



# THE MISSIONARY LEADER



Vol. 8

MELBOURNE, MARCH, 1920

No. 3

## Home Missions Department

### Church Missionary Programme First Week

Song; prayer; reports of work and experiences; song.

Scripture Reading: Isa. 61:1-3, 10, 11.

Reading: "Reasons Why We Should Engage in Home Mission Work."

Reading: "The Rapidly Approaching End."

Poem: "Awake, for the Trumpet is Sounding."

Plans for Future Work.

Closing Hymn.

NOTE TO LEADERS.—We would suggest that one each of the following twelve reasons be given around amongst twelve persons before the meeting. 1. be read from the floor of the church. Suitable comments or emphasis could then be made by leader.

### Reasons Why We Should Engage in Home Missionary Work

1. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."
2. "The end is near."
3. "It is no time to lay down or hide our weapons, and thus give Satan the advantage in the warfare."
4. "Work while it is called to-day; for the night cometh in which no man can work."
5. "All heaven is in activity, and the angels of God are waiting to co-operate with the human agent who will devise plans whereby souls for whom Christ died may hear the glad tidings of salvation."
6. "Why are there so few who bear the yoke and carry the burden of Christ? Why do persons have to be urged to take up their work for the Master? Why are there so few who can unveil the mysteries of redemption? The Sun of righteousness has risen upon the church, and it is the duty of the church to shine. Those who are connected with Christ will grow in grace and in knowledge. It is the privilege of every member to make such advancement. No one is to be an idler in the vineyard."
7. "If we do what we can, God will not be wanting in doing that for us which we cannot."
8. We have been told to use what talents we possess. The woods would be very silent if no birds sang there but those who sing best.
9. "When men and women use their powers as God directs them to, their talents will increase, their ability will enlarge, and they will have heavenly wisdom in seeking to save those who

are lost. With such workers heavenly intelligences will co-operate."

10. "Workers together with God, you are empowered by the Lord to take others with you into the kingdom. Angels of heaven are around about you to sustain and strengthen you as you work for others."

11. "The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. Servants of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices, all over the earth, the warning will be given."

12. The Lord is still calling for sowers to sow the seed. Will you respond?

### The Rapidly Approaching End

"THE crisis is stealing upon us. The sun shines in the heavens, passing over its usual round. Men are still eating and drinking, planting and building, marrying and giving in marriage. Merchants are still buying and selling. Pleasure-lovers are still crowding to theatres, races, gambling hells. The highest excitement prevails, yet probation's hour is fast closing. Satan sees that his time is short. He has set all his agencies at work so that men may be deceived, deluded, entranced, until the day of probation shall be ended and the door of mercy be forever shut."—*Desire of Ages*, pp. 635, 636.

"We are standing on the threshold of great and solemn events. Prophecy is fast fulfilling. The Lord is at the door. There is soon to open before us a period of overwhelming interest to all living. The scenes to be enacted in our world are not yet even dreamed of. A crisis is just upon us."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 753.

"God calls upon us to awake, for the end is near. Every passing hour is one of activity in the heavenly courts, to make ready a people upon the earth to act a part in the great scenes that are soon to open upon us. These passing moments, that seem of so little value to us, are weighty with eternal interests. The words we utter to-day in the ears of the people, the works we are doing, the spirit of the message we are bearing, will be a savour of life unto life or of death unto death."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, pp. 716-718.

"The end is near, stealing upon us stealthily, imperceptibly, like the noiseless approach of a thief in the night. Let those who are rejoicing in the light of present truth now make haste to impart the truth to others."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 135.

### Awake! For the Trumpet is Sounding

Awake! for the trumpet is sounding;  
Awake! and to duty away;  
The voice of our Leader cries "Onward!"  
The call let us gladly obey.

Gird on you the sword of the Spirit,  
With helmet, and breast-plate, and shield;  
The song of the Highest, your Captain,  
Go, conquer or die on the field.

No truce till the foe is conquered,  
No laying the armour down;  
No peace till the battle is ended,  
And victory wins the crown.

Then forward, O army of Zion,  
With hearts that are loyal and brave;  
Stand firm by the Cross and its banner,  
Your strength in the Mighty to save.  
—Selected.

### Church Missionary Programme Second Week

Song; prayer; reports of work.  
Bible Study: "A Work for All."  
Song.  
Reading: "A Church Full of Missionaries."  
Plans for Work.  
Closing Song.

### A Work for All

John 15:9. Motive power in Christ's work for us.  
1 John 2:6. Proof that we are true workers of His.  
Ps. 40:8. Delight to do His will.  
Matt. 20:6, 7. Christ has engaged us.  
Luke 11:23. No neutral place.  
Mark 13:34. To every man his work.

"Not all can fill the same place in the work, but there is a place and a work for all."  
Matt. 24:14. The result when all have done their part.

### A Church Full of Missionaries

It is encouraging to see the way in which our people are beginning to catch the spirit of the home missionary movement, and are seeking for souls as they who must give an account. We look forward anxiously to the time when every member of the church will be a living missionary, endeavouring to win souls to Christ while the hours of human probation linger. President Wilson declared, "The destiny of the nations is in the hands of the plain people of the whole world." What a striking illustration of the movement

which is rapidly developing within our ranks. In nearly all our churches to-day our people are being educated and trained for the task of sounding the loud cry of the third angel's message. We are constrained to believe that the destiny of the work of God in the earth is in the hands of our people in the churches.

"The strength of an army is measured largely by the efficiency of the men in the ranks. A wise general instructs his officers to train every soldier for active service. If he were to depend upon his officers alone, he could never expect to conduct a successful campaign. He counts on loyal and untiring service from every man in the army. The responsibility rests largely upon the men in the ranks. And so it is in the army of Prince Immanuel. Our General expects willing, faithful service from every one who has enlisted under His banner."

"The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." (*Testimonies, Vol. 9, pp. 116, 117.*)

In the time just preceding the second coming of Christ, and during the sounding of the loud cry, "there will be a series of events revealing that God is master of the situation. The truth will be proclaimed in clear, unmistakable language. In all fields nigh and far, men will be called from the plough and from the common business vocations. As they learn to labour effectively, they will proclaim the truth with power. Onward and still onward the work will advance, until the whole earth shall have been warned, and then shall the end come." (*Vol. 9, p. 96.*)

How encouraging it is to know that while the history of this old world is drawing to a close, while strife and commotion are reigning on every hand, and sickness, disease, and death are ravaging society, God is working out His great plan whereby His people, in a united movement, are to finish His work. In its simplicity, this home missionary movement offers to every member a place. Let each find his place, fill it faithfully, and share in the blessings of the eternal world when the task here is done.

### Church Missionary Programme Third Week

Song; prayer; reports of work done and experiences; song.

First Reading: "Individual Shining."

Second Reading: "The Light that Did Not Go Out."

Third Reading: "Strike a Match."

Poem: "Somebody Near You."

Plans for Future Work.

Closing Song.

### Individual Shining

THOSE who truly believe in the message for this hour are answering the call: "Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of Jehovah is risen upon thee. For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples; but Jehovah will arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And nations shall come to thy

light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising." Isa. 60:1-3, A.R.V.

If ever this truth is to shine forth in this world "as a lamp that burneth," it will be when the church, from the oldest to the youngest, arise in their individual responsibility, and exert a personal effort in behalf of those around them.

Individual, personal shining is the need of the church. We have been shining, with more or less brilliancy, before the world as churches and congregations. The world, for a generation, has known of us in a collective sense. But this knowledge alone is not sufficient. The question is, "Are you seen and known in the world, and felt as a power for good?" Without doubt, we are living in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, and among these we are to be "seen as lights in the world."

### The Light That Did Not Go Out

THE following is the touching experience of the wife of a lighthouse keeper:—

"The breaking ice floes swept away the lighthouse keeper, with both his assistants. The poor widow was left alone through a long, dreary winter. When the supply ship reached the island on its semi-annual visit, the captain, in utter astonishment, asked her how she ever managed to live through the winter. 'I don't know,' she replied. 'I only know I kept the lights burning.'"

Faltering and hesitating missionary worker, do not give up. Some sin-tossed soul is depending upon your light. Let it shine just where you are. Just where you are there is some one who needs it. That Bible reading you gave may be the nucleus for a church. That tract you gave away yesterday may start a revival in some home. Or the papers you distributed last week among the homes may awaken sufficient interest for a public effort. Who knows? Just those things have been accomplished by just those little agencies.

### Strike a Match

SOME years ago a great hotel in Vienna was on fire. A man in one of the corridors was seeking a way of escape. Many others were trying to get out. It was dark, but this man had a single match in his pocket. He struck it, and by its single light he guided twenty lives to safety. He did what he could. Every one of us can help save life. We can hold up a light, and be the means of guiding souls out of darkness to safety. On the Eddystone lighthouse is this inscription: "To give light, and save life." So we are to accomplish the same purpose. "But my light is so small," says one. Does God reckon it small? He lighted it. And if you will let Him do it, He can focus that light upon some heart with such power as to save that heart. "The salvation of God will go forth from you as a lamp that burneth." It may be done during a quiet conversation or a neighbourly visit. Perhaps the loaning of a book or the giving of a tract may be the means. It matters not. Our God is not limited. He employs many agencies. He wants my light to be one of them.

### Somebody Near You

Somebody near you is struggling alone  
Over life's desert sand;  
Faith, hope, and courage together are gone:  
Reach him a helping hand.  
Turn on his darkness a beam of your light;  
Kindle, to guide him, a beacon-fire bright;  
Cheer his discouragement; soothe his affright;  
Lovingly help him to stand.

Somebody near you is hungry and cold;  
Send him some aid to-day.  
Somebody near you is feeble and old,  
Left without human stay;  
Under his burdens put hands kind and strong;  
Speak to him tenderly, sing him a song;  
Haste to do something to help him along.  
Over his weary way.

### Church Missionary Programme Fourth and Fifth Weeks

NOTE TO LEADERS.—Space will not permit of our providing programmes for fourth and fifth weeks. However, as the Appeal for Missions effort will by that time have just been commenced, the meetings could be made interesting with reports and experiences in connection with that important campaign.

## Missionary Volunteer Department

### Missionary Volunteer Programme First Week Loyalty

*Blackboard Motto:* "The youth may have principles so firm that the most powerful temptations of Satan will not draw them away from their allegiance."  
—*Testimonies for the Church, Vol. III., p. 472.*

Song Service on Loyalty.

Prayer.

Secretary's Report, and Reports of Work.

A Scripture Chain.

Talk: "The Greatest of These."

"Loyalty." See *Instructor* for November 25, 1919.

Examples of Loyalty

Poem: "The Words of My Mouth."

Roll Call: "What It Means to Be Loyal."

Close by repeating or reading Psalms 1 in concert.

LEADER'S NOTE.—*Purpose of To-day's Meeting.*—The great all-inclusive aim of our society meetings is that we all may become more like our Great Example within and without, in life and in service, for the ultimate purpose of our society is the salvation of souls. The artist who paints a rainbow, does not complete it with one swift stroke, but each time his brush touches the canvas, it adds something, and little by little the rainbow in all its artificial glory, the mental picture that the artist has kept constantly before him, adorns the canvas. So in your meetings.

Two things are essential,—first, never lose sight of the great aim; second, make each meeting count. Make it a rung in the ladder for reaching the goal.

It would be extremely difficult to find a more important subject than the one we have under consideration. A young person may be an ideal Missionary Volunteer even if he cannot make good speeches, even if he has but little ability; but the cleverest, most talented young person cannot be an ideal Missionary Volunteer without loyalty. Loyalty is absolutely necessary. Emphasize to-day the importance of loyalty, the meaning of loyalty, and the fact that every one may be loyal if he will. (See 1 Cor. 10:13.)

**Song Service.**—The following songs in Christ in Song are good for this subject: 509, 678, 484, 560, 508, 628, and 521. For the younger members, 581, 566, and 559 are good.

In the *Youths' Instructor* for Nov. 25, the subject of Loyalty is set forth under the following headings: Loyal to the Church and the Society; Loyal to Our Work; Loyal to Principle; Loyal to Our Home Folks; Loyal to Our Friends. Space does not permit our reproducing these, but no doubt the M.V. leaders in all our churches have access to this excellent youths' paper.

## Examples of Loyalty

Draw out by questioning the brief story of the loyalty of Daniel and his companions recorded in Dan. 1, 3, 6.

**Roll Call.** Assign "What it Means to be Loyal" to thirteen readers who will read or recite the statements.

## A Scripture Chain

(Assign a text to each member to read)

Prov. 25:11	Matt. 12:36, 37
Lev. 19:16	Prov. 11:13
Ps. 101:5	Eph. 4:29
Prov. 26:18, 19	Prov. 10:19
Ecl. 5:2	James 4:11
Eph. 4:31, 32	Ps. 50:23

## "The Greatest of These"

Though I speak with the eloquence of learned men and give valuable instruction in Christian living, but am not loyal to my religious convictions, I am but a counterfeit.

Though I be an intellectual giant, but am not loyal to my Great Teacher, I am a stumbling-block to my friends.

Though I have the faith that can work miracles, though I believe in God and His commandments, but am not loyally obeying Him, I am co-operating with the enemy of souls who believes and trembles.

Though I be a great philanthropist and distribute all that I possess among the poor, and am not loyal to my Master, I am doing more harm than good, regardless of the praise that men may shower upon me.

Though I be a martyr to some great cause, but fail to be loyal to the King of kings, I am not worthy to be a soldier of the cross.

Loyalty suffers many things, but it remains true to the end. Loyalty cannot stoop to envy others their good fortune nor yet to boast nor feel boastful of its own accomplishments.

Loyalty does not behave itself in a way to cast reflections upon the Master. It is the very essence of Christian courtesy, Christian love, and Christian simplicity. It is genuinely unselfish, never seeking its own comfort and ease, but rather the welfare of others. It practices self-control and never grows angry. It is ever charitable, harbours no grudges, "thinketh no evil."

Loyalty does not find its pleasure in the world; it does not rejoice in iniquity; it finds its delight in only the pursuits that bear the stamp of the Master's approval, for it has tasted and knows that the Lord is good and that with him life's truest joys abide.

Loyalty endures all things; and with the eye of unconquerable faith riveted upon the blessed hope, it cheerfully pursues the path that shines brighter and brighter till the perfect day.

Loyalty never fails. In the great issues of life and in the little events of every day, it recognizes the same great principles, and in all things it is true to principle as the needle is to the pole. Loyalty never fails.

Education is of great value; wealth has remarkable power; but education may fail to serve us, and the glittering treasures that money can buy will soon fade and decay. Still loyalty abides; it never fails—it always succeeds. Truly the greatest of these is loyalty.

Matilda Erickson.

## The Words of My Mouth

It was easily said—that unkind word,  
That fell from your lips at morn;  
But you little thought as away it sped,  
It would tear some heart like a thorn.  
You did not mean it—'twas thoughtless,  
yes,  
But it flew on its onward track,  
And prayers and tears of all life's  
years,  
Can never call it back.

It was easily said—that kindly word,  
That you spoke with a pleasant smile;  
But it cheered a soul that was lone and  
sad;  
And it nerved a heart for trial.  
The strongest monuments crumble and  
break,  
And into dust decay;  
But a kindly word will live on and on,  
Though the speaker has passed away.

Oh, let us be careful of each small  
word  
We speak with but little thought;  
They will carry a message of life,  
If we say the words that we ought.  
And by and by, when our lips are mute,  
And our record of life is known,  
The kindly words will shine forth like  
stars  
In the crown that shall be our own.  
—Selected.

## What it Means to be Loyal

"We are not loyal if we have more light than we use and more truth than we practise."

"Adrift with the tide of opinion;  
Pressed on in the wake of the throng,  
While popular creed holds dominion,  
And right yields in weakness to  
wrong;

Not thus would I carelessly mingle,  
But stand for the right, though alone,  
With a heart and a purpose yet single,  
Christ's every example my own."

"Let the youth take the Bible as their guide, and stand like a rock for principle, and they can aspire to any height of attainment."—*Signs of the Times*, No. 9, 1889.

"The youth may have principles so firm that the most powerful temptations of Satan will not draw them away from their allegiance."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. III., p. 472.

"Let every one who claims to be a child of the heavenly King seek constantly to represent the principles of the kingdom of God."—*Vol. VI.*, p. 189.

"Only let the truth for this time be cordially received, and become the basis of character, and it will produce steadfastness of purpose, which the allurements of pleasure, the fickleness of custom, the contempt of the world loving, and the heart's own clamours for self-indulgence, are powerless to influence."—*Vol. V.*, p. 43.

"If God's Word were studied as it should be, men would have a breadth of mind, a nobility of character, and a stability of purpose that is rarely seen in these times."—*Steps to Christ*, p. 95.

"The strength of an army is measured largely by the efficiency of the men in the ranks. A wise general instructs his officers to train every soldier for active service. He seeks to develop the highest efficiency on the part of all. If he were to depend on his officers alone, he could never expect to conduct a successful campaign. He counts on loyal and untiring service from every man in his army. . . . Our General, who has never lost a battle, expects willing, faithful service from every one who has enlisted under His banner."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 351.

"Stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." 1 Cor. 16:13.

"Joseph bore alike the test of adversity and of prosperity."—*Education*, p. 52.

"By conforming entirely to the will of God, we shall be placed upon vantage ground, and shall see the necessity of decided separation from the customs and practices of the world."—*Vol. VI.*, p. 146.

"To the loyal heart the commands of sinful, finite men will sink into insignificance beside the word of the eternal God. Truth will be obeyed though the result be imprisonment or exile or death."—*Prophets and Kings*, pp. 512, 513.

"There is nothing that the Saviour desires so much as agents who will represent to the world His Spirit and His character. There is nothing that the world needs so much as the manifestation through humanity of the Saviour's love. All heaven is waiting for men and women through whom God can reveal the power of Christianity."—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 600.

## Redeeming the Time

Opening Exercises and Reports.  
Bible and Testimony Study.  
Poem: "Linger Not."  
"The Call for Workers."  
"At Such a Time as This."  
Poem: "To the Fore."

LEADER'S NOTE.—This programme has been prepared by the Queensland Missionary Volunteer Department. Have the Seed Thought written on the black-board, and call especial attention to it at the close of the programme.

Seed-thought: "Decision is one of the conspicuous elements of victory in all our undertakings. The wavering mind rarely accomplishes anything. Decision becomes an incentive for action. With a purpose once fixed, victory will eventually crown our labour."

## Bible and Testimony Study

OUR TIME BELONGS TO GOD.—1 Cor. 6: 19, 20.—"Every hour's work passes in review before God, and is registered for faithfulness or unfaithfulness. The record of wasted moments and unimproved opportunities must be met when the Judgment shall sit, and the books shall be opened, and every one shall be judged according to the things written in the books." *Test. Vol. 4, p. 453.*

THE TIME IS SHORT.—Eph. 5: 16; Rom. 13: 11. "The moments now granted to us are few. We are standing upon the very borders of the eternal world. We have no time to lose. Every moment is golden, and altogether too precious to be devoted merely to self-serving." *Vol. 9, p. 117.*

WAYS TO REDEEM TIME.—1. *Study.* 2 Tim. 2: 15. "There is an urgent demand for labourers in the gospel field. Young men are needed for this work; God calls for them. Their education is of primary importance in our colleges, and in no case should it be ignored or regarded as a secondary matter." *Vol. 6, p. 135.*

2. *Prayer.* Matt. 26: 41. "God will do the work if we will furnish Him the instruments. There needs to be among us a great deal more of prayer, and much less of unbelief." *Vol. 9, p. 107.*

3. *Work.* John 4: 35. "God has revealed what is to take place in the last days that His people may be prepared to stand against the tempest of opposition and wrath. Those who have been warned of the events before them are not to sit in calm expectation of the coming storm, comforting themselves that the Lord will shelter His faithful ones in the day of trouble. We are to be as men waiting for their Lord, not in idle expectancy, but in earnest work, with unwavering faith." *Vol. 5, p. 452.*

FAITHFULNESS NECESSARY.—Matt. 25: 21. "Time is short, and what you do must be done quickly. Resolve to redeem the time. Seek not your own pleasure. Rouse yourself! Take hold of the work with a new purpose of heart. The Lord will open the way before you." *Vol. 9, p. 200.*

## Linger Not

The time is short!  
If thou would'st work for God, it must be now;  
If thou would'st win the garland for thy brow,  
Redeem the time.

Shake off earth's sloth!  
Go forth with staff in hand while yet 'tis day;  
Set out with girded loins upon the way;  
Up! linger, not!

Fold not thy hands!  
What has the pilgrim of the cross and crown  
To do with luxury or couch of down?  
On, pilgrim, on!

With His reward  
He comes; He tarries not; His day is near;  
When men least look for Him will He be here.  
Prepare for Him!

Let not the flood  
Sweep the firm feet from the eternal rock;  
Face calmly, solemnly, the billow's shock,  
Nor fear the storm.

Withstand the foe;  
Die daily, that thou mayest forever live;  
Be faithful unto death; thy Lord will give  
The crown of life.

—Selected

## The Call for Workers

To accomplish the work God has entrusted to His people, there must be united action. Every man, woman, and child, must take hold of the work. There is an opportunity for all to do something. The way is open. If we do not do it, it is simply because the will is lacking on our part. And if the will is lacking, what does it show but that we are not converted?

The first and abiding impulse of a converted soul is to help his fellows. In this way the gospel began. After Jesus, the Great Shepherd, had come down to give His life a ransom for the world, John pointed two of His disciples to Him as the Lamb of God. They followed Him. One of these was Andrew, and he first went to his brother, Simon Peter, and brought him to Jesus. The next day Jesus found Philip, and enlisted him in His service. And the first work of Philip was to hunt up Nathanael, and bring him in.

So it has been, and so it must be. Those who have been made recipients of the truth must make it known to others. He who sits idly by, and sees his fellow-men go down to ruin, without an effort to save them, is not cultivating the spirit of Christ and is not preparing to enter into the joy of his Lord.

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

Shall we let the present opportunities pass, and the stars which we might secure fade from our crowns of rejoicing, and the crowns themselves fall from our grasp, and the kingdom recede

from our reach, and life and all its joys be lost forever?

You answer, No; but the answer, to be effectual must be not in words only, but in works also.

URIAH SMITH.

## "At Such a Time as This"

During a visit to the Missionary College at Watford, England, Pastor W. A. Spicer gave the students a stirring talk on the text, "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Esther 4: 14. He mentioned the recent fearful war and how it should bring us all to a realisation of the time in which we live, that each may ask himself the question, Are you doing all that you can for the Lord "at such a time as this"? Are you filling the place the Lord has for you in His work?

Why did God let the light of truth shine into your heart? Why did His Spirit move you to accept the message and give you faith to step out on the firm promises of God? Do you think it was because the Lord loved you more than the millions that are still in darkness—more even than the most degraded savage? Is God a respecter of persons? Certainly not. Then why did He bring you into this truth?

Was it not because He intended you to be a channel through which His blessings would flow on to others? Was it not that He purposed to use you—send you to the uttermost parts of the earth if need be, to set up the light in some dark corner of the world?

Will you disappoint the Lord? Will you compel Him to change His plans on your account—cast you aside, and select some other instrument for His purpose? Remember that if you do this, your own light will wax dim and go out; your own interest in God's work will wane; your own heart will grow cold and indifferent, and you will at last pass into outer darkness, beyond the furthest shining of the rays of divine mercy.

But remember also that the Lord wants to use you, whatever and wherever you are. Remember that consecration, humility, faithfulness, and zeal—talents that you can gain—are as useful in God's work to-day as the most brilliant intellectual gifts.

Look about you now. If you are young and strong, consider your place and duty in the world "at such a time as this." If you are uneducated, work your way into our missionary training college, and show the Lord that you will do all that He expects of you. Begin working now, for the night cometh quickly, when no man can work.

G.W.

## To the Fore

Move to the fore,  
Men whom God hath made fit for the fray;  
Not yours to shrink, as the feeble ones may;  
Not yours to parley and quibble and shirk,  
Ill for the world if ye do not God's work,  
Move to the fore.

Move to the fore;  
Say not another is fitter than thou,  
Shame to the manhood that sits on thy  
brow!  
Own thyself equal to all that men may,  
Cease thine evading; God needs thee  
to-day!  
Move to the fore.

Move to the fore;  
God Himself waits, and must wait, till  
thou come,  
Men are God's prophets, though ages  
lie dumb;  
Halts the Christ-kingdom with con-  
quest so near?  
Thou art the cause, then, thou man  
at the rear!  
Move to the fore!

### Missionary Volunteer Programme Third Week Rejoicing in the Lord

*Blackboard Motto: "In Thy presence  
is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand  
there are pleasures forevermore."*—  
David.

Cheery Song Service.  
Bible Study: Being Happy.  
Season of Prayer.  
Talk: Rejoicing in the Lord.  
Readings: "The Secret of a Happy  
Christian Life."  
Secretary's Report of Previous Meet-  
ing.  
Reports of Work and Experiences.  
Personal Testimony from Those Present.

LEADER'S NOTE.—What is your aim  
for to-day? Are you just coming to-  
gether for a programme? Let us hope  
not. If you have put enough prayer  
and study into your plans for to-day,  
your aim will be higher than that, for  
you will have a live message for the  
young people. Help them to see that  
there is no true, lasting happiness out-  
side of Christ. Plan definitely that  
some one shall learn more fully the  
secret of rejoicing in the Lord. *Happi-  
ness is a part of the Christian life.*  
If there is not peace and happiness in  
the Christian's heart, there is something  
wrong in his life. (Of course there  
is always room in the happy Christian  
heart for that deep yearning for souls  
that weeps between the porch and the  
altar.) Can you not meet all on the  
programme for a season of prayer just  
before the meeting? Are you who  
bring the Master's message to the  
society to-day open channels through  
which His blessing can flow freely upon  
others? For the talk, "Rejoicing in  
the Lord," helpful thoughts may be  
found in "Steps to Christ," last chapter.

### Being Happy

#### REASONS FOR HAPPINESS:

1. All things work together for good  
to the Christian. Rom. 8:28.
2. Trouble and affliction are clouds  
with silver linings. Heb. 12:11; 2  
Cor. 4:17; Ps. 34:19; 119:67, 71.
3. There is comfort for every sor-  
row. Ps. 103:13; Isa. 43:2.
4. Our heavenly Father supplies our  
needs. Luke 12:24-28; Acts 14:17;  
Phil. 4:13, 19; 1 Cor. 10:13.
5. The promises of God do not fail.  
Joshua 23:14.

6. Salvation is free for all who ac-  
cept. John 3:16.

#### SECRET OF HAPPINESS:

1. Being content with present circum-  
stances. 1 Tim. 6:8; Heb. 13:5.
2. Trusting all to God. 1 Peter 5:7;  
Isa. 26:3, 4.
3. Rendering obedience. Ps. 97:11;  
Isa. 61:10; Acts 5:41; 16:25.
4. United with Christ. Isa. 16:11.
5. Living for the blessed hope. John  
14:1-3.

### The Secret of a Happy Christian Life

#### Does Your Religion Make You Miserable?

"No thoughtful person can question  
the fact that, for the most part, the  
Christian life, as it is generally lived,  
is not entirely a happy life. A keen  
observer once said to me, 'You Chris-  
tians seem to have a religion that makes  
you miserable. You are like a man  
with a headache. He does not want to  
get rid of his head, but it hurts him  
to keep it. You cannot expect out-  
siders to seek very earnestly for any-  
thing so uncomfortable.' Then, for the  
first time, I saw, as in a flash, that the  
religion of Christ ought to be, and was  
meant to be, to its possessors, not some-  
thing to make them miserable, but  
something to make them happy; and I  
began then and there to ask the Lord  
to show me the secret of a happy  
Christian life."—*"The Christian's Secret  
of a Happy Life."*

#### Taking Disappointment Cheerfully

"I knew a lady who had entered into  
this life of faith with a great out-  
pouring of the Spirit, and a wonderful  
flood of light and joy. She supposed,  
of course, this was a preparation for  
some great service, and expected to be  
put forth immediately into the Lord's  
harvest field. Instead of this, almost at  
once her husband lost all his money,  
and she was shut up in her own house,  
to attend to all sorts of domestic duties,  
with no time or strength left for any  
gospel work at all. She accepted the  
discipline and yielded herself up as  
heartily to sweep, and dust, and bake,  
and sew, as she would have done to  
preach, or pray, or write for the Lord.  
And the result was that, through this  
very training, He made her into a  
vessel meet for the Master's use, and  
prepared unto every good work."—*Id.*

#### You Must Trust Him in Order to Be Happy

"Suppose you had doubted the  
strength or the stability of your bed,  
and had dreaded each moment to find  
it giving way beneath you and landing  
you on the floor; could you have rested  
then? Would not every muscle have  
been strained in a fruitless effort to  
hold yourself up, and would not the  
weariness have been greater than if you  
had not gone to bed at all?

"Let this analogy teach you what it  
means to rest in the Lord. Let your  
souls lie down upon the couch of His  
sweet will, as your bodies lie down in  
their beds at night. Relax every  
strain, and lay off every burden. Let  
yourself go in perfect abandonment of  
ease and comfort, sure that, since He

holds you up, you are perfectly safe.  
Your part is simply to rest. His part  
is to sustain you; and He cannot fail."—  
*Id.*

#### Why Trials Come

"A very good illustration of this may  
be found in the familiar fact of a  
mother's giving medicine to her dearly  
loved child. The bottle holds the  
medicine, but the mother gives it; and  
the bottle is not responsible, but the  
mother. No matter how full her closet  
may be of bottles of medicine, the  
mother will not allow one drop to be  
given to the child unless she believes  
it will be good for it; but when she  
does believe it will be good for her  
darling, the very depth of her love com-  
pels her to force it on the child, no  
matter how bitter may be its taste.

"The human beings around us are  
often the bottles that hold our medicine,  
but it is our Father's hand of love that  
pours out the medicine and compels us  
to drink it. The human bottle is the  
'second cause' of our trial; but it has  
no real agency in it, for the medicine  
that these human 'bottles' hold, is pre-  
scribed for us and given to us by the  
Great Physician of our souls, who is  
seeking thereby to heal all our spiritual  
diseases."—*Id.*

#### The Secret of Happiness

"I had a friend once whose Christian  
life was a life of bondage. She  
worked for her salvation harder than  
any slave ever worked to purchase his  
freedom. Among other things she  
never felt as if the day could go right  
for herself or any of her family, un-  
less she started it with a long season  
of wrestling, and agonizing and conflict;  
'winding up her machine,' I called it.  
One day we were talking about it to-  
gether, and she was telling me of the  
harness and bondage of her Christian  
life, and was wondering what the Bible  
*could* mean when it said Christ's yoke  
was easy and His burden light.

"I told her that I thought she must  
have got things wrong somehow, that  
the Bible always expressed the truth  
of our relationships with God by using  
figures that did not admit of any such  
wrestling and agonizings as she de-  
scribed. 'What would you think,' I  
asked, 'of children that had to wrestle  
and agonize with their parents every  
morning for their necessary food and  
clothing, or of sheep that had to  
wrestle with their shepherds, before they  
could secure the necessary care?' 'Of  
course I see that would be all wrong,'  
she said; 'but then why do I have such  
good times after I have gone through  
these conflicts?' This puzzled me for  
a moment, but then I asked, 'What  
brings about those good times finally?'  
'Why, finally,' she replied, 'I come to  
the point of trusting the Lord.' 'Sup-  
pose you should come to that point  
to begin with?' I asked. 'Oh,' she  
replied with a sudden illumination, 'I  
never until this minute thought that I  
might!'—*Id.*

#### Living Above the Fog

"I was at one time spending a winter  
in London, and during three long  
months we did not once see any genuine  
sunshine, because of the dense clouds

of smoke that hung over the city like a pall. But many a time I have seen that above the smoke the sun was shining, and once or twice, through a rift, I have had a glimpse of a bird, with sunshine on its wings, sailing above the fog in the clear blue of the sunlit sky. Not all the brushes in London could sweep away the fog; but could we only mount high enough, we should reach a region above it all.

"And this is what the soul on wings does. It overcomes the world through faith. To overcome means to 'come over,' not to be crushed under; and the soul on wings flies over the world and the things of it. These lose their power to hold or bind the spirit that can 'come over' them on the wings of Surrender and Trust. That spirit is made in very truth 'more than conqueror.'" —*Id.*

**"Your Own Cross the Best"**

"There is a poem called 'The Changed Cross.' It represents a weary one who thought that her cross was surely heavier than those of others whom she saw about her, and wished that she might choose another instead of her own. She slept, and in her dream she was led to a place where many crosses lay, crosses of divers shapes and sizes. There was a little one most beautiful to behold, set in jewels and gold. 'Ah, this I can wear with comfort,' she said. So she took it up, but her weak form shook beneath it. The jewels and the gold were beautiful, but they were far too heavy for her. Next she saw a lovely cross with fair flowers entwined around its sculptured form. Surely that was the one for her. She lifted it, but beneath the flowers were piercing thorns which tore her flesh. At last, as she went on, she came to a plain cross, without jewels, without carving, and only a few words of love inscribed upon it. This she took up and it proved the best of all, the easiest to be borne. And as she looked upon it, bathed in the radiance that fell from heaven, she recognized her own old cross. She had found it again, and it was the best of all and lightest for her.

"God knows best what cross we need to bear. We do not know how heavy other people's crosses are. We envy some one who is rich; his is a golden cross set with jewels. But we do not know how heavy it is. Here is another whose life seems very lovely. She bears a cross twined with flowers. But we do not know what sharp thorns are hidden beneath the flowers. If we could try all the other crosses that we think lighter than ours, we should at last find that not one of them suited us so well as our own."

**Missionary Volunteer Programme  
Fourth Week  
India**

*Blackboard Motto: "Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God."—William Carey.*

Opening Exercises.

Hymn or Poem: "India."

Reading: "Dilawur Khan and the King."

Letter from Sister Thrift: "Kalyan Mission School, Bombay."

Map Talk: Australian Workers in India.

LEADER'S NOTE.—Use the map or get some one to draw a map of India on the blackboard. Ask the young people questions as to how many workers from Australia are labouring in India. Show on the map where they are, and tell what they are doing. For the society leader only we suggest the following names: Pastor and Mrs. Fulton, Pastor and Mrs. Fletcher; Brother and Sister Eric Hare; Brother and Sister Harry Skinner; Brother and Sister Roy Thrift; Brother W. H. Stevens; Brother Frank Butler; Brother Nelson Burns; Miss Louie Appleton.

**India**

(Tune: "Juanita." Found in any collection of well-known songs.)

Far o'er the waters,  
From dark India's coral strand,  
Where heathen darkness  
Shrouds in night the land,  
Comes a voice of pleading  
For the gospel's glorious light,  
That can pierce the darkness  
Of their heathen night.

Chorus:

India, my India!  
Jesus died to set you free  
India, my India!  
Our hearts yearn for thee.

We hear the pleading  
Of benighted womanhood;  
We know the bleeding  
Of hearts misunderstood.  
We will rouse from slumber;  
For God's message must be given—  
It may bring salvation  
And a hope of heaven.

—Selected.

**Dilawur Khan and the King**

Far away in the north of India, a little boy was born. He was trained to two things—to be a robber and to obey the prophet Mohammed; and he learned what he was taught thoroughly, for he could steal very cleverly, and he was careful to pray five times a day. From the high hillside he watched the roads by which men crossed the country. When poor people passed along, he always stayed quietly where he was, and let his sword lie by his side. But, if instead of a poor man he saw a rich trader pass, he swept down into the valley, and made the merchant a prisoner. He had hidden haunts in the hills, and he took his prisoner with him to one of them. There he kept him safely till money was sent to buy his freedom.

A price was set on Dilawur's head, and one time he was seen by some mounted soldiers. They chased him, but though he ran on foot and they were on horseback, they could not catch him; for he dashed into a field of tall corn and lay there while they rode up and down.

At another time a government officer met him in a village, but the Englishman could not capture him there, because the village was beyond the bounds of British India. Though the officer could not take him prisoner, he tried another way to get him. He looked at the strong man before him, and felt that in spite of the wild life

he was living, Dilawur was a true man; so he told him that he would give him service in the Guide Corps if he would live an honest life. But Dilawur refused the offer with scorn, and said he would go on with his reckless life, whatever the English said or did.

But Dilawur could not forget what the officer had said to him, and the more he thought of it, the more it seemed to him that it would be better to give himself up to the English than to have them catch him as an outlaw. Besides, he wished very much to get the money that had been promised to any one who would capture him; so he found the officer whom he had met before, and asked for the reward for bringing his own head! The officer still believed that if once Dilawur gave his word, he would keep it. So, instead of executing him, he allowed him to serve in the army.

One day, some time after this, Dilawur was in town, and as he passed through the bazaar he saw a noisy crowd. He went up to find out what was going on; and there, to his surprise, he saw a colonel of the army speaking to those around him. As he listened, he found that the colonel was speaking of Jesus, the Son of God, and he knew that he was trying to win men to believe in the foreigners' faith.

Dilawur was sure that he could answer everything the colonel said, and could show the crowd that there was no truth in the religion of Christ. So he began to argue; and when he went away, he took one of the colonel's books home with him, in order that he might study it and prove to every one who would listen how false it was. But when he read it, he could not prove that it was false; so he took it to three of the religious teachers of his own faith. The first one was very angry with him for reading such a book; the second told him to put it away, and to remember to pray at the set times for worship; and the third one told him that if he read such books, he would lose his faith in the prophet.

This surprised Dilawur very much, because he had read the Koran, his own sacred book for many years, and he believed in it thoroughly, and thought that any book that would make him lose his faith in the prophet of whom the Koran told, must be a wonderful one indeed.

After some time, he heard that the man who had written the book had come to the town. When he heard it, he said, "I would walk many miles to see that man." He went to see him, and talked with him often, and as he thought and talked, the story of the love of Christ entered into his heart, and the man who had once been a reckless robber and who was now a brave soldier, took service also in another army, and became a follower of Jesus.

He served the army well, and he served Christ loyally among his comrades. He rose to the highest command that an Indian soldier could then hold, and he was trusted on special service. At length on one occasion a secret message had to be carried north through the mountains into Central Asia. Dilawur Khan was a true man and he knew the passes, so he was chosen to go on the dangerous errand,

but ere it was finished, he died among the snow mountains. Though he knew that he was dying, he was not afraid, but he sent a message to his officers to say that he was glad to die on duty, and a greeting to his friends. He carried the spirit of a soldier's obedience into his service for Christ. "Has Christ commanded?" he would ask, and if the answer was "Yes," he would add, "Then that is enough for me."

—Selected.

### Kalyan Mission School, Bombay

To-day we would picture before you our Kalyan school children, in truth an Indian church school.

At five minutes to nine, twenty-two dark-skinned boys and girls run up the hill to find their places in the line before their teachers. We say "dark-skinned," that you may picture them, but we have become so accustomed to the brown shiney faces, black hair, and prominent white teeth that they look perfectly natural to us. These children are learning to read and write in their own language, and all have learned a little English, enough at least to attempt their A B C, while four of the older children are learning to read English.

We have some very bright children, some so eager to learn that they set themselves to reading out loud or to writing in between their other duties. Each evening they have study period for one hour on our bungalow verandah, and they work hard. It sounds good to hear some reading out to the others when they retire at night, or reciting poetry and tables. Singing hymns is a great pastime with them. When Job finishes sweeping the bungalow in the morning, he asks for his pencil and sits down to write. Others are busy on the side verandah in their eagerness to have their home work prepared for school.

The Government inspector inspects our school, and we are happy to see some of the children making excellent progress. One Hindu girl of about sixteen years is now in school. She was ill-treated by her husband, and sought the help of our missionaries. She has been a Christian only during the last few months, and lately baptized, but she is learning to read and to write, and you would rejoice to see her desperate efforts to do this. Soni is a bright girl, and wants to be trained as a nurse. If we speak to her in English she repeats the words over and over to herself as she goes in search of the desired article, and we are occasionally surprised as she brings out some new expression in our language. The little three-year-old cries if he thinks he is going to be left behind at school time, and is so good in school all day. His name is Sambo. His mother did not want him, so gave him to the mission. His bright face, and ready "hoy" (yes) to questions put to him makes him attractive. Will you remember Soni and Sambo in your prayers that they may grow up as Christians, and workers for this heathen land? Another time we shall introduce you to other children in our school.

ETHEL M. THRIFT.

## Sabbath School Missionary Exercises

(March 6)

Our missionary exercises for this month are found in the little "Missions Quarterly," First Quarter, 1920, two copies of which are being furnished to all our schools. Please make it plain to your school that beginning with the new year we are giving one-thirteenth of the total quarter's offerings to the General Conference mission field, instead of just one offering on the thirteenth Sabbath. The field this quarter is British East and West Africa. We hope every Sabbath's offering will be a special one, so that it will be found at the end of the quarter we have given as much to the General Conference field as we did when one day was devoted to this field and that the offerings to our own mission fields will be larger than ever before. A map of Africa used in connection with these exercises would add interest.

### "The Official Notice"

See "Missions Quarterly," page 3 first three paragraphs, down to word "forward." Also

### "Soul Winning in the Land of the Pharaohs"

"Missions Quarterly," pages 16-18.

(March 13)

### A Foothold in West Africa

"Missions Quarterly," pages 4-9.

[To read all of this would take too long. Please prepare a talk from it or read portions selected. Do not exceed the five minutes allotted to the missionary exercise.]

(March 20)

### First Impressions on Arriving at Sierra Leone

"Missions Quarterly," pages 10-14.

(March 27)

### Sabbath School at Matamp, Sierra Leone

"Missions Quarterly," pages 14, 15. Also

### "What Can I Do?"

"Missions Quarterly," page 31.

## Foreign Mission Day

March 13

### Acquaintance With God

1. With whom does the Bible invite us to become acquainted? Job 22:21, margin.
2. What is the declared result? *Ib.*, last clause.
3. What is the great good that shall come through an acquaintance with Him? 2 Peter 1:2; John 17:3.
4. How do we become acquainted with God? John 5:39; Ps. 19:1.

(Through the book of nature and revelation.)

5. What is the evidence of our acquaintance with Him? 1 John 2:3.

6. Is the world acquainted with God? John 17:25.

7. What then is our duty to the world? Matt. 28:19, 20.

8. What also should we pray for daily? Matt. 9:38.

"In answer to the Lord's inquiry, 'Whom shall I send?' Isaiah responded, 'Here am I, send me.' Isa. 6:8. You, my brother, my sister, may not be able to go into the Lord's vineyard yourself, but you may furnish the means to send others. Thus you will be putting your money out to the exchangers; and when the Master comes, you will be able to return to Him His own with usury. Your means can be used to send forth and sustain the messengers of God, who by voice and by influence will give the message, 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.' Matt. 3:3. Plans are being made for the advancement of the cause, and now is your time to work."—*"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VIII., p. 33.*

Among God's people to-day there is a fearful lack of the sympathy that should be felt for souls unsaved. We talk of Christian missions. The sound of our voices is heard; but do we feel Christ's tender heart-longing for those outside the fold? And unless our hearts beat in unison with the heart of Christ, how can we understand the sacredness and importance of the work to which we are called by the words, "Watch for souls, as they that must give account"? Heb. 13:17.

### In Mission Lands

PASTOR E. E. ANDROSS, vice-president of the General Conference, has completed his tour through the Far East, India, and South Africa, arriving in England on his homeward way in time to attend an annual conference held near London. In all of these mission fields Pastor Andross saw much of the marvellous working of God. The following summary of his talk at the conference appeared in the *Missionary Worker*—

"The colporteur work in China is making tremendous progress. In one instance two of our workers went to a certain district and disposed of 30,000 books in two or three weeks. Shortly afterwards a company of about forty Chinese Sabbath-keepers were reported holding meetings from week to week.

"In the Philippines there are believers in the third angel's message scattered throughout this group of some 3,000 islands. A native evangelist regularly has crowded congregations, often as large as 2,000. Other evangelists are carrying on a similar work. The printed page of truth is flooding these islands with gospel light. These islanders, as keen and intelligent and loving as any people Brother Andross ever met, gladly continue their services for two or three hours.

"Wonderful work is being carried forward in India, a land of three hundred and twenty-one millions of people, where our workers labour under heart-rending difficulties. Companies of believers have been raised up by means

of the printed word, without their ever having seen the face of an Adventist. The Lord is in a truly remarkable way blessing the labours of Dr. and Mrs. Menkel, who are repeatedly being called upon to attend the native rulers and state officials. Mrs. Menkel has by special request spent some weeks in the palace of the only Mohammedan queen in the world as her trusted friend. She offered Dr. Menkel any building he liked to choose for a sanitarium. He chose a beautiful mansion, but later on had to decline the offer because he had not sufficient helpers to run the sanitarium. One native ruler actually relinquished his throne that he might be obedient to Christ, and he was recently baptized into the truth. One of the reigning princes of Afghanistan came to Dr. Menkel for treatment, and a little later a pressing invitation for workers came from Afghanistan.

"At one place Brother Andross assisted in the baptism of 200 persons, and it is truly inspiring to witness the great joy with which these natives embrace the truth of God. They never close a meeting without the men manifesting their joy by singing (always in unison) and dancing before the Lord. The women never sing in India.

"Leaving India, a tour was made through South and part of Central Africa. Wonderful progress also marks the work of God in this huge continent, and the speaker was much impressed as he saw the natives in Sabbath school at the stations in Nyassaland, Rhodesia, and other parts. Here again everything seems ready as soon as we can find sufficient workers. Pastor Andross had visited our work in West Africa, and, as in all the other fields, the same touching cry was raised for more teachers and workers."

### Marked Tokens of Providential Guidance

The past year Shantung Province, China, has been in a state of chronic disorder, which, however, reached its climax. The first year after the organization of the mission a native colporteur was shot to death by ruffians of one of the opposing factions. We thank God that although the mission has refused to confine its work to the peaceful areas, and has trebled its activities in evangelistic lines and increased much more in colporteur lines, no other worker has been called to lay down his life in the prosecution of the gospel commission. Yet our men are constantly in danger. And their providential escapes from violence and the remarkable situations prepared by the Lord in anticipation of their need, form engrossing and intensely interesting incidents attesting to the fact that "our Leader is leading us." Here are some of them briefly told:

An evangelist and the field secretary on a small boat proceeding up the Yellow River encountered unusual winds, and they naturally became very impatient of the delay. On the third day a military boat overtook them. Soon after this the wind blew favourably, bringing the two boats quickly to their destination. On arrival at Dunga the men found that a pitched battle had just taken place outside the city walls,

and had they arrived three hours sooner they would, to their great peril, have sailed right into the midst of it. They were also told that river bandits were looting traffic and kidnapping passengers along the river from the point where the military boat had overtaken them, and had they not been in company with soldiers they would have likely suffered the same fate. Then in sincerity, they thanked God for the "stormy wind, fulfilling his word."

In this Dunga district a Boxer society has revived. What the various bands of brigands leave behind, the Boxers clean up. One man of wealth complained to our evangelist that he had no place to store his valuables where they were assured of safety. "Have you heard of the bank of heaven?" asked the evangelist, "where neither rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through and steal?" "No, no! tell me about it," was the anxious reply. When he heard some of the particulars, he remarked, "I believe in that idea. I am going to put some of my treasure up there right away." He has donated quarters for a mission chapel and a residence for the evangelist.

While travelling across a great salt marsh in northern Shantung with several hundred dollars worth of books, on a wheel-barrow, field colporteur Yu met a traveller who warned him not to go on, saying that he had been robbed on the road only twenty minutes back. The wheel-barrow coolie refused to go on protesting that the robbers would take his donkey, and he would be deprived of his means of livelihood. Mr. Yu guaranteed the man the price of the animal, and by expressing his faith in the protection of God, persuaded him to go on. They whipped up the donkey, but it refused to go, finally swinging about suddenly and throwing barrow, books and all into the ditch. It took half an hour to get everything loaded and under way again. Just as the equipage was ready to make a start a squad of four armed soldiers appeared going in the same direction. Yu and his escort followed the guard safely into the next walled city. It seems that the despised donkey, as in the days of Balaam, is not too humble to be used in the providences of God in protecting His children while in service.

An itinerating evangelist stopped at a place, where the old schoolmaster of the village invited him to speak. After his lecture on the true God, some of the elders of the village expressed their obedience to the Unseen God for the first time in their lives in the true old Chinese fashion, by kow toing. It had been a very dry spring, and the farmers were all afraid of another year of famine. The elders asked if it was permissible to pray to this "true God" for rain, as they had been accustomed to praying to their "rain-god." The evangelist quoted them Elijah's experience, assured them that the "rain-god" does not exist but that Jehovah is God of the elements, and led them in prayer. He then took his departure, but before he had gotten through the fields to the next village the rain began to fall in sheets. A large interest in Christianity has sprung up

in this village which for years was hardened against the gospel, and we are thankful to have been able to foster it until there is now a large class there studying for baptism.

Djang Gwan Djah is one of the places, typical of the ripening religious harvest in China, where, although the people have had a nominal knowledge of Christianity for years, they have now suddenly awakened to an interest in its intensive study. On a recent trip through there, after a preaching service in a mud hut in the evening, the elders came to me. "We have become Christians," they said, "we have made up our minds, and are not ashamed to confess the Christian name. Of course we know we must cast away our idols, our ancestor tablets, and such like, and must forswear polygamy and observe the Sabbath. These fundamental doctrines we know. But of all the other customs of our new brotherhood we are ignorant. You must teach us. What phraseology should we use when we pray? What should we say before we eat? How should we who are Christian brethren greet each other when we meet?" So I taught them the Lord's Prayer, and gave an example for "saying grace," and suggested that they greet each other with the Oriental Christian salutation, "Peace," rather than the heathen "May you be wealthy." These men, some of them Confucian scholars of rank, followed me as simply and as earnestly as schoolboys. It was all very sincere and very touching, and I wished that a Christian teacher could spend a month with them rather than one evening.

The past two years we have joined the Harvest Ingathering campaign here in China, giving an opportunity to those who see in the mission's charitable activities and preaching of the gospel to their own nation an opportunity to help in the uplift of their countrymen, to also contribute. Chinese among the official, educational, and merchant classes have most liberally contributed. During the last campaign we were helped greatly by the old chief clerk, who has remained in his office, like Daniel, through many changes of administration and the fall of a dynasty. He informed us that he was a Christian, although his duties did not permit him to leave the palace grounds to attend Christian services. Before leaving he asked us to have prayer with him, and there in the heart of the palace, in one of the guest-halls, we bowed our heads in prayer to the Christian's God. This is likely the first time that prayer has been offered publicly to God in that palace. The incident betokens the penetration of Christianity among the class which has so far appeared most inaccessible.

Tsinan, Shantung. J. W. HALL.

## THE MISSIONARY LEADER

PUBLISHED BY THE  
AUSTRALASIAN UNION CONFERENCE OF  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

"Mizpah," Wahroonga, N.S.W.  
Australia

Editor: Anna L. Hindson

Printed monthly for the Conference by the Signs  
Publishing Company, Warburton, Victoria.