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The Present World Situation and Its Call to the Church of Christ

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MOMENTOUS events are taking place in the world today. Some of these events are startling and ominous in character. They seem to be full of danger to the world. "Amazing surprises," "bewildering complications," "wreckage of centuries of progress," are terms used to express the character of these great changes.

On the other hand, events of another nature altogether are transpiring. These are beneficial, and are full of promise and hope to mankind. They open avenues of deliverance and of triumph in the great struggle all are facing.

Thus the world situation today is complex and bewildering. If ever there was need of clear vision and sure footing, that need is imperative now.

Vital Changes Wrought

Many vital changes in world affairs have been wrought by the great war that has just closed. Autocratic governments have been overthrown, monarchies have fallen, kingdoms have perished, emperors and kings have been dethroned and exiled. Revolution

more terrible than has ever been recorded in history, has laid its violent and merciless hand upon nations. Famine and pestilence have reaped a heavy toll.

The changes wrought have been so great that Italy's historian, Ferrero, says:

"The Europe in which we were born has in great part crumbled away since Aug. 1, 1914. Everything has been uprooted, superseded, overturned, destroyed."

The president of one of America's greatest universities says:

"It is quite within the bounds of truth to say that on July 31, 1914, the curtain went down on a world that will never be seen again."

Prince Lvoff, long the recognized leader of sane democracy in Russia, and the first premier of the new republic proclaimed there, says:

"This war has separated the past from the present by a heavy curtain. . . . It is clear that we are through with the old order of things, and a new one will have to take its place."

These statements express the conviction that prevails among all classes throughout the world. It is the



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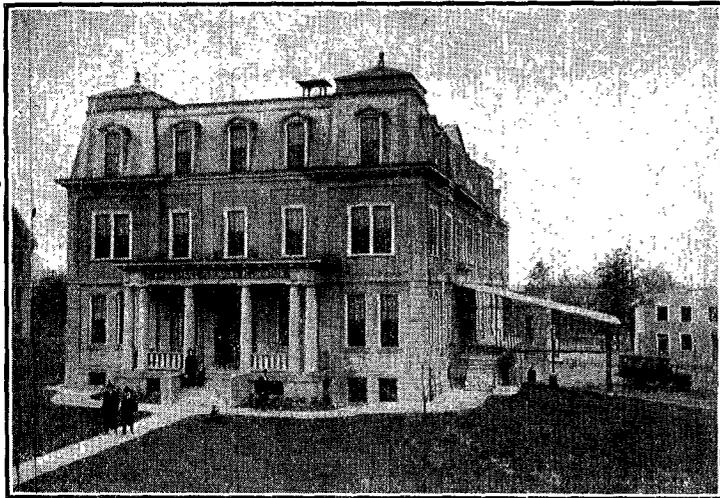
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general belief that the change that has taken place in the world situation is so great that a new era has been created. The old order has broken down and a new one must needs take its place.

Plans for General Reconstruction

So general and so deep is this conviction that statesmen, financiers, educators, and religious leaders are discussing with deep interest plans for general reconstruction. Leaders of labor federations, Socialists, suffragettes, and prohibitionists all believe that this reconstruction period is their hour of opportunity to build into the new world situation the great principles which they represent.

Whatever else may be involved in this period of reconstruction, it is perfectly clear that great changes



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in political affairs will take place throughout the world. And it now looks as if millions of our fellow men are to be delivered from the oppression of heavy-handed, despotic governments under which they have lived and groaned through decades and centuries. One of the sacred, inalienable rights of mankind now being made unmistakably clear, is the right of nations to decide their form of government, and to choose their rulers and representatives. This right is now being clearly stated and fearlessly claimed by oppressed peoples in all parts of the world. And this right is being openly recognized and faithfully promised by all the great nations. If this promise is kept, new freedom will come to many hitherto oppressed peoples. This will mean a clear recognition of individual rights and greater personal liberty. This has been the experience of those nations that have caught a true vision of their God-given rights and have claimed and secured them. The history of the British, the Americans, and the French, in their struggles for national rights and liberties, bears eloquent testimony on this point.

And with this new freedom in civil or political affairs will come a larger measure of religious liberty. For just to the extent that the common people have secured their liberty in civil affairs, have they asserted their liberty in matters of religion—their right to worship according to the dictates of conscience. Even in despotic Russia, where the rights of conscience have never been recognized or permitted by the government, full religious as well as civil liberty was proclaimed to all the people the day the despotism was succeeded by a republic. May not this be repeated by all the nations and peoples now being set free?

A New Day

Surely this is a new day. Never, since kings began to reign, has there been such a universal recognition and assertion of man's inalienable rights. China has caught the vision, and has struggled out of her beaten track of forty centuries. With the overthrow of the monarchy and the establishment of the republic, an era of freedom and opportunity never possessed by them before has come to a fourth of the human family. When India was merged into the British Empire, full civil and religious liberty was proclaimed to one fifth of the human race. When Japan signed her first treaties with the United States, there began in that country an era of freedom and liberty its people had never known. When the Philippines became connected with the United States, the people were at once granted an uplifting freedom of which they had been deprived for long centuries. And now, as the many nationalities of Russia, central Europe, the Balkan Peninsula, and the eastern coasts of the Mediterranean are set free, what unprecedented opportunities will open to them! And what great responsibilities will rest upon the people who have long enjoyed the blessings of civil and religious freedom!

Speaking of this work of reconstruction and the duty of the nations whose governments are built upon the truest and soundest political principles to aid the weaker nations, Mr. Baker, Secretary of War for the United States, says:

"We, it chanced, who occupy this planet today have come upon tremendous times. . . . The waste and destruction which have gone on in the world will leave reconstruction to be done. There will be before us the task of holding the mental and moral balance of the world straight until this reconstruction can be done, and until civilization can struggle to its feet and learn to walk again, and start off for the high goal it has sought."

This is a truly impressive statement. The waste and destruction wrought by the terrible war that has just closed, have been so great that "the mental and moral balance of the world" must be held straight "until civilization can struggle to its feet and learn to walk again," and start off anew for the high goal it has sought.

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The Great Supreme Need

The greatest and most powerful factor known to man for holding the mental and moral balance of the world straight is the gospel of the Son of God. "The one positive factor needed is Jesus Christ. He alone can supply the upbuilding, redemptive, vitalizing force that will save human society."

Through the providences of God, and the operations of his divine Spirit upon the hearts of all flesh, this one supreme need of the world is pressing upon the consciousness of the human race as never before in the history of the church of Christ. Of this situation, an earnest and observant Christian worker says:

"A new hour has struck in the unfolding of the divine purpose for mankind, and it is an imperative summons to the entire membership and the full energy of the church. . . . The crash [of the World War] has set the uttermost parts of the earth vibrating. The non-Christian lands of the earth from end to end have been deeply affected, and from the standpoint of their evangelization the effect has been one of enlarged opportunity. . . . The old order is passing, and the nations are face to face in a new way. . . . Increasingly the life of each nation is being thrown against the life of all other nations. . . . The world was never so open to the Christian message. . . . Conservatism is decreasing, old institutions are being overturned, the non-Christian religions, speaking generally, are steadily losing their control, the true errand of the missionary is being understood and appreciated. . . . Verily the fields are white. If this generation of Christians will not reap, the harvest will rot in the ground. Need anything further be said to demonstrate that the challenge of the present world situation for a mighty missionary advance is unique in the history of the Christian church? We dare not act and pray as though this situation did not exist. This generation has been brought up to a new occasion. It must meet it in a new way."

This statement of the present hour and its call to the church is pregnant with meaning, and its meaning will be easily understood by every well-informed Seventh-day Adventist. We know when, and how, and why, this new hour has struck in the unfolding of God's purpose for man. We have long listened to the call of the hour. We have offered many prayers to the Lord to make us realize in full measure the opportunities and responsibilities this hour brings to us.

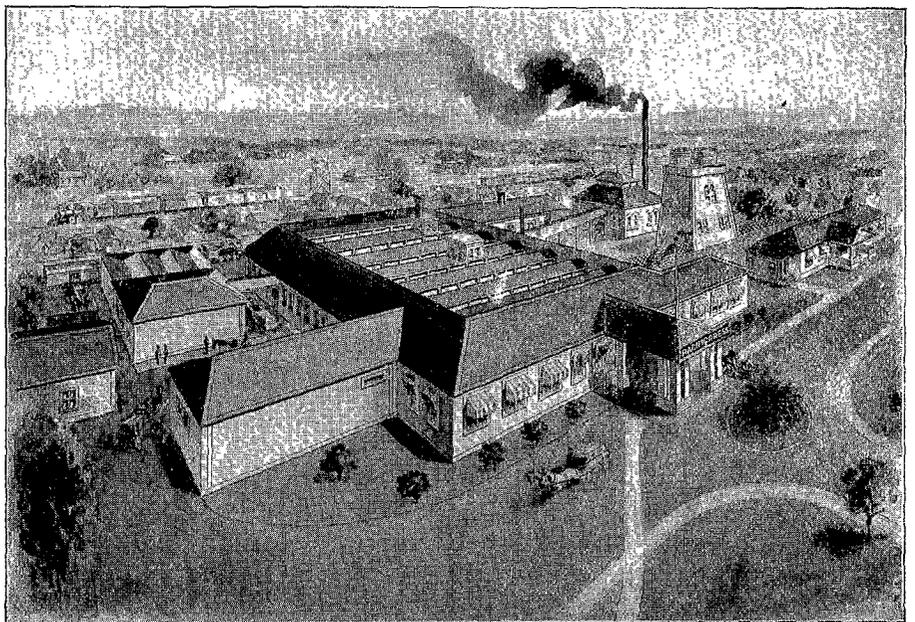
This new hour in the unfolding of the divine purpose struck as far back as in 1844. There the great prophetic period of 2300 years of Daniel 8 terminated. That marked the hour for the sanctuary to be cleansed, for the great day of atonement to begin, for the hour of the judgment to open. And that was the hour for the church to begin the proclamation of the great threefold message of Revelation 14, the opening words of which are, "Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come."

As that message is represented as closing with the second coming of Christ, we have sincerely believed that it is God's closing message, his last call to the world. Believing that, we can easily understand how every important development in the world since 1844 has been shaped by a divine Providence to harmonize with this momentous hour, and to aid in the working out of the divine purpose of this hour.

This very serious conclusion, based upon the clearest and most thoroughly studied Scripture statements, should lay firm hold on every believer at this time. It must be to the church living in this hour of all the ages that the command of God comes with solemn emphasis:

"Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city. . . . Shake thyself from the dust: . . . loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion." "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. . . . And the Gentiles shall come to thy light." Isa. 52: 1, 2; 60: 1-3.

Never in its long, eventful history has the church of God stood face to face with a more definite and divinely appointed mission than it does today. Never has it surveyed such a vast field white for the harvest. Never has it looked into so many open doors, nor listened to so many pressing Macedonian calls. And never has the church been provided and equipped



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with such abundant facilities for world-wide, effective service.

And now, facing this extraordinary world situation, when the world's most trusted leaders are all alert in pressing their various plans for the betterment and uplift of mankind, should not the church of Christ arouse and put forth a supreme effort to persuade men everywhere to accept Christ as their Saviour and Lord? All who have accepted him know that he is the world's greatest need today. He is the one absolutely sure remedy for every ill now afflicting the human race.

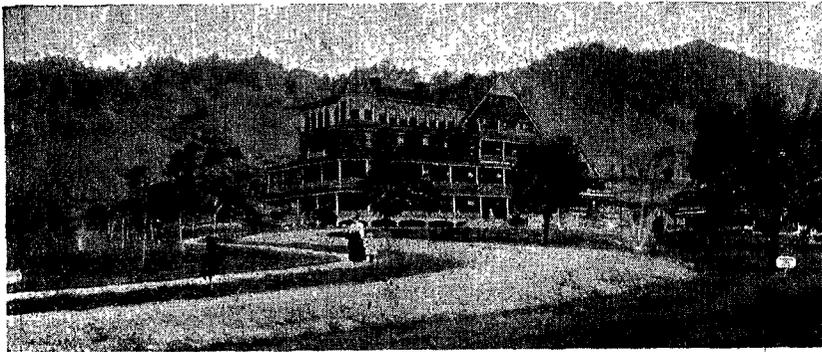
The Call of the Hour

Surely this hour calls for a great awakening on the part of Seventh-day Adventists. With great diligence we should study the world situation as it stands today. And with equal diligence should we examine our equipment for service and our plans and methods of endeavor. Everything should be as fully reconstructed and readjusted as may be required to help our fellow men most speedily and effectively. The hour is critical. The needs are great and pressing. The avenues are open.

Now, as perhaps never before, world conditions are plastic. But they are formative, and may — surely will — harden rapidly. Our conference organizations,

educational institutions, publishing houses, and medical institutions should be sure and certain that everything in these departments of service is adapted to the situation of the hour. None should be so wedded to the ideals and methods of the past as to be unable to make the changes required to meet the conditions of the present.

But above all, there must be in these many associated organizations for service, "the Spirit of life." To the prophet Ezekiel there were revealed wheels within wheels, all in marvelous action. The secret of the rapid and varied movements of these wheels was this: "The Spirit of life was in the wheels." Eze. 1:20, margin. The meaning of the symbol is plain. Organizations, plans, activities created by the church for the regeneration of men, must be Spirit-filled. But



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that suggestion drives us another step farther back; namely, to individuals — the members of the church. They must be filled with the Spirit of life. They must be vitalized with life and power from God.

"It is the absence of the Spirit that makes the gospel ministry so powerless. Learning, talent, eloquence, every natural or acquired endowment, may be possessed; but, without the presence of the Spirit of God, no heart will be touched, no sinner won to Christ."—*Testimonies for the Church,* Vol. VIII, pp. 21, 22.

Thus we are brought back to the great fact of personal experience. It was when the disciples were all filled with the Holy Ghost, that they were also filled with power for effective service. It was then that "the Spirit of life was in the wheels," and it was then that the movements of the wheels were effective for good.

"Foremost among the profound and urgent messages which God is uttering to his people in this awful hour, we hear his clarion call for reality in religion. To that call let us direct our first attention. . . . It is not the profession but the fact of religion that is lacking. Let the religious life of those who name his name become a living, glowing reality, and his miracles will multiply in the whole of human life."—*The Call of a World Task,* pp. 2-6.

The call of the present world situation to the church of Christ is for reality in religion — a "living, glowing reality," that the organizations and agencies of the church for the mental and moral reconstruction of mankind may be vitalized with a power that will make them effective. Then truly the miracles of Christ "will multiply in the whole of human life," and there will be wrought out for this sorrowing, suffering, troubled world what it most needs. Who, then, can withhold himself from whatever personal self-surrender, consecration, and earnest endeavor may be required to secure the deep, true reality in religion that will contribute to the salvation of his fellow men?



"FREELY ye have received, freely give."

Our Enlarged Mission Program and Its Demands upon Us

W. T. KNOX

Treasurer of the General Conference

JOHN the revelator, in vision, beheld an "angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads." Rev. 7:2, 3.

Holding the Winds of War

In our studies of the prophecies, we have always been led to believe that although in the last days there would be wars and rumors of wars, God would in his mercy place a restraint upon the nations of earth, and give his people a sufficient degree of peace so that the work of the gospel might be finished among all earth's peoples, and the sealing of his servants be completed, in order that they might be prepared for the coming of Christ, and be enabled in those solemn and trying scenes that are immediately to precede that great event, to stand on the side of righteousness and truth.

Thus during these terrible four years of war we have had confidence ever to lift up our voices and hearts in prayer to God that he would bring this strife and bloodshed to an end, that we might have a little time of peace in which to complete his work before the kings of the whole world are gathered to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. We have had confidence thus to pray, for the prophecy reveals that such petitions are in harmony with the Spirit and purpose of God. But the vision also teaches that God's purpose in sending peace to the earth would be that the gospel work might be completed. We are warranted, therefore, in anticipating that at this time there shall be given to his message a great impetus that will quickly carry it to every nation and tribe and tongue.

A Remarkable Expansion in Mission Work

During the past five years we have seen what has appeared to us to be a remarkable expansion in our mission operations. In this brief time our offerings and expenditures for non-Christian and Roman Catholic countries have doubled. In China our missionaries have been extending their work into the far inland provinces, even planning to establish themselves on the very borders of Tibet in order that to the people of that forbidden kingdom may be sent in printed form a message telling of the true God and the coming of his Son, calling them from sin, and extending to them the pardoning grace of God, with the hope that the seed thus sown may bring forth fruit, and living witnesses who will speedily carry the good tidings to the remotest borders of that kingdom.

Yet, while we know that in many countries the work has developed greatly, notwithstanding the restrictions and hindrances of the war, we also know that in many fields it has by these same causes been practically brought to a standstill, and in some cases, such

as in eastern Africa, Turkey, and other countries in the Near East, apparently the work that has been built up through years of patient and earnest effort has been shattered and destroyed. With the coming of peace we must be prepared to enter these countries again, rebuild their broken-down and destroyed mission stations, and search out the scattered converts. A strong work should be planned for the great cities of Europe. For four years they have suffered under the scourge of cruel warfare. Now the gospel message in its final setting should be placed before them with a vigor and intensity in keeping with our belief that we have but a little time in which to accomplish our work in peace.

Our people in America have responded generously to the appeals that have been made for help for the suffering Syrians and Armenians, and this is right and proper; but we must not ignore the fact that without doubt many homes of our own people in Europe have been broken up by the war, their property destroyed, and our brethren left destitute. Not knowing the financial condition of our subtreasury in Europe, nor how it has been affected by the war, we cannot at this time anticipate to what extent we may be called upon to assist these people in re-establishing themselves, but we should be prepared to render them such help as may be necessary under the circumstances.

The Work of Reconstruction

With these considerations in mind, the General Conference Committee has adopted the following resolutions:

"WHEREAS, The conditions which prevail as the result of the long-continued war have impeded the advancement of the message in Europe and the connected mission fields, the work in many places having become disorganized, the homes of some of our missionaries in Africa having been taken and mission work greatly hindered, both in Africa and the Near East; and,

"WHEREAS, Our people, especially in Europe, have been brought into great want and need, in Belgium and France refugees returning to their homes only to find in many instances their homes destroyed and their personal effects gone; and,

"WHEREAS, Our brethren in those countries are looking to us for aid, and urgently appeal to us, sending in their Macedonian calls for help; therefore,

"We recommend, 1. That at as early a date as possible (probably in the spring), representatives of the General Conference from America visit Europe, to examine into the needs of our work, and the condition of our brethren and sisters who have suffered loss and privation during the war, and to counsel with them in the rebuilding and reshaping of the work.

"2. That we undertake to raise a fund in our churches in the United States and Canada, to assist our people and our work in European fields, which shall be known as the European Relief Fund.

"3. That this fund be made available to assist in the organized work in Europe, and the mission stations in Africa and the Near East, and to help our brethren and sisters in these lands who have become homeless or are in want and need.

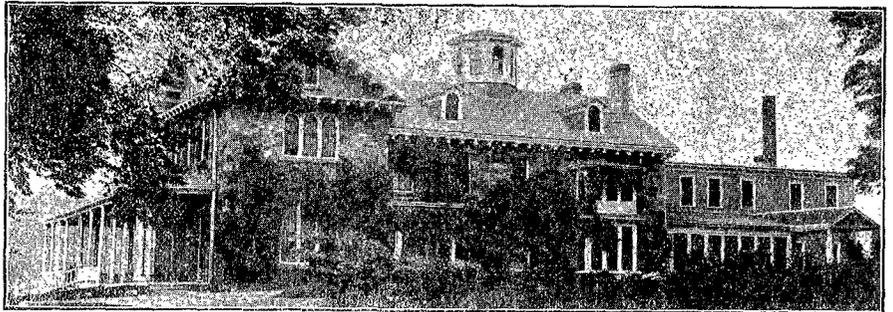
"4. That to start the raising of this fund we set aside Sabbath, Feb. 22, 1919, asking our people on that day to come to the assistance of our people and work in Europe with a liberal offering.

"5. That a Second Sabbath Reading be devoted to presenting the needs of our people and our work in Europe.

"6. That the officers of the General Conference, with G. B. Thompson, be asked to prepare appeals setting forth the needs of the work, and the condition of our people in war-stricken countries, for publication in the REVIEW AND HERALD."

Intensive Training for Our Young Men

Shortly before the signing of the armistice it was thought best to establish schools in connection with our work in Loma Linda and Washington, where an intensive training in nursing and hospital work could be given our young men who were called by the draft, in order that they might be qualified for this form of noncombatant work. In order that this might be done speedily, as the needs were urgent, the necessary money to build these barracks and to equip them was supplied by the General Conference from its mission funds, with the understanding that a special appeal would be made to our membership to replace the amount thus advanced. Later it was decided it would be better to combine this appeal in behalf of the intensive training with the one mentioned in the foregoing resolutions, with the understanding that the



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committee would make a proper division of the funds received. Feeling confident that these objects will appeal to the reason and generosity of all, the committee is hoping for an unusually large offering on Feb. 22, 1919.

The Hour of Opportunity in Mission Lands

J. L. SHAW

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SINCE the signing of the armistice, men have been measuring the forces which brought the war to its end. During hostilities flaming placards said:

"Food Will Win the War!"

"Coal Will Win the War!"

"Wheat Will Win the War!"

"Liberty Bonds Will Win the War!"

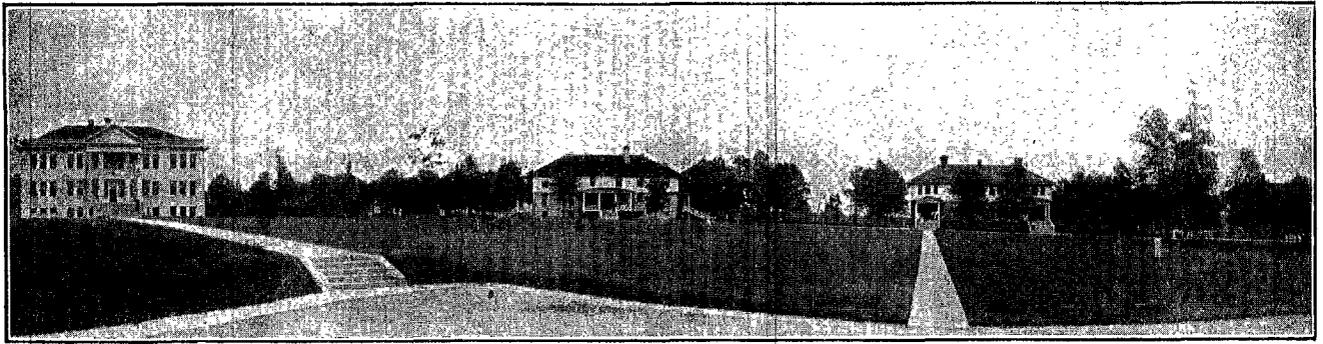
Many are saying the American armies won the war. Large credit is given to the generalship of General Foch and the diplomacy of President Wilson.

Undoubtedly all these were contributing factors; but shall we not look farther for the final answer? Is there not a divine power, with an overruling purpose, working out some great, important end? The true secret of world changes was revealed to Daniel:

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: and he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings."

God Keeps Account with the Nations

The forces of men crumble before the living God when the time he has appointed for change has come. Within one fortnight we read of the collapse of the Ottoman Empire; the capitulation of Austria-Hungary; the opening of the Dardanelles; the recovery of Italia Irredenta; the release of Serbia; the signing of



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the armistice by Germany; the regaining of Montenegro; the re-establishment of Bohemia; the abdication of the czar of the Bulgars; the abdication of Charles, emperor of Austria, king of Hungary and Bohemia; the abdication of William II, emperor of Germany. Is man alone responsible for these changes?

Evidently a divine decree set the bounds of the German advance at the Marne, and the mightiest military machine the world has known could go no farther. And why?—The gospel of a coming Lord is due the world in this our day, and barriers must be broken down, and hindering agencies held in check.

“He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire. Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.” Ps. 46: 9-11.

In these days, when the destiny of nations is in the balance, we may have this assurance:

“The world is not without a ruler. The program of coming events is in the hands of the Lord. The Majesty of heaven has the destiny of nations, as well as the concerns of his church, in his own charge.”—*“Testimonies for the Church,” Vol. V, p. 753.*

Widespread Macedonian Calls

Great changes have come in politics and in society, and others will be more apparent as time moves on. Already we can see changes taking place in mission lands which point to a rapid finishing of the work of giving a world-wide warning message. In war-stricken countries there has come a new sense of the seriousness of life. Looking upon the face of death has sobered life for thousands and revealed the need of divine help. An increased interest in Protestantism is manifested in southern Europe. Especially is this noticeable in France. In southern France large meetings have been held, attended by thousands of people. French peasants are especially open to evangelistic truth. Our own brethren send their appeal:

“When we turn to our fatherland, France, and to our churches, our hearts become heavy and tears fill our eyes. As did the Macedonians in the days of the apostles, we appeal to you, Come over and help us. The demands made upon us are beyond our power. We need help. Help us.”

In the Near East we see the removal of stupendous obstacles which have stood in the way of gospel work. Bulgaria has become a republic. The Moslem dictators in Turkey have capitulated, and the Turkish Empire, with all its brutal injustice to Christians, is tottering to its fall. Armenia, after five centuries of oppression and massacre, will be free. Albania, which has been struggling against crushing opposition, is at length freed from the tyranny of the Moslem.

Openings in Mohammedan Lands

Islam, the open rival and bitter opponent of Christianity, has been weakened. Belief in the doctrines

of pan-Islamism, with its boasted tenet that Islam would one day gain the ascendancy, has been shattered. Of the present outlook in Moslem lands, Rev. Harvey Reeves Calkins says:

“The colossal movements of the past four years have shaken every Mohammedan community from the Malay Archipelago to the Moroccan villages. Mohammedans are profoundly disquieted. They are questioning, wondering, waiting. In some districts Mohammedan mass movements toward Christianity is the positive expectation of informed missionaries. Whenever the Unseen Presence is made real to them, without awakening suspicion that Christians are seeking to convert them, the distraught minds of the Mohammedans are strangely open to the divine Spirit.”—*The Moslem World, October, 1913.*

As a denomination we have done but little among these people, numbering one seventh of the human race. The barriers in many places have made any mission work almost impossible. Political power, conservatism, religious bias, and ignorance have barred the way. Missionaries and missionary societies of other denominations have done a little; but they have been buffeted on every hand. Devoted heralds of the cross have given the service of a lifetime with scarcely a convert. “How long, O Lord, how long?” has been the continued cry of burdened hearts.

Enlarged Vision Brought by the War

But a change has come. Our view of the situation leads us to believe that a new day has dawned. Four years of war have lessened Moslem authority. The Turkish power, in harmony with the prophecy, is coming “to his end.” Multitudes of Moslem people are in confusion, their boasted ambitions have been frustrated. The door of entrance to these multiplied millions is turning on its hinges. Turkey, Arabia, Morocco, Egypt, are waiting. That great expanse of territory in Central Asia, leading to the roof of the world, still lies unentered by us. To a people believing in the near-coming Saviour, the present Mohammedan situation presents a new and impelling challenge. Shall we lengthen our cords to reach into Moslem lands? Shall we take hold of the Moslem problem with new strength? is the question the present outlook presents.

The caste system, so successful in holding in check Christian influences in India, is now losing its hold. Old customs and habits have gradually been abandoned. Three fourths of the non-Christian population of the world were drawn into the war, together with most of the so-called Christian nations of the world. This has thrown them into close contact, and they have rubbed shoulders with one another more closely than ever before.

Here is a man who went out from India as a soldier. He carries with him his peculiar customs and prejudices. In leaving his native shores he has broken caste. On the battlefields he finds himself side by side with the English and French. Coming from a

village in a remote part of India, he has now been given a world outlook. From the battlefields his letters find their way home, to be read by eager friends. Now he returns, probably with modified views of caste relationships and prejudices.

Multitudes Seeking after God

In surveying the movements toward Christianity at the present time, the secretary of one mission board writes:

"From many parts of the non-Christian world there are coming Pentecostal tales of great accessions to the Christian church. The revival movement continues in Chosen, and according to Bishop Herbert Welsh there is an average of one convert an hour, day and night. The three-year evangelistic campaign in Japan which has overlapped the war has been fruitful beyond expectations, and gathered such momentum that it could not stop with the end of the three-year period. The time is ripe for a great ingathering of converts. Never were there so many earnest students of the Bible. 'Instead of driving men away from religion, the war is bringing a distinctly renewed interest in religion.' In China various revival movements among the masses have been in progress, and the educated classes have been coming by many thousands into the churches. Inquirers are pressing up for instruction in greater numbers than can be cared for by the present staff of workers. An evangelistic campaign similar to the one in Japan is being launched among the leading cities. In pagan Africa, whole villages and tribes are pleading for Christian instruction, tens of thousands of converts are being received into the churches, and the Bible is being eagerly read. The first missionary to get back to his post in the war-swept section referred to above lost no time in scuding an urgent cable message to his board in America. He was not asking for money or building materials, or even for re-enforcements. His cablegram read, 'Hurry up order for Bulu Gospels.' The hearts of the missionaries there are breaking because they cannot meet the pathetic demands coming out to them from the interior for the Christian message.

"In India the remarkable mass movement gains steadily. Whole villages and tribes keep pressing up for Christian instruction with a view to baptism. In one year the missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church alone were obliged to turn away 153,000 who wished to become Christians, because there were no workers to instruct and lead them. One church reports a *waiting list of 1,000*. The Bishop of Madras says that fifty million outcasts are knocking at the doors of the Christian church in India. Naturally there are many signs of alarm among the religious leaders of Hinduism over these immense ingatherings."—*"The Call of a World Task,"* by J. Lovell Murray, pp. 89, 90.

As a people we are face to face with the most momentous hour in our history. Stupendous obstacles which have long stood in the way of the message are now falling. Was there ever such a time in history as the present hour? Was there ever a clearer call to advance? Reader, ask yourself in sober faith, "What is to be my part in the new order the Great War has brought to us?"

"To eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God, means to study the Word, and to carry that Word into the life in obedience to all its precepts."

Need of Strengthening the Home Base

G. B. THOMPSON

Field Secretary of the General Conference

THE Moravian Church has long been noted for its aggressive foreign missionary work. It has been carrying forward work in heathen lands since 1732. Mission work in the regions beyond always increases rapidly. When one station is opened, it calls for others. There is never any place to stop; the growth is constant and continuous.

The Solemn Seriousness of Retrenchment

The disproportionate increase in their foreign work as compared with the strengthening and increasing of their base or home membership, brought a crisis in the splendid missionary operations of the Moravian church. The demands of the work abroad increased faster than the base of supplies was able to furnish recruits, and as a result, in 1909 their mission board was ordered by the synod to bring about a retrenchment in their annual budget. It is said that when these resolutions were passed, strong men broke down and wept.

"It is comparatively easy to issue such instructions to a mission board, but when it comes to carrying them out, the problem becomes frightfully difficult. The board is dealing, not with figures, but with human souls, which have been purchased by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and which have been rescued from the degradation of heathenism as a result of his suffering. . . . This retrenchment is like killing the children you have borne and nursed and reared. It is stopping natural growth. It is hurling the people back into heathenism."

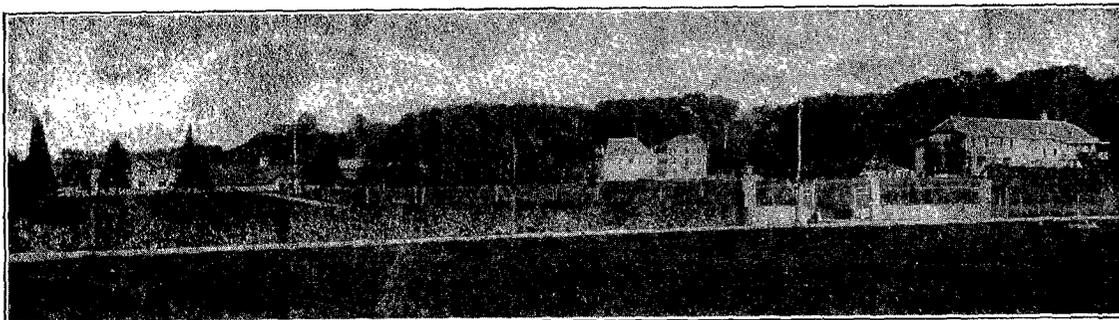
A Lesson for Us

This crisis in the history of another church contains a lesson for us. We are a missionary people. The message we bear, in its very wording calls for its heralds to go to the utmost limits of the world. When other mission boards speak of carrying the gospel to the world, they have in mind the heathen world only. But our work takes in the *whole world*—every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

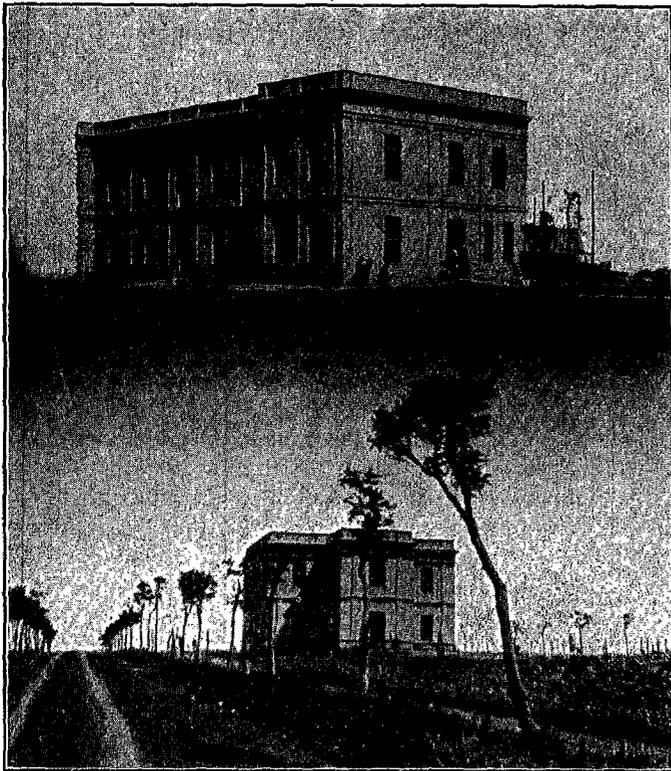
The carrying of this message to all the world calls for the most stupendous missionary plans ever devised and set in operation by any mission board since Paul and Silas were sent out from Antioch. Plans must be laid to send thousands of missionaries abroad, and to raise millions of dollars. Each year the map grows larger, and the imperative demands increase. The plans for this year are not broad enough for next year. The field of the message widens in an ever-increasing ratio. Each year more missionaries and a larger finance budget must be provided.

Keeping the Home Base Strong

In order that our great missionary structure reaching throughout the world may stand strong, the base of supplies must be continually enlarged and strength-



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ened. To neglect this would be a fatal mistake, and sooner or later would bring a crisis in our work in the lands depending upon the base for the supply of men and money. The responsibility resting upon us here in the homeland is therefore very great. It should drive us to our knees. It calls for the deepest consecration ever manifested in the church since Pentecost.

Are we strengthening the base of supplies proportionately to the demands abroad? I fear we are not. It is getting more difficult to find workers to fill the Macedonian calls which come to us from all lands, as well as to fill the needs at home. More fervent prayer, eminent piety, and deeper sacrifice are our greatest needs. Nothing will strengthen the work more than these. It has, in fact, no strength without them.

We can compare our missionary operations to a house. To give all our attention to the superstructure and take no time to study the base, would not be wise. The whole stands or falls together. Strengthening the base means to increase our membership here in the homeland. Suppose each church member should bring one soul to a knowledge of the truth in a year. That would double our membership, double our tithe, double our offerings, double the number of students in our schools, double in every way our resources, and enable us to double the recruits to foreign fields. It is, however, too much to expect that we do this each year.

A Great Soul-Winning Campaign

Suppose, instead of doubling our membership, we should increase our church membership ten thousand each year. We ought to do this. Surely we can inaugurate a great soul-winning campaign that will bring in at least this number in a year. Why should not churches and conferences have a quota of souls to be won for God as well as a quota of missionary dollars to be reached? In 1917 the offerings to missions in North America were about \$12 per member, and the tithe about \$25. On this basis an increase of 10,000 believers would add \$120,000 to our mis-

sions offerings, and \$250,000 to our tithe. If we could add 20,000 to our membership in a year, as we really ought to do, considering the large outlay of means, the nearness of the end, and the number of workers in the field, our resources would be proportionately increased.

A new year has dawned. It has infinite possibilities for us. The end is near; probation will soon close. Why not make 1919 the banner year in soul-winning? Why should not every individual, every church, every conference, every union conference, set a goal for souls, and thus strengthen our work here at the base? Such a goal reached would enable us to carry forward the message more aggressively in all lands, and hasten the finishing of our work.

A Church-Wide Ministry

E. R. PALMER

A Pioneer Leader in Circulating Gospel Literature

The World's Present Need

THE present hour of world sorrow, want, and suffering brings to the church unparalleled opportunity for doing good. Millions of homes are darkened by the shadow of death. The wounds inflicted by a great war may be soothed and bound up by tender Christian hands. If Christ were now in the world in person, he would feed the hungry, heal the sick, and comfort the sorrowing, as he did nineteen hundred years ago. His church must act in his stead, doing the work he himself would do.

Be Listening

Among the things that this day brings
Will come to you a call,
The which, unless you're listening,
You may not hear at all:
Lest it be very soft and low,
Whate'er you do, where'er you go,
Be listening.

It may be that a little child
Whom you will meet today,
Is dropping tears of baby grief
That you can wipe away.
Oh, if the call should come to you
So sweet a service thus to do,
Be listening.

It may be but to clasp a hand,
Where such a clasp is needed;
It may be you can warn a soul,
Where counsel goes unheeded;
Oh, lest today this call should come,
Awake, asleep, abroad, at home,
Be listening.

It may be — hardest task of all —
To stand from out God's way
While others rightly do the work
Wherein you failed today;
But if the call should e'en be this,
Think only that the voice is His.
Be listening.

Then whatso'er the call may be,
To service small or great,
To cross the seas and speak God's love,
To smile, to rule a state —
When God shall come and say to you,
"Here is the thing that you must do,"
Be listening.

— B. H. M., in *Sunday School Times*.



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With the close of the war there comes the danger that the followers of Christ will relax their efforts, and settle back to take their ease. Men and women have done a great work for their Lord in these past days of war and bloodshed. They have responded nobly to the needs of suffering humanity. Such great spectacular events draw heavily upon men's hearts, and lead to activity. With the needs of that great emergency largely met, there will be a tendency to forget that hunger and cold, sickness, sorrow, and death are still in the world, that evil is still abroad, reaping his annual harvest with unrelenting hand.

Opportunities at Our Very Door

It is difficult to realize the fact that the familiar, everyday results of sin in the world are far more disastrous and dreadful, even, than the horrors of a great war. But such is the case. We are liable to forget that a great army of suffering humanity is daily marching by our very doors—marching to destruction for lack of that tender sympathy and help which Christ has placed us in this world to give.

The magnitude of the Great War is kept before the world in striking figures, while the common, daily tragedy of life makes little impression. The recent harvest of death on the battlefields of Europe is certainly without a parallel in the history of wars; but during this same four-year period, when the war was raging, the death rate from tuberculosis alone in the countries at war was about equal to all the deaths on the battlefields.

The curse of intemperance during the years before the war brought more misery, sickness, sorrow, and death, comparing year with year, than was caused by the greatest of all wars.

During the four weeks ending November 2, deaths from Spanish influenza in the United States were more than three times as many as the deaths in the American army in Europe during the entire period of nineteen months that the United States was at war.

The opportunities for Christian service, therefore, are not lessened by the close of the world conflict. Sin has signed no armistice. Death is still in the field with his ancient weapons, reaping a gruesome harvest.

In the parable of the talents (Matt. 25:14-30), Jesus sets forth the responsibility of his servants.

Talents were given to all—
“to every man according to his several ability.”

When the lord of those servants returned and reckoned with them, the “Well done” was said to those who had been faithful, whether their talents were many or few.

“Saved to Serve”

Salvation through Christ embraces more than the forgiveness of sins. It includes also, on our part, a life of earnest soul-saving effort. Not only do the needs of a perishing world appeal to the Christian, but a life of service is also a vital factor in his personal experience. The forgiveness of sin gives purity; a life of service develops character. Living only for self, develops selfishness; but a life of service, under God's blessing, develops a spirit of love and sacrifice. Whittier, in his poem, “The Meeting,” caught the truth,

“That to be saved is only this,—
Salvation from our selfishness.”

And again:

“He findeth not who seeks his own,
The soul is lost that's saved alone.”

The Church Organized on Earth for Missionary Purposes

In “An Appeal,” by Mrs. E. G. White, the responsibility of every member of the church to engage in personal soul-saving work is pressed home in the following words:

“God has given to every man a work to do in connection with his kingdom. Each one professing the name of Christ is to be an interested worker, ready to defend the principles of righteousness. The work of the gospel is not to depend solely upon the minister; every soul should take an active part in advancing the cause of God.”

“Christ, the True Witness, addresses the church at Ephesus, saying: ‘I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.’”

“‘Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.’ This is a time when every member of the church should be waiting, and watching, and working. . . . The weakness and inefficiency of the church must pass away.

“As Christ's witnesses, our commission is clear, ‘Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.’ We are to be waiting, watching, working; it is most inconsistent for the church to whom has been opened the treasures of truth, to be dull, worldly, and indifferent. Casting away all unbelief, we should by faith put every capability and every power into exercise. . . .

“The Lord God of heaven would have the entire church devising ways and means whereby high and low, rich and poor, may hear the message of truth. . . .

“It is no time now to relax our efforts, to become tame and spiritless; no time to hide our light under a bushel, to speak smooth things, to prophesy deceit. Every power is to be employed for God.”

“As agents for Jesus Christ, men are to be laborers together with God. Why, then, are so many acting as did Meroz, doing nothing, while those sitting in darkness receive no light, no help from those who claim to be the children of God? How much do such idlers resemble the angel who is represented as flying in the midst of heaven proclaiming the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus? Christ is saying to these idlers in the market place, ‘Go work today in my vineyard.’ Angels who minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation,

are saying to every true saint, There is work for you to do. 'Go, stand and speak . . . to the people the words of life.'

"The church of Christ has been organized on earth for missionary purposes, and it is of the highest importance that every individual member of the church should be a sincere laborer together with God, filled with the Spirit, having the mind of Christ, perfected in sympathy with Christ, and therefore bending every energy, according to his intrusted ability, to the saving of souls."

"If we are not active in the service of Christ, we are ranking with those who are in positive hostility against him; for we are in the position of stumblingblocks. Every means of influence that God has given you, should be employed to the utmost.

"Listen to the voice of Jesus, as it comes sounding down along the lines to our time, addressing the professed Christian who stands idle in the market place: 'Why stand ye here all

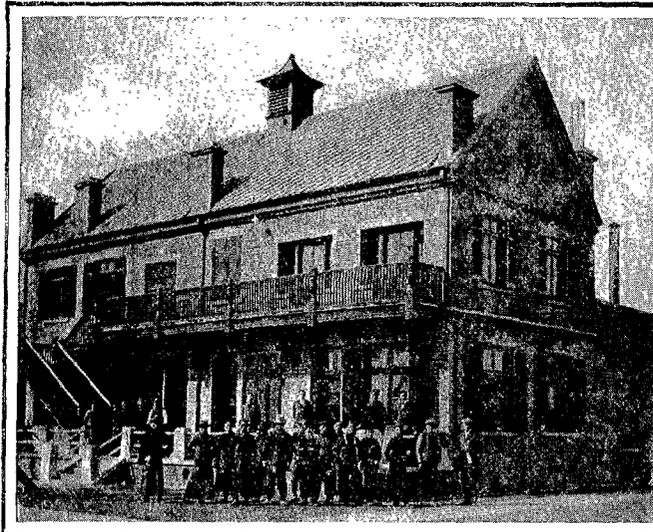
The Conservation of Our Forces

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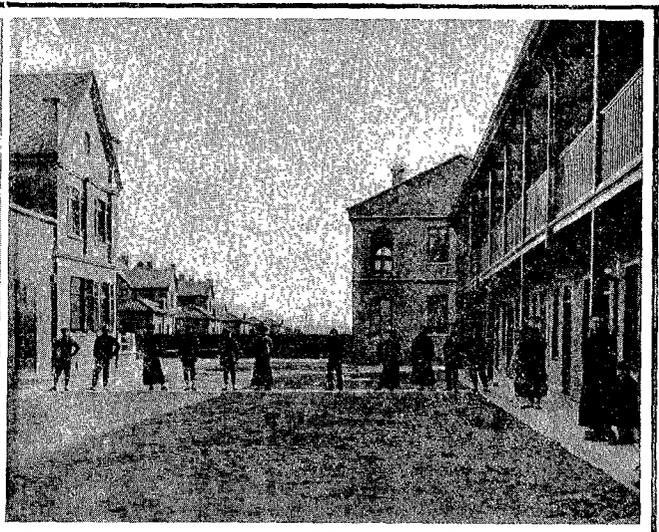
Secretary General Conference Sabbath School Department

"ALL thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children." Isa. 54: 13.

Many thousands of sheep were grazing in the valley. Not one was lame, or poor, or sick. A stranger passing by asked the secret of success in raising so large and fine a flock. The shepherd answered simply, "I take care of the lambs." In these few words the true principle of the conservation of the forces of this remnant church is correctly stated. No church



S. D. A. Printing Office and Chapel, Shanghai, China



Rear View of S. D. A. Mission Compound, Shanghai, China

the day idle? . . . Go ye also into the vineyard.' Work while it is day; for the night cometh, in which no man can work."

Dedication for Life to This Ministry

Some years ago, in the East End of London, a young man looked out upon the mass of humanity surging up and down the crowded streets. Few places present a more pathetic picture than may be seen at this crossroads of the world's metropolis. Men and women from many nationalities bury themselves here when hope has fled. This young man's heart went out with a great longing to carry the gospel to those dying multitudes. And there at the street corner, in sight of the wretched throng, he lifted up his hands to God and promised that if the Lord would strengthen his arm and walk by his side, he would give his life to the work of soul-saving among the poor and outcast of humanity. He entered upon the work, and the Lord was with him. That young man was William Booth, the organizer of the great Salvation Army.

O that the followers of Christ everywhere might get such a vision of the work to be done in this darkest hour of earth's history, that they would dedicate their lives as did General Booth to this blessed ministry!

"O brother man! fold to thy heart thy brother;
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
To worship rightly is to love each other,
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.

"Follow with reverent steps the great example
Of Him whose holy work was 'doing good;'
So shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple,
Each loving life a psalm of gratitude."



"THE works and ways of God are perfumed with unutterable tenderness and long-suffering love."

can thrive and grow and perpetuate itself, and yet steadily and continuously lose the lambs of its flock.

Neglect of the Children a Grievous Error

Strange as it may seem, in the early days of the advent message but little attempt was made to instruct the children of believers in the truths cherished by their parents. Elder James White, to quote from his own words, thought this "a grievous error, sufficient to call down the frown of God." The Sabbath school idea was developed as the direct result of a conviction that a consistent effort must be made to conserve to the cause of God, the children and youth of believers. From that time to this a steady procession of our youth have marched along to the place of the parting of the ways, each one reaching the point of decision in his own way, and turning to the left or to the right in obedience to the stronger influence. We have done well in these passing years in multiplying manyfold the facilities for instructing the youth and children, and in promoting plans and policies having to do with their spiritual welfare. Our work at home and abroad has been mightily strengthened by the transformation of mischievous, daring, careless, sturdy youth, into keen, brave, earnest burden bearers in the Lord's work. While to a degree our choicest resources have thus been conserved, we cannot ignore the fact that by far too many of our beloved youth have turned from the narrow path and have found their pleasure and their work in the broad highways of the world.

As a church and as individual members let us not forget that no burden for far-away fields, no activity in behalf of neighbors and friends, can make up for a neglect of the flower of our own flock — the boys and girls who bear our names, who sit by our firesides,

who eat at our tables. Well may we in these days turn the searching question upon the parents, the teachers, the elders,— upon *ourselves*: “Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?”

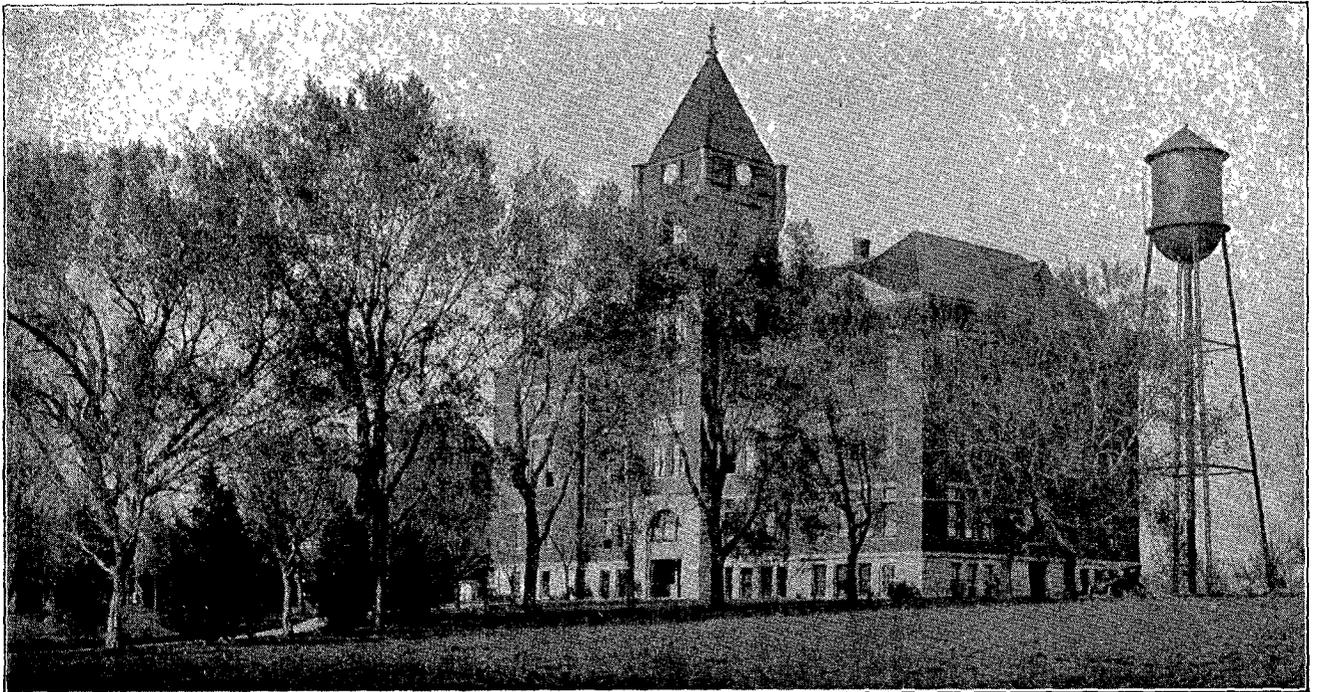
Responsible for Both Active and Passive Influence

In full degree just what we actually are influences the youth among us. We may as well face the truth that so far as their welfare is concerned we shall as certainly reap the harvest of the seed sown by our unconscious influence as we shall harvest the seed planted with a careful hand. Have we been listless, spiritless, powerless?—the youth in our circle have known only the *form* of godliness, and it is not attractive. Have we been uncertain or unsound in the truths of this message?—then are the youth in our

directly to Sabbath school workers to recognize their personal responsibility in this the greatest of all conservation efforts? In the closing work, where should Sabbath school activity rank as a soul-winning method? The answer gives us the force of a superlative adjective:

“The Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ.” —“*Testimonies on Sabbath School Work*,” p. 20.

Every Sabbath school should rightfully be a recruiting station where volunteers are enlisted in the army of the Lord. The officers and teachers are commissioned to solicit and enlist recruits. This requires personal work. A large army is moved about *en masse*, but the enlistment of soldiers is one by one.



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circle tossed about with every wind of doctrine. Does our example and daily life contradict the truth we profess to believe?—then are the hearts of our youth thickly sown with seeds of doubt and hypocrisy.

General Sheridan brought no re-enforcements the day he made his famous ride from Winchester and turned defeat into victory. It was the courage in his soul that heartened every soldier in the ranks, as he called out, “Face the other way, boys; we are going back.” The interest, the courage, the loyalty, of our youth is largely dependent upon parents, teachers, and leaders. Many whose feet are slipping, many who are looking back, many who have surrendered to worldly allurements, may yet be saved to the cause by the rallying cry of a consecrated leader. Is it not time that in every home and in every company the spiritual needs of the youth and children should be considered? Our heavenly Father desires to save his people as families. Is there not power enough in prayer, in personal consecration of effort, to surround our precious youth with barriers of love, through which they cannot pass to their own destruction?

The Sabbath School a Great Recruiting Station

Our youth saved from sin! Our youth saved to the cause of God! A mighty conservation this would be! How shall it be done? Who in large measure are responsible for the doing of it? May we not appeal

Sabbath school teachers are untrue to their trust unless they press home to the hearts of our youth the urgent invitation, “Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?”

When a nation is in peril, not only of loss of territory, but of complete annihilation, every one is a soldier. In this eleventh hour, with the coming King at the very door, with the clock of the ages pointing to the words, “There shall be delay no longer,” when the affairs of men and nations fulfil the prophecies which indicate that the hour of probation is soon to close, *now*, if ever, we should spring into action. If there is not enough to stir us in that which our eyes see of the rapidly fulfilling prophecies of the end, then would our pulses not thrill though one should speak to us from the dead.

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 “WE believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried.”

The Evangelistic Press

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No other single agency has been more mightily used by the Lord in spreading the good news of salvation to the world than the printing press. The invention of movable type in the fifteenth century came through an overruling Providence at the right time; for, as stated by one writer, "it is probably not too much to say that without the printing press the work done by the Reformers could not have been brought about at all." Truthfully could Luther say, "Printing is the latest and greatest gift by which God enables us to advance the things of the gospel."

A report on Bible circulation in the *Gospel in All Lands* says:

"It is among the auspicious signs of the times that into all the great languages of the world, the tongues of all the great peoples of the earth, the good news of God to men has already found its way.

"The ministry of the press is not merely an auxiliary to which the Christian teacher can look to supplement his labors. It is in itself an evangelistic agency often penetrating farther and delivering a more effective message than any missionary could."

But it was not until after the hour struck for the judgment message to go to the world that this agency was brought to the state of perfection necessary for doing the great work God designed it should do in connection with the carrying of this gospel message to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. At the time this message began to be preached to the world, the best-equipped printing press could make only two hundred impressions in one hour.

When the writer was in Europe in 1914, in visiting an international exposition gotten up in the interests of the printing art, he saw a press printing a family newspaper at the rate of one million pages an hour, a vivid illustration of how, in the providence of God, this agency has been perfected for doing a quick work.

But even this rapid work is far surpassed by the large Hoe Perfecting Press. This press, which is said to be the largest printing press in the world, is able to print, paste, fold, and count ready for the mail, three hundred thousand eight-page papers in one hour.

The Loud Cry of the Message

Speaking of the closing work to be done in connection with this message the prophet says:

"After these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory."

It is through this angel that the loud cry of the message is to be accomplished, and the whole earth is to be lighted with his glory.

One of the principal means which the Lord will use to do this remarkable work in the closing days of the message, is the printed page. The 3,100 ministers and Bible workers of this movement are too feeble a force to accomplish the work of this other angel in the time allotted. We could hardly conceive of the work's being finished through the agency of these few workers; but when we consider the possibilities of what may be accomplished by this whole people engaged in scattering the printed page, it thrills the heart and strengthens the hope that the work may soon be finished. Our confidence is still further

strengthened as we read this statement from the Testimonies:

"In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. VII, p. 140.

The Small Beginnings of a Great Work

Thanks to the remarkable improvement in printing facilities and equipment, in the benefits of which this movement has shared, our publishing houses are becoming well prepared to do the work outlined for them in this testimony.

In 1852 the first effort was made by Elder James White to secure printing facilities for this work. At that time he purchased a small hand press and established a little plant in a rented room at a cost of \$652.93. Five years later the first power press was purchased, on which all the printing of the denomination was done, and yet it was kept going only about half the time. A comparison of such meager facilities with the facilities of the well-equipped publishing houses the cause has at present, rejoices one's heart. These up-to-date facilities are all needed to do the quick work that must be done in these closing hours. It is a common experience in our large printing houses for the presses to be kept running sixteen hours daily for months at a time, to meet the urgent demands for literature.

Since the outbreak of the war in 1914, more than 2,800,000 copies of the World's Crisis Series books and more than 17,000,000 copies of the periodical, *Present Truth*, have been circulated in North America alone. At the beginning of the war, when it was urgent that appropriate literature be prepared as quickly as possible, one of our publishing houses was able in two weeks from the time the booklet, "The World's Crisis," was planned, to furnish page proofs to the Publishing Department office. And more recently the entire work, "The Hand That Intervenes," containing three hundred thirty-four pages and thirty full-page illustrations, from the setting of the type to the binding, was prepared by the Review and Herald Publishing Association in thirty days.

The Lord has also been preparing his people to do this quick work. In the very beginning of this message, as instruction came that the truth should be published through the printed page, it was shown to the servant of God to be "like streams of light that went clear round the world." From that first small periodical, the *Present Truth*, started in 1849, the work has continued to extend, until the above prediction is literally fulfilled.

Literature in Many Tongues

At the present time the denomination is circulating literature in 94 languages and dialects, in 74 countries, from its 40 denominational publishing houses, in the form of 134 periodicals, 562 books, 364 pamphlets, and 1,648 tracts.

God has given us a form of organization for our colporteur work which has stood the test in every land, be it Protestant, Catholic, or non-Christian. Chiefly through this agency the literature sales of our publishing houses during 1917 amounted to more than \$2,881,000.

God has also gone before us and prepared the way for this quick work. The experiences of our colporteurs during the past year in Catholic and heathen countries have been most remarkable. Some of the largest records made by our colporteurs are being made in these lands. Recently a worker in Cuba sold \$1,369 worth of books in seventy-six hours.

Our missionaries are coming more and more to look upon our literature as their only hope in finishing the work among the heathen. One of our veteran missionaries in South Africa says: "In fact, our hope of giving the message to South Africa lies more in our books than in the preaching." This conviction is shared by many of our missionaries everywhere.

Great Possibilities for the Future

The termination of the war and the establishment of peace bring us, we believe, face to face with greater possibilities for this department of God's work than we have ever before experienced. Present conditions call for careful attention to be given to the kind of literature which we shall circulate. The people who have suffered the most keenly in this war will need special heart balm which literature pointing them to the great Healer, can give. Such literature we must provide. Countries which have hitherto

been largely shut against the free circulation of gospel literature will now be opened, and some of these fields will need literature containing the first simple principles of the gospel. Already steps are being taken to enter Russia with our literature via Vladivostok. We believe that this undertaking should be encouraged, and that similar steps should be taken for other fields which have been difficult of access in the past.

The Lord is greatly blessing in the efforts that are being made to develop a literature adapted to the needs of the heathen in the Far East. The hands of our brethren in those fields should be strengthened. The great fields of Latin America, where the Lord has so wonderfully blessed the circulation of the printed page, will still need all the help the General Conference can give them. A great task lies before this people in reconstructing, strengthening, and manning the work in the countries of Europe.

The task confronting us is gigantic; but our experience in this department in the past gives us confidence to believe that the Lord will help, and that we shall see this agency accomplishing the work that it is designed to accomplish and which the testimony of the Spirit says it will accomplish in proclaiming the loud cry of the third angel's message to the world.

The Relation of Our Medical Work to This Movement

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IN view of the many reforms in medical practice, manner of living, and methods of treatment that have taken place in the last half century, it does not take any stretch of imagination to see that reform along health lines has greatly benefited the human race physically. The practice of temperance as opposed to intemperance, physiological treatment as opposed to exclusive drug medication, low-protein and even a fleshless diet as compared with excessive protein dietary, and physical education as compared with intellectual training only, all speak for reform in our manner of living. In each of these lines the past half century has witnessed marked advancement toward rational living. During that time and even previous to it every reform that has been made in right living has been urged upon us as a people through our church literature. The degree of victory that has been won by rational methods in medical science over such diseases as smallpox, diphtheria, bubonic plague, and other scourges that have swept the earth in past centuries, as well as the marked gain in the average length of life seen this past century, speak volumes for the efficacy of such reform.

Rational Treatment Versus Drug Medication

The marked contrast in mortality during the last influenza epidemic between cases treated according to rational therapeutics and older methods also speaks loudly for further reform in methods of treatment as well as in the proper habits of living. With these facts before us, what Seventh-day Adventist can regard with indifference the light that has come to us upon health reform?

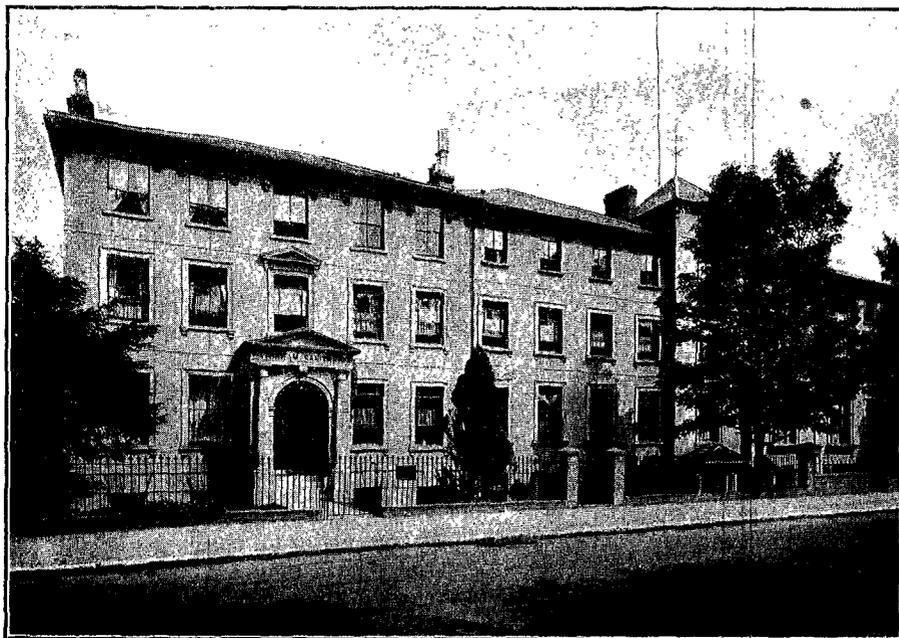
The promulgation of the principles of health offers one of the greatest possible avenues for the dissemination of present truth. In spite of the battle that has been waged against disease by the advocates of these

principles, disease is on the increase and sickness and distress are everywhere. Mankind is degenerating physically because of sin. It is not merely a coincidence that at such a time a people with high ideals of living is developed, having a remedy for many ills of the day. A people with God's remedy for sin and its effects is the divine method of meeting the present situation in the world when the worst conditions ever known are seen everywhere because of a departure from God's law. As the gospel message of the third angel is the only thing that can save the people from sin and its results, so true health reform principles are the only thing that can save the people from the effects of physical transgression. These two reforms, or remedies, are committed to a people whose duty it is to publish them and live them before the world.

An Entering Wedge of the Gospel

As in the time of Christ sickness opened up to him the greatest opportunities for teaching his message, so today disease is the opening through which the wedge of health reform may cleave the rocks of prejudice, superstition, and wickedness. In the great war that is just past, where has there been a greater opportunity to represent the Christ life than was open to the true medical evangelist? Every Seventh-day Adventist young man who was in the war might have had inestimable opportunities in hospital and field relief service to represent the message had he been prepared for this opening. In the late influenza epidemic every Seventh-day Adventist in the world might have been busy day and night ministering to the needy. What an opportunity we have lost to act the part of the Good Samaritan. During such ministry what opportunities are offered for speaking a word to point the sufferers to a higher hope, to drop a word of present truth, to break down prejudice and build up respect

for a people and a religion that bring aid to the suffering in such a time. Think you that wars are over, and that we shall have no more use for such principles, or opportunity for such service? Think you that epidemics are past, and that there will not come other even greater opportunities for this service? Nay, verily! We are but entering the time of trouble. Every true Seventh-day Adventist must be a medical missionary — a medical evangelist — and be ready for such opportunities. Now, during this period of peace, is the time of opportunity as never before to get the training and experience that will fit us for this work. Think of the churches closed, all public services discontinued, schools closed, canvassers stopped, as in



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the recent epidemic — no avenue for service but in Christian help work! Will you prepare for it?

Preparing for Christ's Coming

Last but not least is the importance of health reform in preparation for the future life. The spirit of prophecy states that the object of health reform is to prepare a people to meet God. Note this impressive statement from the Testimonies, Vol. VI, p. 224:

“The human family is suffering because of transgression of the laws of God. The Lord desires that men shall be led to understand the cause of their suffering and the only way to find relief. He desires them to see that their well-being, physical, mental, and moral, depends upon their obedience to his law. It is his purpose that our institutions shall be as object lessons showing the results of obedience to right principles.

“In the preparation of a people for the Lord's second coming, a great work is to be accomplished through the promulgation of health principles. The people are to be instructed in regard to the needs of the physical organism, and the value of healthful living as taught in the Scriptures, that the bodies which God has created may be presented to him a living sacrifice, fitted to render him acceptable service. There is a great work to be done for suffering humanity in relieving their sufferings by the use of the natural agencies that God has provided, and in teaching them how to prevent sickness by the regulation of the appetites and passions. The people should be taught that transgression of the laws of nature is transgression of the laws of God. They should be taught the truth in physical as well as in spiritual lines, that ‘the fear of the Lord tendeth to life.’ Prov. 19: 23.”

The great work of the closing message to the world is to vindicate the law and the love of God. We are living in the very end of this world's history. Prophe-

cy plainly teaches it; passing events plainly demonstrate the fact. Should these fail, we have no chart or compass. This being true, a people must soon be prepared to meet God face to face. They must live and teach all the laws of God, spiritual and physical.

What the world needs today is an illustration of the Christ life worked out in human flesh, in actions, words, and looks. When this is accomplished every human being that is susceptible to the influence of God's Spirit will yield to him, and his work will be finished in the earth. What a privilege to know, to love, and to live the full will of God!

The relation of our medical work to this movement is:

1. As an instructor in, and promotor of, health and happiness to all who accept its teachings. The light that has come through it is a forerunner of the best and most rational methods of treating disease and promoting health.

2. It furnishes the best means of reaching all classes of society and all conditions of life for the purpose of presenting the religion of Jesus Christ for these times, because it comes to people in their most susceptible condition.

3. A people in the last days of earth must be prepared for the change from this world condition to that of the new earth. The habit of right living, in conformity with all the laws of God, must be acquired by all who

expect to be ready for the great change from this world of sin and sorrow and sickness and suffering to a world of peace and joy and rest and obedience.

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTLIKENESS

I. H. EVANS

Thou, Lord, who know'st my inmost thought,
Canst read the purpose of my will;
Thy love and favor are not bought,
But given in measure as they're sought,
To those who love and trust thee still.

This pledge I make while on the deep
(And gladly make, as my poor part):
If thou wilt be my God, and keep
My soul from sin, shepherd thy sheep,
My all is thine — my life, my heart.

Nor ask I, Lord, for worldly gain.
What thou didst give to Christ, thy Son,
Is meed enough. In toil and pain
Let me be spent; for I would fain
Be like him, in his footsteps run.

And one thing more, O Lord, in tears
(I know thou wilt not say me nay):
Forget not thou the orphans' fears,
Remember thou the widows' years,
And guard and keep them day by day.

And if on earth no more I see
The friends I love, for whom I sigh,
O let my life some service be
To thee, my God, who keepest me;
Thy name help me to glorify.

The Future of the Negro Department

W. H. GREEN

Secretary of the General Conference Negro Department

God has ever had a message for fallen man, and messengers to declare that message, since he first proclaimed the gospel to Adam, as set forth in Genesis 3:15. The gospel has been unfolded throughout all the ages, and has won many from sin and error to the truth; yet it should ever be kept in mind that we have now come to its closing phase, as expressed in these and other scriptures:

The Gospel of the Kingdom

"I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

"And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

"And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14: 6-12.

"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24: 14.

"Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." Acts 10: 34, 35.

The Birth of the Negro Department

Whatever may have been in the minds of those who felt a burden to give this final message to the millions of Negroes in this country, or whatever efforts may have been made to that end prior to June, 1909, it must be stated in all truthfulness and candor that the opening of this department at that date was not only timely, but was also a wise and righteous move toward unifying, extending, and building up the "house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth," among the depressed colored people of this country.

Growth

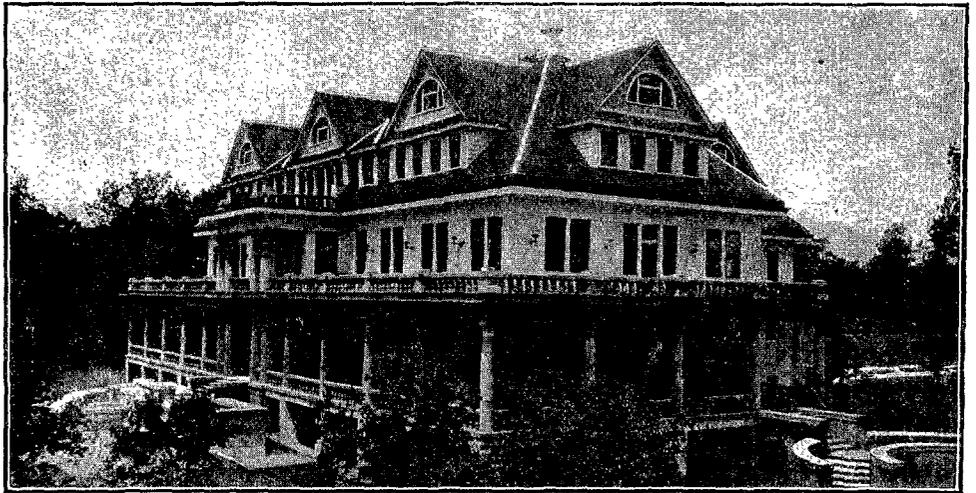
Under its able and God-fearing secretaries, the department has made rapid strides. It has developed the work already in existence, opening it up in new places, and has extended the truth in its various branches among the millions of colored people in the United States, especially in the neglected Southland.

Its Future

We can to a great degree forecast the future progress of the work among my people, if we can continue

to rouse the leaders among them to rise up and build, with all the other people helping. The good hand of our God is guiding this movement through faithful and righteous men. And, too, we have about reached the time when he will fulfil his word — to do a quick work in the earth and "cut it short in righteousness."

So with rapid changes taking place even overnight in this sin-marred world, and with doors for service in the Master's vineyard opening among and for our people everywhere, I seem to hear the final, eternal bugle blast calling to me and my people to rise up and build with the vigilant and untiring spirit of Nehemiah, who encouraged each one to build and restore the wall of Jerusalem over next to his own house,



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"So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work." Neh. 4: 6.

Let Us Arise and Build

Would that I might, by the grace of God in tones persuasive, make such a call to my people to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, as would vibrate in the ears of every believer. Would that I could persuade them to help to the extent of their ability in extending the work of the department, as the people helped Ezra and Nehemiah in the restoration of Jerusalem. As the restoration of that city was work for the Great King, so is the promulgating of this "gospel of the kingdom." It is Jehovah's final appeal to my people — yes, even to all people; and the King's business demands haste.

Since there is to be delay no longer, I appeal to my brethren and fellow servants in this conquering cause: Let us rise and help finish the work among our people by doing our whole duty with heavenly zeal. Let us dedicate ourselves and our all to the final triumph of the truth; for therein lies the real future of the department. It must not fail in the purpose for which God, who guides its destinies, called it into existence,— that through it he might better reach our people, and unify and bind us more closely to his organized movement, which cannot fail, but will go through to the end.

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Deut. 33: 27.

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EVENTS—events of great magnitude—follow one another rapidly days. These changes are opening providences for the expansion of the work, for carrying the news of Christ's return, to the uttermost part of the earth. ¶ In the finishing of the work the services of every believer are needed, for "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 their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." ¶ New world conditions make it necessary for our leaders to be able to communicate quickly to our people the needs of the cause and their plans for its advancement. The size of the REVIEW as it has been—24 pages each week—is inadequate for the proper representation of this movement. As the message has enlarged, the church organ representing that message must be enlarged likewise.

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Preparing Our Young People to Meet the Emergency

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It has been well said that "a new hour has struck in the unfolding of the divine purpose for mankind, and it is an imperative summons to the entire membership and the full energy of the church." To the advent people this is the decisive moment of the decisive hour. The shortness of the time and the unprecedented opportunities for the proclamation of the message surely call for the utilization of every resource of the church.

This call includes our young people with all their youthful strength and zeal. The Lord chooses them because they are strong. The church will do well to give most serious attention to the conservation of her resources in young people, and to their speedy preparation for active service.

As we look out over our fifty thousand children and youth, we see that there is a great work to be done for them. In this decisive hour the forces of good and evil are clashing in mortal combat. While the power of the Holy Spirit is descending on those who have made a complete surrender, Satan is contesting every inch of the ground and is making special efforts to control the vital energy which the church possesses in the lives of her young people. There is special need now that "the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar," saying, "Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them." Joel 2:17.

What we need, it seems to me, in order to prepare our young people for this emergency, is registration, evangelization, education, consecration, and mobilization.

Registration

Many of us do not realize how many children and young people there are among us, and hence do not know their potential possibilities. When the nations would go to war, they take an inventory of their manhood strength by registering all their young men. These men are then classified according to their ability and placed where they will be of most value in the crisis — some on farms to produce food, others in factories to make munitions, some in the fighting lines, others in the training camps, and still others in school.

First of all, then, we should complete the census of our children and youth. This is fundamental for any adequate study of our young people or comprehensive effort for them.

Evangelization

Many of our young people are unconverted, and many who belong to the church have no vital connection with God. The church should make a definite and constant effort to win these young people to Christ. Many of them have drifted away because we have failed to put forth intelligent and earnest efforts for them. Young men who might have been ministers have drifted into the world; and that because at the critical time in their experience some one in church or school did not faithfully present to them the claims of God upon their lives.

Next to a knowledge of the real condition among our youth, is the need of a strong, well-directed, continuous evangelistic effort for them. This burden should be upon the hearts of ministers, workers, church

officers, parents, and young people who have a Christian experience. All who labor for the young should walk with God and study the best methods of approach.

Education

When the youth are converted, then should begin their growth in knowledge and Christian experience. Like the boy Jesus, they should increase in wisdom and in favor with God and man. The Morning Watch and the Bible Year are offered as helps in making and keeping a vital connection with Christ. Through the studies required for the Standard of Attainment they may become firmly rooted and grounded in the truth and more fully imbued with the spirit of the advent movement. By means of the Reading Courses their fund of information is greatly increased and the habit of reading good literature is fixed.

There is need of all these, and also for the most direct and earnest personal appeals to parents and young people in behalf of Christian education; for as yet we have secured the attendance of only about half of our children and young people in our Christian schools. Until a much larger per cent of our children are in our own schools, there is surely need among us for a great educational campaign.

Consecration

But starting to be a Christian and gaining an education will not suffice. Thousands of our young people who are professed Christians are conscious of a great lack in their lives. Christ is not real to them. They do not have victory over sin. Their lives are not fruitful in the winning of souls. What we need is whole-hearted consecration, "the absolute yielding unto God of the lives which hitherto we may have tried to direct and control," "the voluntary offering of ourselves to God to do his will instead of our own." It is only by constant surrender that we are enabled to live the life which is hid with Christ in God.

Our young people are absolutely unprepared to meet the present emergency without this consecration which leads to daily victory over sin. Many years ago God's servant wrote, "O how many I saw in the time of trouble without a shelter." Young men and fair virgins in that day will be in utter confusion without this victorious experience, which it will then be too late to obtain.

All who have to do with the leadership or teaching of the youth should know what it is to "always triumph in Christ" and to have diffused through them "the fragrance of the knowledge of him in every place." Then they can lead the youth into this same sweet fellowship.

Mobilization

Having consecrated themselves to God, our young people must be mobilized for service. We have the definite assurance that in these last days even children will assist in giving the message. In every church where there are Christian young people, they should be organized for missionary work. With strong, wise, wholesome leadership, they will be educated and trained for the Master's service. If our Missionary Volunteer secretaries and other laborers will take hold of this work with the renewed zeal which the times demand, there will be greatly in-

creased missionary activity; and best of all, the souls of our young people will be saved, and they will be trained for future service.

We are suffering great losses, not only in our failure to hold young people in the truth, but also in failing to utilize the services of those who are only waiting to be set to work. In a great manufacturing establishment there is room for individuals of all degrees of ability and skill. So in the work of God. It is my firm conviction that more attention should be given to the study of the abilities of individual young people and to placing them in those lines of the work for which they are best qualified. Many a youth today who is following the plow or selling goods over the counter, by a little encouragement and a short preparation, could be fitted for active service in the cause.

Think of the hundreds and hundreds of nurses who have been graduated from our sanitariums. Where are they? I believe that many are out of the work and even out of the truth who might today be efficient workers if some one had taken a definite interest in them at the proper time.

Sometimes our young people who are not able to complete their college course get the idea that because of this they are unprepared for service; while we all know that men and women whose education was largely obtained outside of school have rendered some of the greatest service for God. And we know that

in the loud cry of the message thousands will have a part who have not had all the literary training that might be desirable, but who have the endowment of the Holy Spirit.

Our young men who have stood firm for the principles of truth while in the armies have made rapid development because of the experiences through which they have passed. It is now the highest ambition of most of these soldier boys to become workers for the Lord. Shall we promptly utilize these young men in the various branches of the work, or allow them to take up secular employment which is calling loudly for them?

If our workers and people will make a complete surrender to God for victory and service; if the institutions which train our young people shall receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit; if we will all co-operate with the efforts of the Missionary Volunteer Department to organize our Christian youth for service, and do what we can to place in our schools those who should be in training, and to find a place for those who should enter the work; we shall, I believe, witness a mighty forward movement of our youth. Young people like to consecrate themselves to a hard task, and with proper encouragement thousands of them will throw all their strength and zeal into the giving of the advent message to all the world without further delay.

Eternal Vigilance the Price of Liberty

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THE most precious gems of earth are put under lock and key. Guards keep continual watch at the tombs of the world's greatest leaders of the past. The original Declaration of American Independence is locked in a dark vault, and kept secreted from the gaze of spectators and from the light of the sun, so as to preserve its ink and parchment from utter disintegration. Everything that is of intrinsic value is safeguarded with scrupulous care.

The Greatest Gift to Man

If earthly gems, the dust of heroes, and the parchment of the greatest works of man's intellect are sacred and worthy of guardian care and temporal preservation, surely the greatest gift to man—the spirit and essence of human liberty—deserves vigilant guardianship and eternal preservation.

All men of nobility of soul admit that the most precious boon men can enjoy in this life is liberty. Liberty bestows benign blessings upon the whole human race. Liberty is more precious than life itself; for the gift of life without the gift of liberty is abject slavery. Nor can a person be truly happy unless he is wholly free. The greatest of all inalienable human rights is liberty.

The desire to be free, and to see others freed, has inspired the orator and the hero with the noblest strains of eloquence and the greatest deeds of valor. Love for humanity and liberty led the Son of God to despise the shame of the cross of Calvary, so that through his sacrifice he might set sin's prisoners free. The struggle for liberty has entailed a greater sacrifice in blood and treasure than any other issue. Only those can be trusted as the guardians of liberty who know for a certainty that eternal vigilance is still the price of liberty.

A free people need to take alarm at the first intrusion upon their liberties. The last step in the wrong direction is made possible by the first step that establishes a dangerous precedent. Our forefathers, who fought for American independence, saw all the evil consequences of tyranny involved in the principle of usurped power, and they avoided the consequences by denying the principle. Such a prudent jealousy and undivided vigilance ought to constitute the first duty of citizens.

No one is worthy to be trusted with the safe-keeping of the guaranties of freedom who does not stand for the protection of human liberty, and for the development of the highest ideals in human life through the orderly processes of democracy. If we want the fundamental guaranties of life, liberty, justice, and happiness to protect us, we must safeguard and defend them. These principles and immunities should be regarded not as mere generalities, but as the dominant rules of everyday life, exemplified in the state, in the church, and in the home, making every man a king, and every woman a queen, in their individual realms.

There are tremendous issues facing the world. The triumph of democracy over autocracy has forced new problems upon the stewards of human rights. These problems must be solved in the light of right and justice, by our best men and women who have pure consciences and high ideals, determined to bring equality of justice and liberty to the downtrodden people of all nations.

America has been struggling for the triumph of an ideal. Her day of opportunity has come to assist suffering and struggling humanity in their fight for world freedom and world democracy. When human

liberty trembles in the balance, and some great principle of right and justice is involved, and men refuse to preserve it, then the last hope of redeeming the world from despotism and making it safe for humanity, is gone. But so long as men contend for the right, even if their claims are set aside, the spark of liberty is still burning in the heart of humanity, and some day will burst into flame and cause the torch of freedom to illuminate the darkened world.

Sinister Principles at Work

There are forces in operation in America which are seeking to establish religious dogmas by civil law, and compel all citizens to observe certain religious obligations under the threat of fines and imprisonment. These quasi religio-political organizations are seeking to nullify the guaranties of the First Amendment to the Constitution, not by repealing them, but by over-riding them. Extensive religious federations are being effected to bring influence to bear upon legislators, and to have the voice of the church dictate legislation. They are asking the state to set up a standard of religion for all men, and to enact and enforce universal Sunday laws, irrespective of individual faith or conscience in the matter. The requirements of the church are to be exalted above those of the state. Unless these malevolent influences are checked, the history

of the union of church and state in the past will be repeated with unerring accuracy in America.

Thomas Jefferson, foreseeing this danger, desired to have all religious laws expunged from the statute books, not being willing that they should remain there even as dead letters, lest they be revived by some partisan zealots. In his "Notes on Virginia," Jefferson says:

"Besides, the spirit of the times may alter, will alter. Our rulers will become corrupt, our people careless. A single zealot may commence persecution, and better men be his victims. It can never be too often repeated, that the time for fixing every essential right on a legal basis is while our rulers are honest, and ourselves united. . . . They [the people] will forget themselves, but in the sole faculty of making money, and will never think of uniting to effect a due respect for their rights. The shackles, therefore, which shall not be knocked off at the conclusion of this war, will remain on us long, will be made heavier and heavier, till our rights shall revive or expire in a convulsion."

To secure our liberties is the direct end of organized government. Real Christianity is the fountain-head of true liberty. Civil liberty and religious freedom stand or fall together. That neither shall perish from the earth at the hand of usurpers, we must continue to be true to our cherished motto: "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

The Challenge of Home Missions

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THE immigrants are with us. They are here to stay — not as aliens, but as citizens. In small groups a century ago they began to come, and their numbers increased until each year just before the war they landed a million strong. They had a hard time getting away from Europe. Thousands of them had to steal out of Russia as men from a prison. When the Swedes began to leave for America, the government fined every emigrant \$300. When the Norwegian emigration started, in 1825, all state church ministers in the country were ordered by the king to preach on these words of the fifth commandment: "That thou mayest dwell in the land which the Lord thy God gavest thee." The land, it was claimed, which God had given the Norwegians was Norway. In that land they were to dwell; to leave it was sin. Europe was indeed alarmed at the thought of losing her strongest sons and daughters by millions.

The immigrant's voyage to America is not a pleasure excursion. Nearly all travel third class, with food and living quarters indescribable. The first months, or even years, of many newcomers' lives are perfect misery — poor food, hard work, low wages, a strange language, new kinds of machinery, methods, etc. They come with fear in their hearts, but with a bright hope. Many parents who greatly dread to leave their beloved homeland declare: "Not for ourselves but for our children do we go to America."

America the Land of Opportunity

To the immigrant, America is the land of opportunity. Here he finds freedom of worship, freedom of language, civil liberty, and economic independence. There are today in the United States more than 13,500,000 persons who were born outside of it. There are 18,897,837 more who, though they were born in this country, have come of parents one or both of whom were born outside of the United States. What

does the presence of these 32,000,000 persons mean to this country? Are they a loss, or a gain? Are they a source of protection, or of danger? When the present war came upon this country, would it have been better for the Government had all immigration ended in the '70's, and our population now been only some 65,000,000 — less than that of Germany? A few facts will answer this question:

"Our guests have become more than alien visitors. They are of our own household, and patriotism is as fervent with them as it is with us. One fourth of the arm-bearing power of our nation is foreign born. A morning newspaper picked up at random is evidence of the fact that we are all largely Americans by adoption. In the list of killed and wounded we find officers and privates alike whose names read as follows: Shanoff, Marosco, Nazzareno, Koskoska, Adamowycze, Ralicki, Pfeiffer, Olson, Anderson, Hanson. More than 160,000 of our soldiers in the war are of Scandinavian parentage, and entire groups are Polish, Italian, Serbian, etc.

"The great industries that make possible the speediest victory and termination of the war are manned largely, if not almost entirely, by men from other countries. Seven out of every ten who work in iron are immigrants. Seven out of every ten miners of bituminous coal are immigrants. Three out of four living in the packing towns are from abroad, or children of those who have been born abroad. Four out of every five engaged in the silk industry, seven out of eight employed in woolen mills, nine out of ten engaged in refining petroleum, nineteen out of twenty who produce our sugar supplies, seven out of eight who keep our railroads safe, were born over our borders. The polyglot character of the population of the cities of the United States is seen in the following figures: Fall River, Mass., is 87 per cent foreign; New York City, 81 per cent; Chicago, 80 per cent; Milwaukee, 79 per cent; Boston, 77 per cent; Cleveland, 76 per cent; Detroit, 75 per cent; Providence, 73 per cent; Newark, 73 per cent; San Francisco, 72 per cent; Buffalo, 72 per cent; St. Paul, 71 per cent." — "Christian Democracy for America," Forsyth.

Open to Education and Evangelization

The war has not estranged these immigrants from us. They are more than ever devoted to American ideals. A strong nation-wide effort to teach them our

language and our conception of the rights and duties of men, meets a hearty response. Our splendid public schools and other means are at work to make them loyal citizens,—an endeavor in which every Christian will heartily join.

But these people must be given more than a national citizenship; their supreme need is the living gospel of Christ. That alone can set them free. Nearly all the later immigrants are Catholics. Of those in this country, the more intelligent, almost in a mass movement, are breaking away from the Greek or the Roman Church, and drifting into Socialism, and often into bitter infidelity.

To the church of Christ in America these millions are the extreme spiritual challenge of our age. We speak after careful thought when we say that the greatest service Protestants can render this country, render humanity, and especially the gospel cause, is to gather these multitudes into the fold of our divine Lord. Consider what millions of Protestant Poles, Italians, Slavs, etc., would mean at this time! While the nation is trying to Americanize them, we must try to Christianize them. Other denominations recognize this same necessity. The Methodists, the Baptists, and the Presbyterians are spending millions of dollars and calling some of their strongest leaders to the great work of evangelizing these strangers within our gates. They are establishing homes, publishing papers, building churches, training missionaries, to save these multitudes of Catholics and agnostics from over the sea.

What of Seventh-day Adventists? We have a great vision of a message going to every nation. Shall we not recognize the fact that God has brought these nations to our very shores for this very purpose? For every missionary who has gone from us to heathen lands, 30,000 heathen have come to us from across the sea. As early as 1874 the messenger of the Lord began to plead for these foreigners:

"God, in his providence, has sent men to our very doors and thrust them, as it were, into our arms, that they might learn the truth more perfectly, and be qualified to do a work we could not do in getting the light before men of other tongues. . . . There has been a slothful neglect and a criminal unbelief among us as a people which has kept us back from doing the work God has left us to do in letting our light shine forth to those of other nations."

A later testimony says:

"As I have testified for years, if we were quick in discerning the opening providences of God, we should be able to see in the multiplying opportunities to reach many foreigners in America, a divinely appointed means of rapidly extending the third angel's message into all the nations of the earth."

Seventh-day Adventists on Trial

A writer of authority says, "The so-called immigrant problem in the United States is not a problem of the immigrant, but a test of the American people." "It is America and the Americans that are on trial far more than it is the immigrant." If America is on trial, how much more are Adventists on trial? These "new Americans" are everywhere, strangers not only to the country, but to the Word of God; brought up as Catholics, and now left to drift without any religion. Their priests cannot hold them nor care for them. They were never taught the Word of God, and now they cannot secure it. Today in America it is impossible to buy the Scriptures in Russian, Polish, Serbian, Slovak, and certain other languages that might be named. We publish literature in twenty-three languages—in fact, in all the leading languages of our immigrants. Shall we take

to these millions the words of life, or shall we continue to leave them as we have left them—in darkness and sin? This is the challenge of home missions.

Not Creeds but Deeds

The world has passed from an age of ease and luxury to an age of achievement. Giant men of business, earning millions a year, have served their country for a dollar a year, some of them toiling in munition factories with common laborers. Society women of wealth and fashion, together with the humblest mother and domestic, have left their clubs and homes for the Red Cross stations or the hospitals over the sea. Not theories, not academic discussions, but service and activity are the spirit and life of today.

After the war a great work of reconstruction must begin. Not merely parts of France or Belgium, waste cities and ruined factories, are to be rebuilt; there will be a reconstruction of international and internal relations,—the relation of nation to nation, government to people, capital to labor, man to woman. There is coming a great upheaval in social status and standards. Above all, there must come, indeed there has come, a deep change in the religious faith and feelings of mankind. All spiritual leaders agree that the churches face a crisis at the close of the war. That church which remains in the rut of dead dogmas, failing to catch the spirit of this age, that of service and achievement, will be doomed. It will die; it ought to die.

Preserving Our Integrity

With many there is a tendency to belittle doctrines, rites, and denominational differences, and we see a strong effort for unity among all Christian bodies, with no reference to race, ritual, or creed. Adventists cannot join in this modern tendency to disparage the great basic doctrines of Christianity. Holding firmly to the fundamentals of the third angel's message, we must remain a distinct, separate church. And not only so—not only must we refuse to join this movement, but we must lead in another movement, God-inspired, the object of which is to make Christianity a law of love, real, living, and fruitful. This present-day yearning for and return to a worship of service is the last call and the greatest opportunity that Adventists will ever have. This will give "Christian help work" a new resuscitation. This will make personal soul-saving a blessed fruitage. This will sanctify the circulation of our literature as a daily task of loving sacrifice. The world is waiting for such service. It will listen to a message of strong faith and tender love.

A Great Layman Movement

The glory of Adventism is not eloquent preachers nor erudite professors; it is the Christlike labor of every devoted member. With us there is no clergy and laity, as others use these terms. We are really one great layman movement. To Adventists in every land the call and slogan of this time is: Every member an active, reporting member; every worshiper a worker. The clock has struck for Seventh-day Adventists to arise and finish their God-appointed task throughout the earth. To make this ideal a reality, to block out work for all, and to enlist all for the work, is the purpose and scope of the General Conference Home Missionary Department.

Love makes a big heart, but knowledge often makes only a big head.—*Selected.*

The Educational Outlook

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Secretary of the General Conference Educational Department

THE educational outlook in the new era of peace before us could hardly be more promising, more men-acing, or more inspiring to us to do our best.

Promising

The problems of Christian education have always been full of promise. Our chief difficulty has been to grapple with these problems courageously and bring them to fruition. One great element of promise in the present situation lies in an awakened conscience of educational needs which all our people are beginning to feel. We have not been lacking in instruction, that is, in knowing what to do in our educational practice, nor even how to do it. If we have come short in anything, it is in failing to rise and do. An awakened conscience is always a great stimulus to the will and to courage in action.

The Bible has been set before us from the beginning as "the foundation of all true study," "as the highest, the most important textbook," and as "the ground-work and subject matter in education." We have placed the Bible in our curriculum alongside of other studies. With our awakened conscience we are seeking to make it the pre-eminent study, with all others as contributory to its function, and thus make our schools more emphatically Bible schools than ever before.

High ideals of Christian culture have been held before us, and it would be disastrous to neglect these. But our culture must be drawn from the purest sources, such as the Word and works of God, and his dealings with men. No resources for culture can exceed these in scope, variety, or quality. Science, history, philosophy, and literature, if rightly taught, may aid much by way of elucidation, illustration, and stimulus to thought, so as to contribute to a grand spiritual result. An awakened conscience on the high calling of the Christian teacher and the high privilege of the student in a Christian school will enable us to realize more fully the fruits of true culture.

We have the correct vocational perspective: the teaching of a trade to every youth who passes through our schools sufficiently well so that, if necessary, he may earn a livelihood by its pursuit. Practically we have touched this question too lightly. An awakened conscience promises much in this direction.

In our earlier educational experience we did not feel that we had a Seventh-day Adventist school with-

out the element of medical missionary training in it. But much of this has fallen out by the way. A quick-ened conscience has awakened us on this subject.

We have followed too far the traditional policy of putting all our boys and girls through the same edu-cational grind, while the work of life awaiting their participation has offered an almost endless variety of callings, requiring especial gifts and training. Our new vision of things will help us to differentiate and adapt and specialize so that we may serve all our young men and women in a more nearly individual way.

The idea that a general training, with the general aims of education in mind, would prepare young men and women for any calling, has influenced our educa-tional effort to such an extent that the graduate has often not been qualified specially for anything, and must flounder about the first few years of his service in the field till he finds himself and his place. A clearer vision shows us that the best training for serv-ice is a training in service, and that more definite education to more definite ends results in higher effi-ciency.

We do not want hidebound educational tradition to tie our hands and impede our progress toward right objectives. An awakened conscience will help us to see clearly what our objectives are, to formulate our curricula with our eyes on these objectives, and to teach each subject in reference to them.

Menacing

One menace lies in possible reaction on our educa-tional policy to the extent that radicalism and demoral-ization of standards and values might come in. Vo-cationalism is crying with a loud voice throughout the land. The intensely practical is in the air. There is danger that doing may be unduly exalted above thinking and being. There are always restless spirits ready to rise and tear down and confuse and destroy, yet who verily believe that they are doing God service. An enlightened conscience will help us to avoid such dangers. There is no inconsistency between strongly vocational and strongly cultural education, nor be-tween either of these and spiritual education. There is great consistency in the proper blending of the three.

Another menace lies in our clinging too tenaciously to subjects in the traditional curriculum that have un-doubted value but not super-lative value for our purposes. We cannot teach all the good things, nor all the good in any one thing, but must select the things that are supremely good, and get our educational values from these.

We want to avoid the men-ace of intellectualism — pur-suing knowledge for its own sake; of professionalism — guiding ourselves too much by the commonly accepted tenets of a profession; of secularism — being influenced



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too much by considerations that pertain to this life only, and failing to link every type of truth with spiritual truth; of pietism — mistaking mere goodness for being good for something, having even religious zeal without the balance which comes with knowledge; of entangling alliances — yoking up with secular or educational organizations in any way that hampers free action in making and conducting our own curriculum, or that will attract our youth to institutions whose influence is not favorable for Bible religion. The recognition of these menaces to true educational acquirement will aid us greatly in forming right ideals.

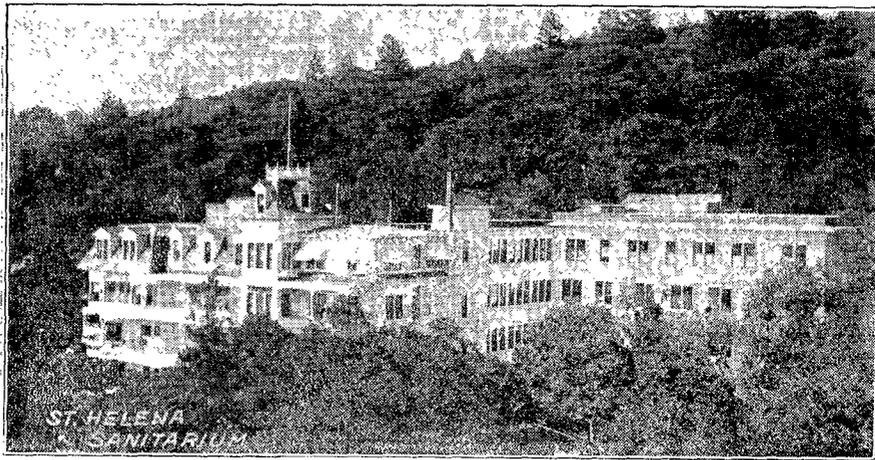
Inspiring

The dawn of peace opens to our horizon the most inspiring view in the history of the world and in the history of our own denomination. As another has said, "It is commonly agreed that we are on the verge of a new era. Whatever the new order may be, so profound a shaking-up as the civilized folk of this world are now receiving, could have no other result than to *throw our traditions and conventions into a new light*, and give them a *new perspective*." Developments connected with the world cataclysm of war have demonstrated the value of practically every principle of true education that we have held in theory for years. They have given us a shock on our shortcomings, awakened us to the sense of loss we have sustained by not living up to these principles, and cleared the way for us to advance over an easier road, with many of our principles of education enjoying even popularity. We shall not pursue them for this reason alone, but because we ought not to have left them undone before.

Entire nations of people are awaiting our ministry. The Macedonian calls are more numerous than we could hardly have dreamed. The drowsy Orient has awakened from its long sleep, and is sending piteous pleas for more teachers and schools than we can supply. War-stricken Europe is waiting to be reconstructed educationally — Europe with not an educational officer representing our special work in its organization, not an elementary school, and but three small training schools in its vast territory. Far-off Africa is rallying in response to our educational campaign in America in behalf of bringing every Seventh-day Adventist boy and girl into our own schools. Australia and India and Oceanica, and the near-by island of Jamaica, are experiencing the awakened conscience on Christian education, and are increasing and strengthening their school plants. Spontaneously, urgent calls for more schools and teachers are springing up right here in our own beloved America. We are in a golden era for educational advance, and for the proclamation of the last message. Shall we rise to our privileges, and do at least the following things?

1. Mobilize our entire man-power for training and service. At least 18,000 boys and girls are awaiting induction into our own schools, and we shall shortly have them all registered by name in our school census.

2. Adapt or reconstruct our school curricula to meet the specific needs of the denomination and of the times, without sacrificing educational values.



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3. Finance our schools as institutions and the young men and women of promise as individuals, to the degree of providing adequate facilities, teaching force, and student body, and to the extent of providing an adequate number of well-trained workmen to meet the unprecedented demand for laborers in all the world.

The Wealth of the Gentiles

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"ARISE, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. . . . They come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces [wealth] of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. . . . They shall bring gold and incense; and they shall show forth the praises of the Lord. . . . They shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory." Isa. 60:1-7.

In this wonderful scripture is clearly set forth God's plan, God's program for the church. Again and again in both the Old and New Testaments the command is given, Arise and shine. If the church will heed this admonition and withdraw from all allegiance to the world, there surely is before her the dawn of a bright, glorious day. Christianity does not consist in merely enjoying the blessings and privileges of the gospel, but rather in the use that we make of these privileges. There is something to be done:

The Fast Acceptable to God

"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward." Isa. 58:6-8.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16.

The Glory of Service

Christ requires of all who would be called by his name, that they make his work the first and highest consideration, and disinterestedly co-operate with

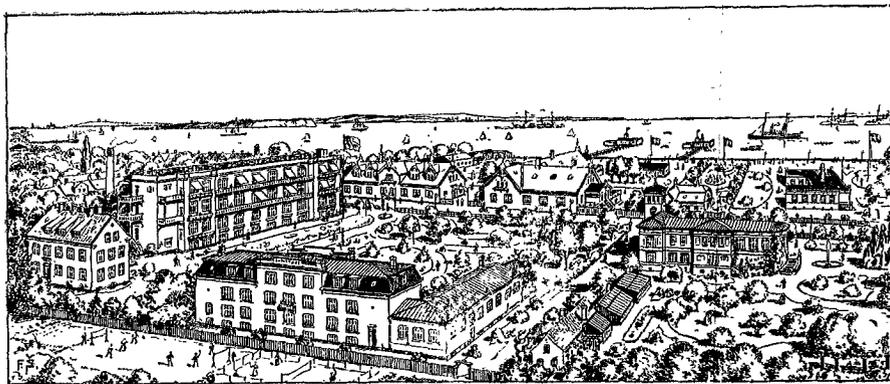
heavenly intelligences in saving the perishing, for whom Christ died. "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." Dan. 12:3. Unquestionably this is the plan for every believer.

"God does not ask us to do in our own strength the work before us. He has provided divine assistance for all the emergencies to which our human resources are unequal. . . .

"Christ has made provision that his church shall be a transformed body, illumined with the light of heaven, possessing the glory of Immanuel."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. VIII, p. 19.

The early church fully accepted the admonition given her:

"What was the result of the outpouring of the Spirit upon the day of Pentecost?—The glad tidings of a risen Saviour were carried to the utmost bounds of the inhabited world. The hearts of the disciples were surcharged with a benevolence so full, so deep, so far-reaching, that it impelled them to go to the ends of the earth, testifying, 'God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.' Gal. 6:14. . . . Those who had been the bitterest opponents of the gospel



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became its champions. . . . The only ambition of the believers was to reveal the likeness of Christ's character and to labor for the enlargement of his kingdom."—*Id.*, pp. 19, 20.

This represented the former rain, and the result was glorious. But the latter rain will be more abundant. Read the promise to those living in the last days:

"Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope: even today do I declare that I will render double unto thee." "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field." Zech. 9:12; 10:1.

What Does God Require of His People?

But very definite requirements are made by God of his people. If they would see his providential workings, they must comply with conditions laid down in his Word. Thus it has ever been. Cause and effect follow each other with unerring accuracy. This is just as true today as it was in the days of Ezra. In Ezra 7:6-10, we read:

"This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the Lord God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the Lord his God upon him. . . . For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments."

The king's heart was stirred, and everything in his power was done to aid Ezra in the great task of restoring and rebuilding Jerusalem: "Whatsoever more shall be needful for the house of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow it out of the king's treasure house." Verse 20. This was all "written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."

The reason we do not see more of God's great providences today is because we do not always seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. Our text in Isaiah 60:5, says:

"Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces [wealth] of the Gentiles shall come unto thee."

We need the wealth of the Gentiles to help carry the triumphs of the cross into all lands; and it is available if we will only ask for it. When we are ready to take our position in the forefront of the battle in defense of the cross, we shall see the providential workings of the Lord of hosts. Already we see omens that the glad day is dawning.

What Many Are Doing, All Can Do

A young sister in western New York, while out with the Harvest Ingathering papers, came to a very wealthy Catholic home. The gentleman asked her in, and told her that the subject of the state of the dead had been troubling him ever since so many had died of the influenza, and he wished her to explain to him what the Bible taught on the subject. He promised her \$5 if she could give him a satisfactory answer. At her request he procured a Bible from a neighbor, and she sat down and gave him a good Bible study on that subject. The gentleman was fully satisfied, and gave her the \$5, asking her to call again. He said that he had paid to his priest \$3,000 that winter for prayers for the dead, but that he should never

give another cent for that purpose.

Lancaster Junior College has gathered in more than \$1,000 of the riches of the Gentiles. Emmanuel Missionary College took in more than \$1,200 in one day. One little church in Mississippi of only eight members, has raised \$200, while the Nashville (Tenn.) church has turned in \$900, and is still at work.

But how about the riches of the Gentiles in other lands? Here is a report from Hawaii: The combined goals of all their church members amounted to \$249. At the end of the first week \$247.15 was reported. The next week brought the total up to \$503.12. Later efforts have brought the total up to \$561.22, an average of \$7 a member. Of this amount one Portuguese sister raised \$104. The Chinese members raised \$94.55.

Down in the Canal Zone two sisters collected \$320 gold in two days, mostly from Spanish gentlemen and officials. In China the brethren have been having great success. Brother H. M. Blunden writes that he raised \$1,169 in four days, working only part of the time. Another brother, who has just gone out there, raised \$339. Brother C. E. Weak's raised \$131 in four hours in Shanghai, where they set their goal to raise \$1,000 in two days.

We wish space would permit us to tell of other striking experiences in connection with our Harvest Ingathering campaign. There are hundreds, yes thousands, who have consecrated themselves to God and gone forth to the homes of the people with a soul-saving message. As a result precious souls are rejoicing in the light, and sums ranging from a few dollars

to many hundreds of dollars have been brought in by the workers to the treasury. If every member of the church would indorse this simple and yet comprehensive plan, and none would consent to raise less than \$5, while thousands would raise larger amounts, there would be no lack. Millions could be raised. There is abundance of money, and the world will support to the limit any worthy and well-represented cause. Surely the time has come for the church to arise and shine.

"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles." Isa. 54: 2, 3.

Our Large Cities

C. B. HAYNES
A City Evangelist

A GREAT message, and the age for which that message was intended, have met. The time is fully come when the great message proclaiming the greatest of all events—the return of Christ—should be adequately preached; that is, preached in such a manner and with such power as will result in bringing it to the attention of the world.

The age has come for the preaching of the message. Christ's second coming is very near. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times and the rapid unfolding of the prophecies make this a certainty to the believing soul.

The message has been given to the people of God. A people has been raised up and a movement organized to bear it to the world. And with the message has been given this commission, "Go ye into all the world, and preach."

Special Instruction to the Church

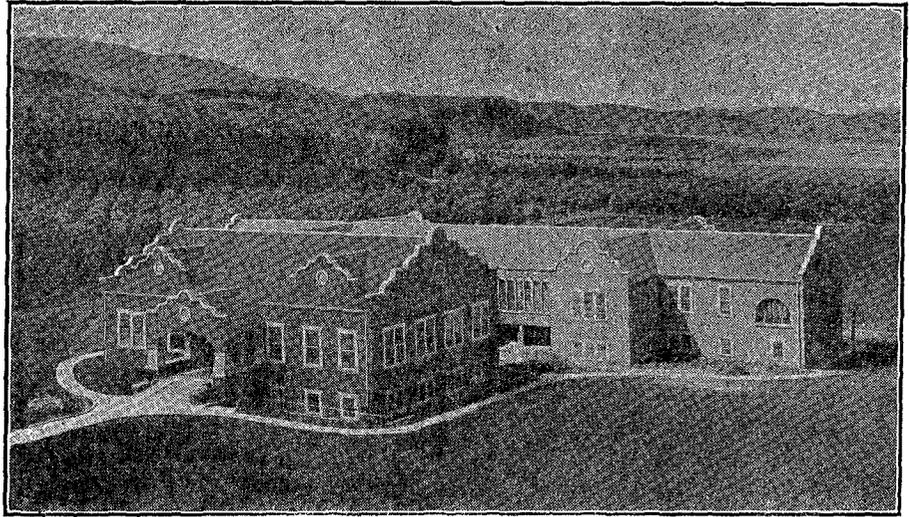
More even than this. There has come to God's people through the channel of the prophetic gift with which God has blessed his message, a call to rise up and finish the work; for I hold it true that the cry of the burdened servant of God, "Behold the cities, and their need of the gospel!" and the urgency with which this work for the cities was kept before our attention, are in reality a call from God to rise up and accomplish the closing work of the closing message of the gospel.

The great masses of the world's population have crowded into the cities. The quickest way to reach the entire world with a great announcement is to proclaim it thoroughly in the great centers of population, from which it will be carried throughout all adjacent territory. Hence to reach the world we must attack the strongholds where Satan stands intrenched—the large cities.

Christ's Biddings Are Enablings

And in the very command which God has issued to do this is assurance of complete success. All his biddings are enablings. There should be, therefore, as never before in this movement, a serious, well-organized attempt to solve the city problem in the proclamation of this message.

First of all, this involves a great home missionary effort on the part of our city churches as well as all other churches. The city churches are placed where they are for the one definite purpose of warning the city in which they are situated of the truth for this time. Let their officers and members make definite plans to reach their own territory, and then set these plans in operation. And do not stop with doing it once. Do it again. Never cease, or let the interest wane. As long as the church exists, as long as God gives its members breath, let it search for lost souls; and as it searches diligently, it will find them and be able to bring them to Christ.



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The Spirit of Co-operation

It is important also that local conferences should, as never before, definitely plan to enter the cities in their territory with well-equipped evangelistic efforts. Thorough study should be given this city work by conference committees, and as the vision of the great need presses upon their hearts, they will lay larger and more comprehensive plans to enter the great centers of population; they will "choose men of capability and urge them to go into these avenues of opportunity, and there proclaim the message in the power of the Holy Spirit;" they will "send our messengers all through these fields and support them liberally;" they will "plan to place in these cities capable men who can present the third angel's message in a manner so forcible that it will strike home to the heart;" and they will perceive that "men who can do this work we cannot afford to gather into one place to do a work that others might do." (See "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, pp. 99, 100.)

Union conference committees, as they pray and counsel about this city work, will find many ways by which they can encourage and assist local conferences in working their cities, with both men and means, where such special help ought to be given or where some special opportunity arises. Surely it must be possible to devise a plan whereby to accomplish a larger, more efficient work in every city in union conference territory. It needs prayer first of all, and then definite planning.

On the part of the General Conference there has been manifest and expressed a desire and willingness to encourage and assist every proper effort to reach the great cities. I am encouraged to believe that larger and more comprehensive plans will before long be set in operation, with the definite purpose of bringing

all our energies to bear on the finishing of the great work committed to us by God. Let the people pray that God will give special wisdom and guidance to the brethren who have been chosen as leaders in this work.

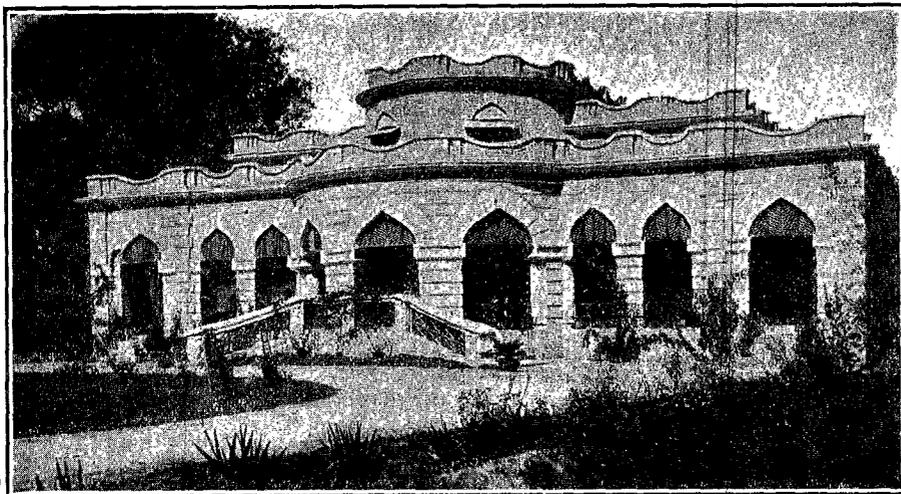
Answering the Question of the Hour

The time has come for a forward movement, for the time of the clashing of armed hosts has ceased, and the attention of the world is turned to the problems of peace. Tens of thousands of minds are busy trying to find the solution of these grave problems. In many hearts the conviction has been born that the Bible contains that solution. It is amazing how many people seem to have a vague idea that the present conditions in the world are the fulfilment of Bible prophecy, resulting as never before in a widespread interest in prophetic study. Many honest hearts are searching for light. God has given light to his people which

tion,—might so catch the hearts and lives of the young people of this denomination, that they too, with Livingstone, could not sleep till they had placed themselves unreservedly on the altar of service in the needy fields abroad!

David Livingstone was not a genius, unless "the ability to do hard work with painstaking persistence" be considered such. Neither were his circumstances those which would be thought favorable for an education; but with his early savings he purchased a Latin grammar, and studied it as he worked as a boy at the weaver's loom. It was later, when he had become a young medical student, that he attended the missionary meeting at which Moffat uttered the words which were to shape the whole course of David Livingstone's subsequent life.

"Livingstone loved nature, but found no time for botany or zoölogy. There were greater things to be done in Africa in his day than collecting birds and butterflies." He obtained the instruments necessary for one who would explore the interior of the great unknown continent of Africa, and diligently "perfected himself in the use of these instruments." So now there are many avenues of knowledge which stretch enticingly before us as young people, but we must turn resolutely away from their allurements. Let us decide to give time and energy only to that which will prepare us to be thoroughly furnished messengers of the coming King.



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will solve the mysterious problems in the world. O let us now send forth the light to them! Let us hasten to finish the work God has given us to do, the closing work of the closing message of the gospel.

"Behold the cities, and their need of the gospel!"



The Challenge to Christian Heroism

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"MANY a morning have I stood on the porch of my house, and looking northward, have seen the smoke arise from villages that have never heard of Jesus Christ. I have seen, at different times, the smoke of a thousand villages—villages whose people are without Christ, without God, and without hope in the world. . . . The smoke of a thousand villages. . . . The smoke of a thousand villages." These words of Robert Moffat were the challenge that brought David Livingstone to Africa. As one writer puts it, "The lure of Africa had caught him—the lure of a work worth doing, the biggest work that a young man who strives to follow Christ can attempt."

To us there comes the challenge of the smoke of many thousand villages, not alone in Africa, but in every needy part of the earth, where men know not the blessed hope of the near return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Would to God that the lure of the greatest work ever committed to men,—the giving of the final message of mercy in this our genera-

The opportunities before us are great; but the need is for heroic, enthusiastic, hard-working young men and women,—for workmen who need not be ashamed. We must enter countries whose climates are trying for the white missionary. Who is willing to lay down his life, if need be, for the triumph of the cross? We must master many difficult languages in which the message has not yet been given. Who will give the days of his youth, when linguistic ability is greatest, to a training for this great work, that every tongue may hear the glad tidings of a coming king? We must meet and win men of every tribe and nation. Who will so adapt himself to the conditions of needy men everywhere that he, with Paul, may be all things to all men if by chance he may win some? The challenge comes to leave home, to sever many tender ties of human friendship, to go to every remote and inaccessible corner of the earth, and to gain a hearing under difficult and trying conditions for the message of the second advent in every one of the many tongues now spoken by a Babel-confused race. Who, imbued with Christ's own love for fallen men, will give the answer of the prophet Isaiah, "Here am I; send me"?



COURAGE is just strength of heart, and the strong heart makes itself felt everywhere, and lifts up the whole of life, and ennobles it, and makes it move directly to its chosen aim.—*Henry Van Dyke.*



THE Lord is hungry for fruit.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

RALLYING CALLS

FROM

UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS

The Rallying Call

R. A. UNDERWOOD

President of the Central Union Conference

DURING the last twenty-one months the people of the United States of America have responded to the call of the nation by giving four million of their best sons who counted not their lives too great a sacrifice, if need be, to bring to the oppressed of Europe and other lands the freedom and liberty enjoyed in our own beloved country. To this gift was added, at great sacrifice, an almost unlimited treasure in gold, supplies, and food, necessary to save the lives of millions about to perish. No one will regret the sacrifice made in self-denial, in blood and treasure, if the cause of liberty and justice is made more secure throughout the world. This the sacrifice seems to have done, and the world is in the throes of reconstruction.

Whatever may be the advantages gained from this titanic struggle waged by the great nations and peoples of the earth, we know very well that permanent and lasting peace can come to this sin-cursed world only by the establishment of the kingdom of the Prince of Peace. Dan. 7:27. We have the assurance that "of the increase of his [Christ's] government and peace there shall be no end." Isa. 9:7. But before this glad day shall be ushered in, we have an obligation to discharge of greater magnitude and of infinitely more lasting results than the unprecedented task so well performed by the Allies and the United States during the last few years of the World War.

The Gospel to All the World

We find our obligation in these words of Christ:

"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14.

This message of salvation must be carried to every "nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people" in the power of the Holy Ghost. To accomplish this a little time of peace is given the world, while the angels of God are bidden to hold the winds of strife and bloodshed till the servants of God are sealed. Rev. 7:1-3. The people of God are called upon to rally around the banner of the gospel of light and salvation, and to press the message of salvation into all the dark corners of the earth. We are admonished:

"Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you, before the day of the Lord's anger come upon you. Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." Zeph. 2:1-3.

The meek are to seek the Lord. Those who have borne the burdens and carried the triumphs of the cross in a work of preparation under the baptism of the Holy Spirit, are to receive the latter rain, an outpouring of the Spirit of God like that seen on the day

of Pentecost. This is to ripen the harvest of the earth and bring men to make their last decision.

The Doors of the Nations Opened

The door of opportunity, both at home and abroad, is now thrown wide open, to permit the gathering in of the honest of all nations. This is a call for personal consecration and real Christianity on the part of all. It demands leaders everywhere. In every crisis of the world God has had men he could trust and who could measure up to the full test of leadership. These men had received a training and discipline that gave them understanding of the times and the demands of the hour. So now: our youth must be trained for service and leadership. Those who, on account of age or for other reasons, are hindered from entering into the advance lines of service, may also help, by sustaining the cause with increasing gifts and sacrifices. To such there is to be a triumphant pageant that will admit of no comparison with any celebration of the Allies to do honor to the heroes of their recent victory. No slackers will be in the company that celebrates the victory over sin, death, and the grave. The last clash of arms will have ceased, and the curse of sin will have been removed forever and ever. Christ will call to the angels and bid them:

"Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice." Ps. 50:5.

Every Shoulder to the Wheel

G. A. ROBERTS

President of the West Indian Union Conference

THE thoughts of the whole world have been sobered. Millions of hearts are serious and sad, made so by the loss of loved ones through war and the now world-prevalent influenza epidemic. They are undoubtedly possessed, much of the time, by thoughts of meeting their loved ones again. Never in the history of the world have men's hearts been so stirred. Never have world conditions made it so universally opportune to bring from God's open Word answers to the burning questions of men's souls.

Loyalty to God's law, the state of the dead, healthful living, the soon coming of Jesus, and kindred truths, together with the present-day prophecies of God's Word, should be quickly published to the world.

All who faithfully fill the place appointed of God for them here, will surely be taken to occupy the place prepared for them over there.

Let every one put his shoulder to the wheel and lift, and let each be found lifting when the Master shall come to his name in the judgment now taking place.

The Increased Demands of the Present Hour

B. G. WILKINSON

President of the Columbia Union Conference

THE things of earth are being agitated by the breath of the approaching age. The fig tree puts forth her leaves because the springtime of eternity is at hand.

Now for four years we have marched to the thunder of the guns. It looked as if we were going to Armageddon. But the seven last plagues have not yet fallen, and they must precede Armageddon. We have become so accustomed to the thunder of the guns that the silence which has fallen on the world is baffling,—as when, through the silence of the night the ticking of the clock hides from us the mystery of the darkness; but if the ticking should suddenly cease, there would be revealed to us the deep mystery of the silent night. The guns of warring nations have ceased to sound, and a sudden and deep silence has fallen upon an aroused world. It is an hour of deception and danger. Plainly it is our duty to inquire into the meaning of this great change.

It was demonstrated that Armageddon is possible; then sudden stillness fell on the winds of strife. God was overruling events.

The Need to Fast and Pray

Moreover, the Lord was calling his people to greater tasks, and hence to greater consecration: "Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the Lord your God, and cry unto the Lord, Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come." Joel 1: 14, 15. We felt this; therefore in the eight camp-meetings of the Columbia Union this summer, one full day in each was spent as a day of fasting, and every day had two or three hours solemnly dedicated to prayer and consecration, when all at the camp gathered into the house of the Lord.

The Lord witnessed to this seeking of his face. Sinners were converted and backsliders reclaimed. Every department has recorded a greater advance than ever before. The missionary colporteurs of the union are pledged to sell this year nearly \$250,000 worth of truth-filled literature, or as much as the whole denomination sold in 1900. The home missionary department has already doubled and will treble its Harvest In-gathering of last year.

New life and new plans have come to the educational department. Many new church schools are springing into existence, and a great effort is in progress for the conversion and training of our children and youth. The Foreign Mission offerings of the union will exceed by one third those of the previous year.

To be deeply spiritual is not abnormal. To look on it in any other light is a silent denial of the claims of God. As the day of the Lord approaches, he will become more and more the hope of his people and the strength of the children of Israel. In this season we are bidden to rend our hearts and not our garments, and to turn unto the Lord with all our hearts. The only way to overcome sin is through Jesus, the Sin-conqueror. This increases our acquaintance with him, bidding doubt and distrust to flee, and causing the hope of his near coming to arise more brightly as the day-star in our hearts.

CHARLES THOMPSON

President of the Northern Union Conference

To the believers in the third angel's message scattered throughout the world I wish to say a few words at the beginning of a new year.

While we can review our past year's record with a degree of pride on account of souls won to Christ, new churches established, and our quota and more of funds for missions raised and turned in, and because of personal blessings and victories, yet we must most seriously face the problems of the coming year and earnestly consider our individual relationship to the demands the present hour has upon the church of the living God.

We have not been following cunningly devised fables in proclaiming the coming of the Lord. We find ourselves in the grip of the perils of the last days. The judgments of God are already falling upon the despisers of his grace, and what is done for lost and perishing souls must be done quickly. God has ordained to give the gospel through human instrumentalities:

"The church of Christ on earth was organized for missionary purposes, and the Lord desires to see the entire church devising ways and means whereby high and low, rich and poor, may hear the message of truth."

Thus we see he has placed upon the church the responsibility of his work, and has placed within it every means necessary for the accomplishment of his plans. But he has made no provision for a surplus, or the gratification of selfish desires. Hence it will take "all" to buy the field, and it is this full and complete consecration that we all need to make at this time. Every talent, natural or acquired, is a gift from God. Every dollar in our possession is a blessing bestowed from a beneficent and loving Father, who expects us to use it in return for the advancement of his kingdom. To do less is to fail in meeting the mind of God.

A Vision of Our Duty and Responsibility

As I contemplate the shortness of time and the work to be accomplished, I pray that God will give us all a vision of our duty and responsibility. Hundreds of people within our home territory have not heard the message for this time. In this country are thousands of foreign-speaking people of every tongue under heaven, who know not God nor the time of their visitation; and millions of unwarned, whose Macedonian cry is, "Come over and help us," are in the regions abroad.

Therefore, my dear brethren and sisters, let us all unitedly come to the help of the Lord and throw our all into the finishing of the work of God.

The Message for the Hour

I feel constrained to urge those of large means among us to make large and liberal gifts to missions the coming year. The message, "Sell that ye have, and give alms," is present truth for this people and this time. Soon the announcement will be made, "It is finished." Some at that time will throw their money to the moles and the bats, and call for rocks and mountains to fall upon them and hide them from him that sitteth upon the throne.

I sincerely trust, my dear brethren and sisters, that none of you will be among that company. That God may help us, therefore, to arise to our privileges, meet our opportunities, and rightly discharge our responsibilities, is my prayer.

The Times and the Work

R. D. QUINN

President of the Atlantic Union Conference

HERE we stand at the beginning of 1919. What will the immediate future mean to us? It seems significant that the tremendous conflict among the nations has closed so suddenly and unexpectedly. Terrible as this war has been, by and by when all things are known, doubtless we shall find that such a time as this marked an epoch in God's dealings with the nations, and that, in view of the object attained, the price of the freedom of the world has not been too great.

When we consider that the solidarity of Russia, Austria-Hungary, Turkey, and other nations has been broken, affording greater liberty for the preaching of the truth among their myriads of people, we can but conclude that the hand of God has been laid upon these nations to open their doors. The very evident reason for the holding in check of the warring nations is that God has decreed that the third angel's message shall not be hindered.

A New Time Has Come

Something out of the ordinary is taking place. The close of the present crisis has brought to us tremendous responsibilities. We certainly need a special outpouring of the Holy Ghost to stir up the church of Christ throughout the whole world to arise and finish the work and be prepared for the coming of the Lord Jesus.

Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman has recently said:

"When the days have been the darkest, the voice of cheer has been heard. When the night has been the longest, the star has appeared. When the church has been the most depressed and disheartened, the day of awakening has come."

The spiritual power and efficiency of the church will be measured by her ability to go into all the world and make disciples, or Christians, of all nations. Vision and unity, with entire consecration, are the essential qualifications that the church needs today. The work before us is great, and the days in which we may labor are few. No human power or human wisdom is sufficient to grapple with the situation now. We must seek the upper-room experience, and continue with one accord in prayer and supplication until the latter rain falls upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost.

Opportunity Man's Responsibility

S. E. WIGHT

President of the Southern Union Conference

THE year 1918 is gone. Its record has been placed in the books of history. Its events have been greater and more numerous than those of any year in all the past.

Millions in money have been spent in enterprises which brought to a close the greatest war this world has ever witnessed. Present conditions are seen by the student of prophecy as identical with the conditions foretold by the seers of old.

The church has evidently entered the time of peace to be granted by the Ruler of the universe for the giving of the gospel to every "nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." With this opportunity comes a responsibility. The commission to give the gospel to all the world has received added force from the opportunity given for the spread of the gospel.

Heaven's Resources Await the Demand of the Church

The message due the world at this time will be given. There will be no awaiting the convenience of any church or individual. The time has arrived; and God, who is directing the affairs of his church, will see to it that his message is given, even if the messengers are few. His unlimited resources and power will enable the church to accomplish the task. This being true, every believer should ask himself this question: Shall I be found among the few who share this unlimited power?

It is time for us to consecrate our lives, as members of the great family of God in the earth, to the service of God. Our consecration must be deepened, and our service must be limited only by our physical strength.

The call is to the laymen as well as to the active workers, to give to the utmost of their ability, their lives, their service, and their means.

Our Day of Opportunity

A. V. OLSON

President of the Eastern Canadian Union Conference

RAPID have been the movements of the recent past. Great and important events have followed one another in quick succession. Wonderful changes have taken place. The frightful war of the past four years has been brought to a close, and we have been ushered into a new world, a world of changed conditions, of new responsibilities, and of new opportunities.

Terrible though the war has been, it has evidently been used of God to throw down barriers, to open the doors of nations and afford greater liberty for the preaching of the gospel. Haughty rulers who once imprisoned or banished many of the missionaries sent to their people, have been dethroned, and the doors of their countries have been thrown open to the men and women carrying the third angel's message. War, famine, and pestilence have caused the hearts of multitudes to long for something better than this world can afford. From far and near come touching appeals for help. Doors are wide open on every hand; and present conditions give promise of a little time of peace in which to carry quickly to all nations the message of the coming kingdom. This is our day of opportunity and of tremendous responsibility.

Clear Vision and Undaunted Courage Needed

The task before us is great, and its accomplishment calls for more than human wisdom and strength. As never before, our leaders need clear vision, undaunted courage, and boundless faith. Our ministry needs to be baptized anew with the Spirit and power from on high for the winning of souls, and the rank and file of our people must be imbued with a spirit of sacrifice and service such as has never been witnessed since the day of Pentecost. While the outlook before us is fraught with danger and difficulty, it is bright with promise. The same mighty Captain who has led us on to victory, to unprecedented progress and prosperity, during the years of war and turmoil, is still our leader, and victory is sure. His admonition is, "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

A Clarion Call

The demands of the hour constitute a mighty appeal—a clarion call from God—to us to arise and speedily finish the work committed to us. The time

has come to cut loose from the world and its entanglements. It is time to place ourselves, our children, and our means upon the altar of God for service. Soon it will be too late. Soon the last sermon will have been preached, the last Bible reading held, the last dollar contributed, the last book sold, the last tract or paper given away, the last convert baptized, and the last appeal will have been made for sinners to turn to God. Then our gifts will be too late, our efforts in vain. Now, just now, is our time to give, labor, and pray.

The Most Favorable Time

C. F. McVAGH

President of the Western Canadian Union Conference

WE stand on the threshold of a new year. In the book of records 1919 is a blank sheet, on which a page of history will be written. Nearly all mankind are on the *qui vive*, and there is a general expectation of great and wonderful events to come. "A new world" is a popular phrase to express the conviction that there is no possibility of a return to the *status quo* of prewar days. Socialists think they see the dawning of industrial democracy. Capitalists look for a period of great commercial prosperity. The problems concerning the nations are fraught with perplexity. In the face of general optimism, not a few, like the Dutch ambassador to Petrograd, see the possible ruin of civilization.

What Will 1919 Bring?

What 1919 will mean to us as individuals and to the work of God, depends in a measure upon our actions and the way the people of God relate themselves to their opportunities.

"I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved." Hab. 2: 1.

There never was, and probably never will be, a more favorable time to tell the people the truth about the coming new earth, and of how God's righteousness will dwell there and thus assure lasting peace.

There are more openings for the giving of the third angel's message in western Canada than we know how to meet. Notwithstanding the difficulties under which we have labored during war time, our people are of good courage and determined to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God" and the finishing of the work in the short time of peace and opportunity before us.

A Clarion Call to Service

W. H. BRANSON

President of the Southeastern Union Conference

THE Lord is coming, and that right soon. "We have not followed cunningly devised fables" in looking for his soon appearing, but the "sure word of prophecy."

If any have been doubting as to whether our message would stand the test, surely they should take courage now. It is wonderful to see God's word fulfilling, and every evidence should tend to strengthen our confidence in him and his message to this generation.

Armageddon Is Before Us

Just at this time the greatest peace-and-safety cry ever heard in the history of nations is being staged.

It will be echoed throughout the world. It will arouse in multitudes the hope that now the millennium has dawned, and that war is to be no more. But a sad disappointment awaits the world. The situation is fully stated in Jeremiah's prophecy, where he says, "We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!" Jer. 8: 15.

The Present Is a Brief Moment of Respite

We have looked for it a long while, and have said in our hearts, "The swelling of the 'loud cry' will now come, and we will finish the work during the little time of peace that is coming." Thousands of doors are open that before the war were closed by prejudice; the way is fully prepared before us, and if we fail now it will surely prove us to be unworthy of our trust. We must boldly step to the front now and give the trumpet no uncertain sound. This is the moment of our opportunity.

A Great Advance Demanded

Not only a new era but a new year has begun. All its privileges and possibilities are before us, and I wish at its very beginning to strongly appeal to every man, woman, and child whose name is on our church roll, to make every month of 1919 a time of great missionary activity. Be sure that your neighbors know the whole truth before the year has passed, lest their blood be upon your garments in the soon-coming judgment. Also, let us greatly increase every goal we have set for ourselves in the past, and pray that God will help us to break all records in the raising of funds to send the news of his coming to every darkened corner of the earth. We dare not wait; the future is dark, and the storm is threatening. The present moment of respite is a clarion call to us to fall into line for double-quick action, and I pray that the call may be immediately answered.

An Awakening Call

J. W. CHRISTIAN

President of the Pacific Union Conference

THE signing of the armistice, and the evident desire on the part of all the belligerent nations to return to the peaceful pursuits of former days, leave still the stupendous task of reconstruction after earth's mightiest struggle. These events should be recognized by the church of Jesus Christ as the trumpet call to an activity that will carry the joyful sound of the gospel of salvation to every part of the earth.

The outstretched hands of the thousands sinking daily into Christless graves, the death cry of earth's millions, bruised and bleeding through disappointment and blasted hopes, should stir us to an activity that will know no cessation until "the balm of Gilead" shall reach the hearts of mankind in the darkest corners of the earth.

"A time of peace!" How sweet the words! But for how long shall be the day? No man can tell; but this we know, that no real, permanent, lasting peace can come through the doorway of strife and bloodshed, nor can peace, perfect peace, long abide in the heart where Jesus, the Prince of Peace, does not dwell.

The Most Eventful Hour in Earth's History

It is the fulness of time, and God will finish his work, and cut it short in righteousness. To the advent people this message comes as a mighty awakening cry:

"We are living in the time of the end. The fast fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually, but surely, being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already galling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude.

"The agencies of evil are combining their forces, and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. IX, p. 11.

Soon the last sermon will have been preached, the last earnest invitation will have been given, the last tear will have been shed for the careless and impatient all about us. Every case at God's judgment bar will have been settled, and man will enter the destiny he himself has chosen. To the church is committed the blessed task of sounding the warning cry, beseeching men and women in Christ's stead to be reconciled to God.

The Supreme Sacrifice

MORRIS LUKENS

President of the Southwestern Union Conference

It is stated that Mr. Gladstone, when announcing in Parliament the death of Princess Alice, told the following touching story:

The princess' little boy was ill with diphtheria, and the cautious physician advised her not to inhale the poisoned breath. The child was tossing in the delirium of fever. Princess Alice took the little one in her lap and stroked the fevered brow. As she did so, the boy threw his arms around her neck and whispered, "Kiss me, mamma." The mother instinct was stronger than the physician's caution. She pressed her lips to the child, but lost her life.

Herein is seen some of the love God has planted in the heart of the mother, and this love we consider natural, "but God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." What has Christ given for you? The Son of God gave all—life and love and suffering—for our redemption. And can it be that we, the unworthy objects of so great love, will withhold our hearts from him?

A Willing Sacrifice

A Roman soldier, when told by his guide that a certain journey would end in his death, replied: "It is necessary for me to go; it is not necessary for me to live." Patriotism impelled the soldier to die for his country. Consecration will impel us to be willing to give our all to Christ—our lives, our children, our money—everything. "The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

During the time of the reformation movement among the children of Judah in Hezekiah's day, after the people had consecrated themselves to the Lord the king said:

"Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the Lord, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the Lord. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a free heart burnt offerings."

Shall we not, therefore, bring thank offerings to God for his protecting care, remembering that he has said:

"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Prov. 11:24.

"Remember that 'he that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.' John 12:25. Queen Esther, losing her life by seeking unbidden the king's presence, saved it. Esther 4:16; 5:2. The prophet Elijah, losing his life in the presence of the eight hundred fifty false prophets, saved it. 1 Kings 18:19-40; 19:1-3. The prophet Daniel, losing his life in the den of lions, saved it. Dan. 6:16-23. The three Hebrew children, losing their lives in the fiery furnace, preserved them. Dan. 3:19-25. Christ, losing his life on the cross (Matt. 27:42) saved himself and the world (John 3:16)."

"Behold, I Come Quickly"

WILLIAM GUTHRIE

President of the Lake Union Conference

IN Revelation 22 the writer speaks in very earnest terms of the coming of the Lord Jesus:

"Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book. . . . Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. . . . Behold, I come quickly." Verses 7-12. "Surely I come quickly." Verse 20.

These expressions indicate the certainty of the Master's coming after certain events have been fulfilled.

The angels who are now holding the winds for God's messengers to work, will soon loosen their hold, and the great battle of Armageddon will break, more fierce, cruel, and gigantic than the World War just closed. Soon will be heard the peace-and-safety cry, but when the world is smiling over the prospects of an extended peace, says the Word, "sudden destruction cometh upon them, . . . and they shall not escape."

In view of the events which are taking place, is it not time for us to arise and with voice and pen repeat the gathering call?

"The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely."

God Has Given Us Light

That light is due the world. "The lively oracles" have been intrusted to us, that we should deliver them to lost man for whom Christ died. The seventh angel's sounding is in the time when the mystery of God is to be finished, the time to which Revelation 10:6 (Interlinear translation) refers: "Delay shall be no longer." But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound the trumpet, the mystery of God shall be completed.

Notice it is when the seventh angel is about to sound the trumpet that the mystery of God is to be finished. Beloved, if we desire a part in the final triumph of the gospel, we should be actively watching, that no man take our crown.

Young men and young women should flock to our training centers as never before. Property should be sold and the money used to advance this work as never in the past. Hundreds should take up the sale of our small books and the distribution of our tracts. Our faith should take hold of God for great things, that his name may be extolled among the people. Remembering that "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also," send the treasure on for the finishing of the work; believe God, love lost men, pray as did Elisha, and the latter rain, now past due, will fall upon the earth.



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THIS number of the REVIEW is wholly devoted to articles from church leaders on the present world outlook, and the relation of the church of Christ to the situation confronting it. These articles are worthy of careful study by each reader, who should consider his duty to the opening providences of God for the entrance of the gospel, and what he can do to advance the gospel message. We present out of a number of our leading institutions. It would be well to preserve this paper for future reference and use.

WHAT REMAINS TO BE DONE

MUCH has been done; many countries have been entered by the advent message, and men and women have accepted the message by hundreds and thousands. But let us not deceive ourselves into believing that nothing much remains to be done. Let us face real facts without discouragement. There still remains—and the burden must fall largely on our young men and women—the finishing of the work of carrying the advent message to all the world. Every nation, kindred, tongue, and people must hear the glad news. Indeed, we are to give this gospel of the coming kingdom “to every creature.” Mark 16: 15.

Africa

There are whole countries as yet unentered. Africa's list of twenty-six countries, with a total population of seventy-four million, where no permanent worker has yet gone, is much too long:

1. Abyssinia, 8,000,000. No worker in Abyssinia itself. Elder Hans Steiner, of the Abyssinian Mission, is stationed in Eritrea, near the Abyssinian border.
2. Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, 3,000,000. No worker in the Sudan itself. Elder George Keough is stationed in Upper Egypt.
3. Angola (Portuguese), 4,119,000.
4. Bechuanaland (British), 125,350.
5. Belgian Kongo, 15,000,000. No worker in the Kongo itself; Brother S. M. Konigsmacher is near the border at the Kongo Border Mission.
6. French Somaliland, 310,000.
7. French Equatorial Africa, 9,000,000.

8. French Somali Coast (Obock), 208,000.
9. French West Africa and the Sahara, 12,061,315.
10. Gambia (British), 146,000.
11. German Southwest Africa, 94,372.
12. Italian Somaliland, 400,000.
13. Kamerun (German), 2,540,000.
14. Liberia, 2,000,000.
15. Morocco, 5,000,000.
16. Mozambique, 3,120,000.
17. Portuguese Guinea, 820,000.
18. Rio de Oro and Adrar (Spanish), 12,000.
19. Rio Muni, or Spanish Guinea, 200,000.
20. Senegal (French), 1,282,566.
21. Swaziland (British), 99,959.
22. Togoland (German), 1,000,368.
23. Tripoli (Italian), 529,176.
24. Tunis (French), 1,780,527. The North African Mission workers are stationed in Algeria.
25. Uganda, 2,909,122.
26. Zanzibar Protectorate, 197,199.

Asia

Asia comes next in number of unentered fields. Here we find sixteen countries, with a total population of more than forty-six million:

1. Aden, Perim, Sokotra, Kuria Muria Islands, and Bahrein Islands (British), 58,165.
2. Afghanistan, 6,000,000.
3. Baluchistan (British), 834,703.
4. Bhutan, 250,000.
5. Bokhara (Russian), 1,250,000.
6. Brunei (British), 30,000.
7. Ceylon (British), 4,262,097. A part of the South India Mission, but with no workers stationed on the island.
8. East Indies (Portuguese), 300,000.
9. Malay States (Kelantan, Trengganu, Kedah, Perlis, Johore), 720,000.
10. French Indo-China, 16,990,229.
11. Khiva (Russian), 646,000.
12. Nepal, 5,000,000.
13. Oman, 500,000.
14. Portuguese India, 531,798.
15. Sarawak (British), 500,000.
16. Siam, 8,149,487, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Longway on the way.

South America

According to our Year Book for 1918, there were three countries in South America with a total population of a little over 5,000,000, in which no permanent workers had been stationed:

- Colombia, 5,071,101.
- Guiana (Dutch), 86,134.
- Guiana (French), 49,009.

Europe

Before the outbreak of the Great War, our work had been established in all the larger countries of Europe. There are, however, eight small countries in which no permanent workers are stationed, as far as our records show:

- Albania, 850,000.
- Andora, 5,231.
- Cyprus, 286,922.
- Gibraltar, 18,448.
- Lichtenstein, 10,716.
- Malta, 219,311. Brother Innis is now there in a detention camp.
- Monaco, 22,956.
- San Marino, 11,291.

North America

While all the countries of the mainland of North America have been entered, certain islands of the West Indies are without regular workers:

- Anguilla Island, 4,075.
- Curacao, 55,183.

- Dominica Island, 33,863.
- Grenada and the Grenadines, 76,193.
- Leeward Islands, 127,434.
- Martinique Island, 194,000.
- Nevis Island, 12,045.
- St. Christopher Island, 26,283.
- St. Lucia Island, 50,809.
- St. Vincent Island, 45,605.
- Tobago Island, 18,750.
- Virgin Islands (British), 5,562.

Other Islands

There are various other islands whose total population is not large, but which must have the closing gospel message just the same:

- Arctic Archipelago, 1,000.
- Azores, 242,613.
- Canary Islands, 469,768. Brother B. B. Aldrich has had to leave.
- Cape Verde Islands, 143,929.
- Falkland Islands and South Georgia, 6,498.
- Faroe Islands, 18,000.
- Madeira Islands, 169,777.
- St. Helena, 3,520.
- Bismarck Archipelago, 189,081.
- Caroline Islands, 55,264.
- Elliee Islands, 3,095.
- Gambier Islands, 1,533.
- Gilbert Islands, 26,863.
- Guam, 12,240.
- Marquezas Islands, 13,424.
- Marshall Islands, 15,091.
- New Caledonia and dependencies, 56,208.
- Tubuai Islands, 2,550.
- Andaman Islands, 17,929.
- Christmas Islands, 1,564.
- Cocos, 772.
- Comoro Islands, 97,900.
- Madagascar, 3,153,511. The workers in the Mauritius-Madagascar Mission are located in Mauritius.
- Maldive Islands, 50,000.
- Nicobar Islands, 7,501.
- Reunion Island, 174,000.
- Seychelles Islands, 23,777.
- St. Thomas Island, 42,103.

Languages

Our message must go to every “tongue.” The Bible has been translated into more than six hundred languages, while we publish this truth in only ninety-four. What of the more than five hundred in which we have no literature? We have among us young people of natural ability in the mastery of difficult languages. To such this phase of what remains to be done should come as a personal challenge.

Religions

Even in fields where our workers have gone, the adherents of certain religions have had but little done for them. This is especially true of the Moslems, who comprise one seventh of all the inhabitants of the world. Of all the mission problems,—and there are many,—probably none is more difficult and none more fascinating than the work for Moslems.

Covering Territory

Even in countries which have been entered, there are large areas unentered. Especially in India and China these areas are as large as the total area of some whole countries.

Truly, there is something yet to be done, but in the strength of God we are well able to do it. The promise is to us, “The people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.” Daniel 11: 32. Let us then rededicate ourselves to the finishing of the work which has been given us by God. L. L. C.