understanding can be opened that we might see the cross and, beyond its shadow, "the Lily of the Valley," "the Rose of Sharon," "the One Altogether Lovely," "the Chiefest among ten thousand," and by beholding Him become "changed" into the "same image" from "glory to glory." Lifted from the pit, and deep waters, into the purity of the white lily, changed from a stinging thorn to a fragrant rose,

"Face to face with Christ my Saviour,
Face to face—what will it be?
When with rapture I behold Him,
Jesus Christ who died for me.

"Face to face shall I behold Him,
Far beyond the starry sky;
Face to face in all His glory,
I shall see Him by and by."

Next to His glorious face, the most lovely and longed-for face of all to behold with be mother's. The story is told of a blind travelling musician who seemed to have been unconscious of the fact that he was blind until the year he started going to school. "The inevitable hour came and with it the bitterness that seared me like a hot iron," he said. "Why should I be different? Why should I not have what other children have? It was my mother, my wonderful mother who brought me back to peace and hope." And the story goes:

"It was one evening at twilight I sat with her on the doorstep of the old sod house, my face feeling the warmth of the declining sun. From the garden came the scent of old-fashioned flowers. That night, as never before in all my life, I longed to see. It was as though a tide engulfed me, overwhelmed me, as though from a flood I reached, strangling, with a cry to the one who had never failed me. 'Mother,' I whispered, 'Tell me of the sunset and the flowers.' And she tried to tell me. To one who had never seen the sunset nor the flowers, she sought to describe the colours of the rose and the mingling of the spectrum. Of course she could not. At last she said softly: 'Oh, my son, I cannot tell you of the sunset, and I cannot tell you of the flowers as I would. You may have them, love them, possess them, and they are very beautiful.' Then it was that my boy's heart broke. I swept my fingers across my mother's face and lingered on her eyes and lips, while I sobbed: 'I know that the flowers must be beautiful, for you told me of their beauty. I know they must be sweet and beautiful. I know the sunset must be sweet and beautiful, for you tell me so. But I know that you are more beautiful than these, and I wish I could see you.' My mother drew me to her heart, pressed her face down upon my head, and through her scalding tears I heard a voice, which has been for me the trumpet of the dawn and has travelled with me down the years. She said: 'My son, my darling son, you shall see me.'"

Through the strong faith and ministry of a loving mother the eyes of this poor blind boy's understanding were opened and by beholding Jesus his whole life course was changed and moulded after the divine pattern. What a glorious mission for workers and all who walk in the light to "open the blind eyes," and to bring out of the prison them that "sit in darkness!"

A young man was talking to his friend about his preference for the King James' version of the Bible, one evening after the Bible teacher of the class had been telling of the various translations and their different merits. Smilingly his friend replied: "I prefer my mother's

translation of the Bible to any other version." When asked what he meant by this he answered: "I mean that my mother has translated the Bible into the language of daily life for me ever since I was old enough to understand it. She translated it straight, too, and gives the full meaning. There never has been any obscurity about her version. Whatever printed version of the Bible I may study, my mother's is always the one that clears up my difficulties."

Though there are many things we see but dimly now in this valley of tears, disappointments, and sorrow, there are some things we can see and know by faith because He told us so. May that longing in our hearts find its expression

with that of the blind boy and those Greeks of old: "Sir, we would see Jesus," see Him as He is, see Him "whom having not seen we love," because He has shed abroad this love in our hearts, and has been and is to every one of His children, as a mother who comforteth her son. (Isa. 66:13.) Yes, He whispers, "My son, My darling son, you shall see Me."

"Only faintly now I see Him,
With the dark'ning veil between,
But a blessed day is coming,
When His glory shall be seen."

"Behold, He cometh with clouds;
and every eye shall see Him. . .
Even so, Amen." Rev. 1:7.

G. E. NORD.

Important Counsels on Methods of Work

"TRUE missionary work is that in which the Saviour's work is best represented, His methods most closely copied, His glory best promoted. Missionary work that falls short of this standard is recorded in heaven as defective. It is weighed in the balances of the sanctuary and found wanting."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 6, page 230.*

"The one purpose above all others for which God's gifts should be used is the sustaining of workers in the great harvest-field. And if men and women as well, will become channels of blessing to other souls, the Lord will keep the channels supplied."—*Vol. 6, page 449.*

"Christ has brought us into church capacity that He may engage and engross all our capabilities in devoted service for the salvation of souls. Anything short of this is opposition to the work. There are only two places in the world where we can deposit our treasure,—in God's storehouse or in Satan's; and all that is not devoted to Christ's service is counted on Satan's side, and goes to strengthen his cause."—*Vol. 6, page 448.*

"A crisis is right upon us. We must now by the Holy Spirit's power proclaim the great truths for these last days. It will not be long before everyone will have heard the warning and made his decision. Then shall the end come."—*Vol. 6, page 24.*

"We are to give to the world the light of truth as revealed in the Scriptures, and we are to re-

ceive from the world that which God moves upon them to give on behalf of His cause."

Notes from the Union President

INFORMATION coming to hand from various parts of the country indicates that, with perhaps two exceptions, our men are receiving satisfactory treatment at the hands of military service tribunals. The general attitude of Adventists before these tribunals is that they are not prepared to engage in the taking of human life, nor are they prepared to work on the Sabbath, but that if there is anything they can do to serve the State outside of these two matters, they are ready to share the sacrifices of the community. Two cases have appealed to the London Appeal Tribunal owing to the fact that no guarantees concerning the Sabbath have been given them in non-combatant service. We should remember these two cases in prayer that God may guide to the right decision for His servants.

We have just received word that Brethren A. H. Williams and Leonard G. White have successfully passed their M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. examinations. We trust that these brethren may continue to be blessed greatly of God as they take up medical practice.

H. W. LOWE.

Speed On the Message

*The world is in darkness, gross darkness to-day;
Its peoples are blinded and know not the way;
Yet God has a message for us to impart,
A message to save, to enlighten the heart.
No hands has the Master save your hands and mine,
And no feet save our feet to work His design;
To us He's committed the word of His grace
To tell out that others His truth might embrace.*

*The Master is seeking for workers to-day
To search for the wayward who wander and stray;
They're scattered and groping on mountain and plain,
In mansion and cottage by highway and lane.*

*The Saviour is waiting to welcome them home,
His arms are extended to all who now roam;
His heart is still yearning to save all the lost;
Their freedom He purchased at infinite cost.*

*O Christian, the Master is calling to you,
Go, labour for sinners, there's much work to do;
The heathen in darkness cries out day and night,
"Come over and help us, Oh send us the light!"
There are neighbours at home who know not the Lord,
Their souls saved for Jesus will bring great reward;
Oh fail not the Master in this hour of need,
[with all speed]
But, go, give the message to them*
STANLEY COMBRIDGE.

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Notes from the President

A FLEETING glance back at 1939 may be permitted for our encouragement as we determine to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

TITHE INCOME

FAITHFULNESS and loyalty are reflected in the final figure of £18,193 as the tithe income for the conference during 1939. This figure represents an increase of more than £300 over the budgetted figure for the year. Such an increase means a great deal to us as we set our sails for the unknown financial future of 1940. God has promised to bless the faithful tithe-payer, and undoubtedly our membership in South England is determined to lay hold on the promise of God during the year that lies ahead. We praise God for a loyal and faithful people.

HARVEST INGATHERING GOAL REACHED!

DURING the dark days of November the conference Ingathering goal seemed almost impossible of achievement. The £4,800 looked beyond our reach. Even Brother Warland began to wonder—it was very difficult not to worry! But again, courage conquered. In spite of very trying war conditions and evacuation difficulties, our people and conference workers pressed on with the task and finally the £4,800 was reached and just passed. Such an achievement is worthy of thankfulness to God and praise to those brave souls who kept on with the work—almost to Christmas, and some beyond. Again South England has not failed and missionaries will rejoice with us in a completed goal.

MISSION OFFERINGS

THESE compare quite favourably with 1938. General Sabbath-school offerings show some increase, and other mission funds in the aggregate will equal those of

previous years. Naturally we would like to see larger increases, for mission work is the life blood of the church. We must determine that 1940 will see a marked advance on 1939 in this respect.

MEMBERSHIP

It is here that we feel our great need. During 1939, 243 new souls were added to the church in South England by baptism and vote. This compares with the 267 added during 1938. By reason of losses and by death the resultant net gain for the year is 22; thus our present membership in the conference is 3,130. With strong evangelism throughout the conference on the part of ministers, Bible-workers, colporteurs, and church-members, surely this figure under the blessing of God can and must be greatly increased during 1940. Shall we not take this burden of evangelism within our own field very definitely upon our hearts, and by our prayers, our gifts, and our missionary endeavour do all that we can to finish the work in our midst?

NEWS OF EVANGELISM

BLACKOUT conditions and the severe weather have greatly affected attendances at public meetings. New campaigns commenced on Sunday, January 21st, at Cambridge, High Wycombe, and Wembley. In spite of smaller attendances the evangelists are of good courage and a good number of names was received at these first meetings.

The following are the places where public campaigns are now in progress throughout the conference:

Cambridge	(new place)
Canterbury	(new place)
Chelmsford	
Cheltenham	
Clacton	
Norwich	
Taunton	(new place)
Wembley	(new place)
Wycombe	

Word is expected any time concerning campaigns beginning in

Bristol, Eastbourne, Swindon, and Weymouth, as halls become available. Other smaller campaigns are anticipated as war-time conditions make it possible. Every minister in the conference, whether operating with a special evangelistic budget or not, is making plans to reach new souls with the message during 1940. This must be a banner year in soul-winning throughout our territory. Make this your prayer and your interest as the weeks go by. Never before have the times presented us with such an opportunity for spreading the Advent message. G. D. KING.

Campers' Reunion Social

"THEY won't come in the black-out—at least, only a few will come." That was the fear which caused us to hesitate before making arrangements for the Campers' Reunion Social this year. The replies to our letters of inquiry to the society leaders soon dispelled any doubt, however, for the requests for tickets by campers and their friends were as heavy as in previous years.

The social of January 2nd will be long remembered by the two hundred young people (age, of course, not counted by years!) who attended. The first group arrived promptly at 6.30 p.m. and were soon followed by others. Before long all were busy talking to old friends or making new ones, for there is nothing "cold" or formal about the Campers' Reunion! Most were soon busy with pen and paper studying the advertisements displayed around the room, or trying to remember the correct answers to the general knowledge paper with which each had been provided.

By seven o'clock, when the social was opened with prayer, over a hundred had arrived, including a coach full of youth from Watford. We were all very glad that Pastor and Mrs. King were able to attend, and our president's short speech was sprinkled with that note of humour which is so appropriate on such occasions.

Missionary volunteers are good mixers, and this was clearly demonstrated during the many activities ably conducted for us by Brethren Nigel Druitt and Gordon

Clarke. Some of the good old favourites—musical parcel, twos and threes, Hyde Park, musical mat, and so on—were in evidence. There were also games, like the hunt of the "dogs," "cats," "ducks," and "chickens" for farmyard foods, the rearranging of jumbled newspapers, bag-bursting, etc., which were new to some of us.

When the interval for refreshments was announced, the popularity of the "eats" was very evident, for at times it was difficult to reach the buffet! Most were glad to relax for a little while, and groups of friends could be seen sitting round the large hall.

When the whistle blew, we gathered before the platform to listen to some humorous recitations by Brother Gordon Clarke, such as we enjoyed a year ago.

Most had come long distances across London to attend this annual festivity, and at ten-thirty, before the evening's proceedings were brought to a close by prayer, there was a little prize-giving ceremony conducted by the president and Mrs. King. Miss Margaret Willoughby, of Watford, who obtained nearly full marks in the general knowledge test, received a copy of *Milestones in Palestine*; Mr. Parr, of Ealing, who remembered most of the advertisements, had *The Marked Bible*; Miss Betty Syme, of Wood Green, thought through most of the riddles, and received *Steps to Christ*. In all, about twenty young people received prizes of one sort or another—books, writing materials, pocket knives, picnic sets, and so forth. It really was a very enjoyable time, and we would like to thank one and all who contributed to yet another happy page in the album of Advent youth memories.

E. R. WARLAND.

An Appreciation of the Progressive Courses

I SHALL always be glad to speak in appreciation of the Progressive Courses. I thank God for their inspiration as well as their educational, cultural, and refining influence. I did not start the courses until I was a busy minister's wife, housewife, and mother. When was I to find time for such extras as

the vocational honours called for? These vocational honours allow one to specialize in various branches of study and industry such as:

Book-Keeping, Shorthand and Typewriting, Drawing and Painting, Music, Star Study, Chemistry, Gardening, Health and Healing, Cooking, Needlecraft, Physical Culture, Philately, etc.—altogether fifty-one.

But fortunately there are some compulsory ones. Otherwise a stenographer could choose his pet subjects of shorthand, typewriting, and book-keeping and stay in that little groove all his life. Or a worker in the home could pass on cooking, laundering, etc., and be nothing more all her life. All are required to pass in Christian Story-Telling, Health and Healing; have two honours from the Nature group, and a Study and Service League certificate.

"Seventh-Day Adventists have always believed that physical development and daily habit affect our spiritual as well as physical and mental vigour. Therefore we study to have at least an elementary knowledge of prevention and treatment of disease which every

intelligent individual should possess."

Story-telling is a sure way of reaching the hearts of boys and girls, so in our training to become leaders of youth we cultivate this talent. Most of us chose Flower Study and Star Study from the nature group, so that sometimes we went out with our eyes glued on the ground, and at other times with our necks craned upward. I have yet to meet the person who was not completely captivated by wild flower study by the time the required fifty specimens were identified and pressed.

I am glad that the Progressive Course saved me from the disease of brain-rust—if you know what that means. It has revived earlier educational attainments and added a broader knowledge of other subjects. Not the least, I appreciate the spiritual help obtained from the devotional books, *The Sanctified Life*, *Fishers of Men*, *Finding Men for Christ*, *Fighting Africa's Black Magic*, etc.

May God bless us as we seek to prepare ourselves for greater and wider service.

MRS. E. BONNEY.

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Notes from the President

THE following is a complete list of conventions to be held in the conference during the first quarter of the year. You will notice that there are twenty-two districts: A convention will be held in each one.

DISTRICT	DATE
Central	Jan. 26th to 28th
East Lancs.	Feb. 2nd to 4th
Greater Birmingham	Feb. 23rd to 25th
Greater Manchester	Jan. 12th to 14th
Isle of Man	March 8th to 10th
Mersy-side	Feb. 9th to 11th
Newbold	Jan. 1st to 4th
North Lancs	Feb. 2nd to 4th
Northants	Feb. 2nd to 4th
Severn Valley	March 8th to 10th
Skegness	Feb. 9th to 11th
South Durham	Jan. 26th to 28th
South Midland	March 1st to 3rd
South Yorks	Feb. 9th to 11th
The Humber	Feb. 2nd to 4th
The Potteries	March 15th to 17th
The Tees	Feb. 16th to 18th
Tyneside	March 29th to 31st
Warwickshire	March 8th to 10th
West Riding	March 22nd to 24th

York
Yorks Central

Feb. 23rd to 25th
March 1st to 3rd

Two have already been conducted with success.

CAMPAIGNS

Two evangelists expect to begin their campaigns on Sunday, January 28th, and we ask that your prayers continue with these workers throughout. W. J. Cannon, assisted by A. F. Clarke, is to open the work in Rochdale, a town with a population of 95,527. W. M. Lennox, assisted by B. Cleary, begins in Scarborough, with a population of 42,284. The Rochdale campaign will be held in the evening, and the Scarborough campaign in the afternoon.

LAY-WORKERS

In another part of the paper

you will find the obituary notice of Mrs. E. A. Rosier of Birmingham. I mention this here because her great joy was to witness for this message. Just a few weeks before her death she had the joy of witnessing the baptism of a young woman in whose home she had given Bible studies.

W. Townsend, is a carpenter and an isolated member. He believes in letting his light shine in the surrounding darkness. Last year he carried the truth to the leader of a local women's organization and she was baptized. In turn this new convert worked for another who has accepted the full message and is showing faith by paying tithes and offerings while awaiting baptism.

Have you interested and won any person for the truth? Will you try to do so in 1940?

An even more painstaking work is that of reclaiming those who have once walked with us. In every town where we have a church or company there are such people. It would be a wonderful thing for our members to restore contact with these people. They will need the true shepherd spirit of searching. "Doth he not go after that which is lost *until he find it?*" Jesus asked.

BIBLES

AND now a personal question. Do you go to a church service without your Bible? It is a very disheartening experience for a preacher to find more than half his congregation making no attempt to follow the texts in their Bibles. In a campaign it is one of the surest signs of the interest of his congregation when they begin to bring their own Bibles and search for the texts as he gives them. Should we, as older Adventists, lose this excellent habit? A correspondent of a religious journal visited an Adventist church in Bucharest, during the ban on religious meetings in Rumania last winter. In his article he reports as follows: "All had Bibles. The audience listened attentively, and as the preacher turned to one verse after another the listeners also found the passages in their Bibles. It was plain that for these people salvation is a very real thing."

To follow the sermon in your Bible is a good old Adventist practice which should not fall by the way. The preacher's heart will certainly warm if you do so next Sabbath. R. S. JOYCE.

At Rest

ROSIER.—Mrs. Edith Annie Rosier passed away at the age of fifty-eight, in the Queens Hospital, Birmingham, on December 1, 1939, after a short illness, and was laid to rest in the West Bromwich Cemetery on December 5th. Pastors R. S. Joyce and W. G. Murdoch officiated. Our sister accepted the truth during a public effort held in West Bromwich twenty-three years ago. She loved the Advent message, and delighted in proclaiming it to all with whom she came in contact. She served faithfully as a deaconess of the Handsworth church for a number of years, and was loved and respected by all who knew her. Her husband, a daughter, and three sons, one of whom is now in our organized work, are left to mourn their loss.

H. W. McCrow.

MORTON.—It was with sad hearts that we laid to rest on Sabbath, October 25, 1939, our young brother, John Morton, who accepted the message only last year. Though young, his confidence in God was strong, and he had always been anxious to serve his Master from childhood days. He was taken ill suddenly and passed away at the age of eighteen. We are comforted that he sleeps in Jesus, and we look forward to that great day, when he, with the rest of the dead in Christ, shall rise again to be with Him for ever. We remember his sorrowing relatives, and trust that they may receive comfort and help in their hour of trial.

L. MURDOCH.

NEEDLER.—On Sabbath, October 25, 1939, we laid to rest our aged Sister Needler, who passed peacefully away after spending

many years in total blindness. Sister Needler was baptized in the year 1912 by Brother John Taylor, and was a faithful church worker until she lost her sight. Since then she has always manifested a wonderful patience and cheerfulness, looking forward to the time when she would see her Saviour face to face. We extend our deepest sympathy to her relatives and friends who so lovingly tended her in her failing years.

L. MURDOCH.

MACKFALL.—With deep grief the members of the Darlington church heard the sad news of the death of one who was greatly esteemed among them, Brother Frederick W. Mackfall, aged sixty-six, when they met for the service on Sunday, January 7, 1940. Just eight days before, Brother Mackfall was in our midst conducting Sabbath-school. In the evening of that same day he was knocked from his cycle in the blackout, and severely injured. Special prayers were offered up for his recovery, and it was fervently hoped he would be spared for further service and fellowship with us. But the Lord saw fit to take him, and he fell quietly asleep in the Memorial Hospital on the afternoon of Sunday, January 7th. He will long be remembered by his fellow-members as a faithful and dependable servant of God, and will be greatly missed because he was one who was always present, and on time, and doing his job. It was over thirty years ago that Brother Mackfall accepted the message in an effort held by Pastor A. S. Marchus. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to relatives and friends, and our late brother was laid to rest on January 11th in the Darlington

West Cemetery till the resurrection morning. F. EDWARDS.

WALLACE.—For twenty-three years Sister Wallace was a faithful witness to the Advent faith and a loyal member of the Glasgow church. After a short illness, during which she manifested the same patience that was characteristic of her at all times, she fell asleep in Jesus on December 6, 1939. In the company of many friends and relatives, we laid her to rest on a peaceful hillside where she awaits the voice of the Life-giver. We extend our sympathy to the sorrowing relatives among whom are her husband, Brother and Sister Barr, and our two Brethren Kinnon. The funeral service was conducted by the writer.

L. D. VINCE.

GROVES.—At the ripe age of ninety-one years the Brighton church has lost its oldest member. Sister Emily Jane Groves accepted the Advent faith twenty-eight years ago under the ministry of the late Pastor J. D. Gillatt, and was one of the charter members of the church. For many years she served the church as deaconess, and while her strength remained, was ever a willing worker in all missionary work. Peacefully she fell asleep on December 17, 1939, and on December 21st we laid her to rest in a shaded knoll of the East Grinstead Cemetery to await the sound of the "last trumpet." Brother R. H. Smith officiated and several of the churchmembers were in attendance. To her aged sister we extend our sympathy.

E. BALL.

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The Ministry of Literature

I Read a Tract And—

SOME five years ago a growing concern for the lack of Christian standards in my home led me to enrol my two eldest children (then in their early teens) in a "Confirmation" class, and I myself attended some of the preparation classes.

Just about this time there came into my hands a copy of *Protestantism Imperilled*, by A. S. Maxwell. This still further perturbed my mind and I began to wonder whether the instruction nowadays given to young people in the churches would bring them to a real experience of Christ in their lives. So I felt impelled to make a study of the history of the Reformation, and trace its influence down to the present time and outlook.

In the course of my studies I came in contact with Seventh-Day Adventist teaching and was further helped by pamphlets, to name a few, *What Seventh-Day Adventists Believe*, *The Bible: Living Word of the Living God*, *Is God Particular*, *Does He expect Obedience to His Commands?* and occasional copies of *Present Truth* sent to me. The struggle continued for two years, and then, as was inevitable in the face of such overwhelming evidences, my decision was gladly made for God's truth.

Contact with the local church followed, and growing enlightenment, conviction and confidence, have been my grateful experience ever since.

C. R.

The Influence of a Tract

"No man liveth to himself." No act, no work, either good or evil, ends with itself. It may be but a word that sets influences in motion that will vibrate throughout eternity. It is impossible therefore to overrate the importance of the seeming little things that come into our lives. The beautiful train of blessings that followed the reading of a tract is shown in the following story:

"Early in the year 1819, while waiting to see a patient, a young physician in New York read a little tract on missions, which lay in the room where he sat. On reaching home, he spoke to his wife of the question that had arisen in his mind. As a result they set out for Ceylon, and later India, as foreign missionaries. For thirty years the wife, and for thirty-six years the husband, laboured among the heathen, and they went to their rest. Apart from what they did as pioneer medical missionaries, they left behind them seven sons and two daughters. These sons married and with their wives and both sisters, gave themselves to the same mission work. Several grandchildren of the first missionary are now missionaries in India. And thus far thirty of the family, the Scudders, have given their lives to Indian missions."

The whole current of Dr. Scudder's life had been turned by a single tract. The very tract through which the Lord spoke to him was kept and treasured by his son Henry, who wrote regarding it, "Precious tract, written thirty-seven years ago, how wide and wonderful are the influences which have issued from between thy humble covers! Under God, it is by thee that I sit here writing these lines in this far-off land." Who can estimate the endless waves of good that have come from the reading of that little tract?

What can we learn from this remarkable story? Surely not one of us need live in vain, for though our sphere be of the humblest there is someone whom we can reach at least with a tract, or a paper. Even in such humble service there is bound up vast possibilities of good and a wide field of service.

J. I. ROBISON.

Appreciation of the Services "Steps to Christ"

About the year 1927, long before I had any idea of the Advent message, I was a Sunday-school

teacher. On arriving home from business one evening my wife informed me that she had purchased at the door a book which would assist me very much with the class of boys I was teaching. This book was no other than *Steps to Christ*, and it did indeed prove a blessing to me and of great assistance. Little did I realize that this was one of the first links to bring me to the knowledge of the Advent message. I still have the original copy as well as other copies which are loaned to people and when returned, the remark is invariably made, "What a lovely book!"

When the advertisement came to our knowledge regarding *Steps to Christ*, pocket edition for members of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, my wife and I sent for six copies. Five were immediately given out and at the present time three are in France and two at R.A.F. depots in this country. The wife of one of the men in France recently told us that her husband was going to write and thank us for the book and in his letter he says: "I very much appreciate the little book you gave J—— to send me. It has given me great pleasure to read it, and I thank you so much for putting me on your list of special prayers. It is a great comfort to know that you are thought about at home."

Another in England writes: "It was very kind of you to send me that book, *Steps to Christ*. It is something you can look into when things start to go wrong. I have read about half and I find it very, very interesting. Have also lent the book to my other room-mates."

Another in France wrote to his mother and asked her specially to thank us for the book. He mentioned that he had received several scriptural books but there was nothing to compare with *Steps to Christ*.

The silent messenger speaks, and we give thanks to God for His wonderful love and mercy. May these books be the means of leading some to know the glorious love of Jesus Christ. S. SMITH.