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THE SITE FOR THE ELLEN G. WHITE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL,

Los Angeles, California

Away from the din and noise of the city, and well above its smoke and dirt rise the Boyle Heights of Los Angeles, California. Along its crest runs Boyle Avenue. In the very heart of this clean residence district lies an entire vacant lot. It is somewhat higher than the surrounding portion, higher than the general level of Boyle Heights. Bounded by good cement sidewalks and fine streets, it faces in every direction toward quiet, comfortable homes.

It is as if God had laid his hand over this one spot until his people should need it. Some of those who have been working in the city this past year had looked longingly toward this beautiful knoll. It seemed to be the most desirable place in all that city for such a memorial as the hospital will be. On Tuesday, May 16, 1916, a company of about twenty of the brethren in charge of the work of the Medical School looked over the ground. Among them was Elder I. H. Evans, President of the North American Division Conference. All present concurred in the opinion that the location was admirably suited to our needs, and so the south half of this block has been purchased and paid for. The faithful men and women who have had the privilege of helping to buy this land believe that they have followed God's opening providence.

This site is most fortunately located for such work as must be done here. It lies between two long and important street car lines, one on each side, two blocks away—near enough for convenience, far enough so that the noise of cars will not disturb patients. Within ten minutes' walking distance is the great "foreign field." In this and other similar sections are thousands of the earth's poor who must have the gospel. Many of these have been coming to our dispensary. Better facilities and room to care for these patients properly will increase the patronage. To all who have seen it the location seems ideal for the Medical Missionary work which must be done in the great city of Los Angeles, and the training of hundreds of young people for service in the fields beyond. P. T. MAGAN.

THE TESTIMONIES IN EVERY FAMILY

"And the dragon was wrath with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." "For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." Rev. 12:17; 19:10.

We wish to emphasize the words, "and have the spirit of prophecy." Yes, they have the volumes of the spirit of prophecy in their homes for the purpose of getting the counsel into their hearts.

Definite action was taken at the Fall Council respecting the matter of the Testimonies, and it is hoped that every effort possible will be made to place the Testimonies in the home of every Sabbath-keeping family.

Elder R. D. Quinn tells us that one hundred and fifty sets of the Testimonies have been placed in the homes of the people of the Atlantic Union during the last few weeks. That is fine. What other conferences are ready to do likewise? A very earnest and continuous effort is being made to supply every family in the Atlantic Union conference with a set of the Testimonies. As it is not always possible for our people to buy a full set outright, would it not be a good plan to take orders of all such to be delivered by parcel post within sixty or ninety days? If our people are given a little time they can secure these precious volumes of the Testimonies. Personally I do not see how I could get along without them. They are given us for a specific purpose and without their aid that purpose cannot or will not be attained.

We wish our people everywhere would give this matter their most earnest consideration and plan some way whereby to get these volumes of untold value into their homes. We would be glad to have those who have the Testimonies tell us what they mean to them. And to all who read this appeal, let me ask your co-operation in an effort to get all our dear people to purchase the Testimonies. Special prices prevail, thus making it easier for our people to own a set of these volumes, which are to the study of the Bible what the telescope is to the study of the stars. There is nothing so calculated to spiritualize this movement and make earnest, self-sacrificing soul winners, as a careful study of the Testimonies. F. W. PAAP.

SUBMARINE ATTACK ON BOOZE

The Ben Franklin Mutual Casualty Insurance Company is sending out advertising matter from its offices in Chicago, including a copy of Safety Bulletin No. 5, of the Illinois Steel Company, which, under the above caption, reads as follows:

"For the married man who cannot get along without drinks, the following is suggested as a means of freedom from bondage to saloons:

"Start a saloon in your own home. Be the only customer (you'll have no license to pay). Go to

your wife and give her \$2 to buy a gallon of whiskey, and remember there are 69 drinks in a gallon. Buy your drinks from no one but your wife, and by the time that the first gallon is gone she will have \$8 to put into the bank and \$2 to start business again.

"Should you live ten years and continue to buy booze from her, and then die with snakes in your boots, she will have money enough to bury you decently, educate your children, buy a house and lot, marry a decent man, and quit thinking about you entirely."—Selected.

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FROM KAMLOOPS TO NELSON WITH THE "INSTRUCTOR"

May 1st I left Silver Creek for Kamloops, intending to work the territory from Kamloops to Salmon Arm on my return trip. I missed the train at Salmon Arm that morning and so spent the day visiting and selling papers. While waiting for the train at the depot I noticed a man sitting alone reading. I asked him if he would like a "Signs" or "Watchman." He looked up and said he knew the papers, but it was no use for him to take them. I sat down beside him and he told me he had walked five miles that day to see if he could meet an Adventist. He had kept the Sabbath for some time and on account of prejudice in his home he gave it up, but not because he has turned against the truth, for he longs for the time when he can have his affairs so arranged that he will be able to unite with God's people. Then we journeyed to Kamloops together. He said further that his people were so prejudiced that they even burned his Bible and any of our literature that they could get. I gave him the Tract Society's address and also the address of several of our workers with whom he desired to correspond.

At Kamloops the Lord blessed me in getting located and gave me favor with the people with whom I had a number of Bible studies. I sold over 400 "Instructors" there, and while I was around one day, a soldier called to me in a restaurant and apparently wanted to argue with me about the temperance work. It was not my business to argue, so I did not say much, and after a little time he said: "You were in Vernon last year were you not?" He told me that when his battalion was about to leave, he, who was an officer at the time, with some of his men thought they would have a good time, with the result that they were placed in jail. When my wife and I called to have a meeting there the following Sunday, he was with some other soldiers in a cell smoking cigarettes. I hung up the prophetic chart in the hall and invited them to come and study with us. They said "No, we got in here to get away from hearing that stuff." Well, we went on with the meeting and they stayed in the cell. After singing a few lively hymns, I referred to the chart and was in a position where I could watch the soldiers and saw their interest gradually increase. He told me that day

in Kamloops they enjoyed it very much and shook my hand and wished me success.

After a very profitable time at Kamloops, I left for Chase, a little town about 40 miles east, going on my wheel. I called at some farm houses along the way and at Ducks I had a Bible study with the station agent and left him some tracts and papers, which he seemed to appreciate. I arrived at Chase very tired and took the train from there to Salmon Arm.

With my wife and family I left Salmon Arm, May 24th, for Revelstoke. I here met a number of old acquaintances and the way opened for quite a few studies. At one home where I called I was asked some Bible questions, and after answering them and studying the Bible for a time I was asked to come and give them further studies in the evening. We studied about the principles of Protestantism. The following evening my wife and I called and we studied up until midnight, and still they wanted more studies, so we spent the evenings there until we left Revelstoke, and on Sunday the lady decided to keep the Sabbath. She seemed so anxious to tell all whom she met about the Sabbath and the truth in general. We rejoice that we now have a light bearer for Revelstoke, although she needs further instruction. But while she lets her light shine, God will give her more light. I sold her "Bible Readings" so she could study further herself.

We left Revelstoke Tuesday morning, June 6th, having sold over 200 "Instructors." That same night we arrived at Nelson, where we were kindly received by Brother and Sister Wood, who assisted us in getting settled.

I am using the "Instructor" here while we are getting acquainted with the people. GEO. TOOMBS.

A MESSAGE FROM HONOLULU

After a delightful ocean voyage I reached Honolulu, June 21st. A number of the workers were at the boat to welcome me and soon I found myself passing through most beautiful streets to the Mission headquarters, on Kinau Street. After a few days rest I took up my new work and am enjoying it every day.

We have a nice church in Honolulu of about eighty-five members, with an interesting Sabbath-school—especially the kindergarten division, with its nineteen small members. I visited this division on the Thirteenth Sabbath and the teacher said, "This is Dollar Day, how many have dollars today?" and to my surprise a large number of little hands went up with dollars in them. The total offering for that day was \$54.25.

A good work is being done in Honolulu. A number of new ones are joining the ranks. I am so thankful for a part in the work in this beautiful island field. Truly it is a land of beauty, and I so often think of the words in our missionary hymn (From Greenland's Icy Mountains), "Though every prospect pleases and only man is vile." But when we see how wonderfully the Lord is leading and uplifting, we only feel to thank Him and press onward.

My thoughts often turn to British Columbia, and I watch eagerly for the reports. They are like letters from home. But whether in the homeland or in the regions beyond, the work is the Lord's, and wonderful is the privilege of being "workers together with Him."

BERTHA LOFSTAD.

B. C. NOTES

Elder J. T. Boettcher, Vice-President of the European Division Conference, reached Vancouver, June 21, from Russia, on the Canadian Pacific Steamship Empress of Japan. He consented to remain over Sabbath and spoke to our people in Vancouver at union meetings Wednesday, Thursday and twice on the Sabbath. The workers in Russia meet many perplexing problems, but the Lord is with them and our hearts were made glad as Elder Boettcher told of the wonderful progress of the message in that land, in spite of the war and the unsettled condition and the reduced force of workers.

Elder J. G. Walker has just returned from a trip to Prince Rupert, Port Simpson, Telkwa and points on Graham Island where he has been visiting our people. He reports a profitable trip.

Sister E. E. Bruce arrived in Vancouver July 1, from India, on the Canadian Pacific Steamship Empress of Asia. Sister H. R. Salisbury came with Sister Bruce as far as Victoria, where friends met her and she went with them to Seattle. Sister Bruce has been in India eight years, connected with the work at Mussooree. She visited in Vancouver three days, and those who had the privilege of meeting her were glad to hear of the work that is being done for the millions of India.

Brethren J. H. Lawson and G. W. Sterling have had excellent success working with the "Temperance Instructor," as have also Sister Carmichael and others. Brother Lawson has commenced canvassing on Vancouver Island and expects to have one delivery before camp-meeting time. The other canvassers are J. E. Falk, Robert Clayton and J. Bristol, who are all doing well, considering the conditions they have to meet.

Brother L. A. Philpott has arrived in British Columbia from Alberta, to take charge of the canvassing work here.

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 and Home Missionary Secretary, O. Ziprick.

SASKATOON CAMP-MEETING

The largest company of Seventh-day Adventists ever assembled, in Saskatchewan, met at camp-meeting in Saskatoon, June 29 - July 9, 1916. The weather was favorable and the facilities provided by the city on the exhibition grounds were of the best.

Stirred by the truths of the Third Angel's Message and the events taking place in the world, our people seem to have but one purpose in coming to camp-meeting. Many of them are isolated during most of the year and they appreciate every opportunity which the camp-meeting affords of seeking the Lord with those of like precious faith, of learning more of the truth and studying ways of giving the truth to others.

One hundred and thirty tents were pitched and nearly 500 people were encamped. The attendance from the city was not large, but some of those who did attend developed a deep interest and were convinced of the truth. Meetings were conducted in English, German, Russian, Servian, Roumanian and Scandinavian. Elder Hafner and Prof. Simon were present from abroad for the German work; Elder Ostoich for the Servian, and Prof. Olson, of the Swedish Seminary, for the Scandinavian. Brother Babienco labored in the Russian language and Brother Krainian in the Roumanian. Meetings were held for the children and young people twice every day. In addition, the children were given a play-hour every day under the direction of some of their teachers. Prof. Kellogg and

Prof. Dick were present to assist in the educational work. The Sabbath school and children's meetings were under the charge of Mrs. A. C. Gilbert.

The book tent sales amounted to nearly \$800. Brothers Rowse, Eastman and Manful gave help in the book work. Bro. Manful says he never saw such an interest in the canvassing work in Western Canada, and the prospects are good for a big summer's work, and what is still better, for a permanent corps of canvassers and a more sustained effort in the distribution of our subscription books.

Bro. J. J. Ireland was present for one day and gave a very interesting account of his observations in Central America. The general interests were represented by Elders E. W. Farnsworth, W. W. Eastman and the writer.

The people rallied nobly to the support of the new school that is being established at North Battleford. Over \$4,000 was pledged to the school work and the cause of missions.

Over 53 were baptized at the meeting and a number of other candidates will go forward in the near future. Two churches, with a combined membership of 52, were admitted to the Conference. On the last Sabbath an ordination service was conducted and Brother T. T. Babienco and Brother W. G. Forshaw were set apart to the gospel ministry. The people manifested a good degree of interest in the business meetings and the work was carried forward harmoniously. The Conference adopted the plan recommended by the North American Division Council and elected officers for two years. Elder A. C. Gilbert was re-elected president, and Bro. U. Wissner as secretary-treasurer. Some slight changes were made in the executive committee. The prospects for a rapidly strengthening work in Saskatchewan are bright, indeed. C. F. McVAGH.

OUR SCHOOL WORK

We know that our people in Saskatchewan are deeply interested in our school enterprise at Battleford. This work means much to our conference and our churches, and to the field work in our province. In *Counsels to Teachers*, page 43, we read: "As a church, as individuals, if we would stand clear in the judgment, we must make more liberal efforts for the training of our young people, that they may be better fitted for the various branches of the great work committed to our hands. We should lay wise plans, in order that the ingenious minds of those who have talent may be strengthened and disciplined, and polished after the highest order, that the work of Christ may not be hindered for lack of skilful laborers, who will do their work with earnestness and fidelity."

With the means and men we have, we are doing all in our power to put things in shape so that our Academy will be in good shape to open this fall.

We must have a place where our young people can gain the training and Christian experience necessary to fit them for a place in God's work. But more than this, we must have scores of our best young people who can come here and devote their time to study. Brethren and sisters, we must have your active co-operation in this work. Many of the young people will depend upon your help and influence to turn them this way. We trust that with your prayers and influence, and your means, you will do all in your power

to help us push this work forward. It is now time to begin to plan how we can put our young people into school. By faith in God, and a firm determination, we can do wonders between now and the opening of school in the fall.

I am now located at the school, and shall try to keep you informed as to the progress of the work, for I believe that knowledge deepens interest. Keep watch of the *Tidings*. I trust you will be perfectly free to write at any time.

I will be glad to correspond with any interested ones, and to help in any way possible to get our young people into school. My address is Battleford, Sask., Box 177.

H. W. CLARK,
*Educational Secretary,
Saskatchewan Conference.*

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT SASKATCHEWAN CAMP-MEETING

Resolution No. 1.

With feeling of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His attendant blessings upon every department of our work the past year, for sparing the health and lives of our workers, for giving a spirit of liberality to our people who have so faithfully supported the work by their tithes and offerings, and for calling us from darkness into His marvelous light—

We, the delegates of the Saskatchewan Conference assembled, do hereby express our thanks, and reconsecrate to this blessed service, our lives, our children, our property, our all.

Resolution No. 2.

RESOLVED, That in harmony with the expression of the late Union Conference and N. A. Division recommendations, we hold our Conference sessions biennially instead of annually as heretofore, and that the constitution of this Conference be changed in harmony with this plan.

Resolution No. 3.

WHEREAS, There has been formed a Legal Association in this Conference for the purpose of holding all church and school property in trust for the local constituency and for the general interests of the denomination; and

WHEREAS, It is for the best interests of each church for its property to be so held by the Legal Association of the Conference, that its interests may be safeguarded:

THEREFORE, We recommend: That the trustees and constituency of our various churches arrange as early as possible for the transfer of their property to the Saskatchewan Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists;

AND FURTHER, That all future properties obtained for our church and general work shall be held by the Legal Association of this Conference.

Resolution No. 4.

WHEREAS, The Division Conference has organized and is operating a Home Missionary Department, the work of which is to enlist the co-operation of every Seventh-day Adventist in some definite line of missionary work in the spread of the third angel's message, we recommend:—

1. That this Conference appoint a home missionary secretary of such ability and experience as will enable him to help organize our churches so that the strength and ability of each individual may be utilized to the best advantage in the spread of the third angel's message.

2. That our churches be organized into one or more working bands, according to size and ability, with suitable leaders for each band, and that the bands be organized for the following purposes:—

- (a) The distribution of periodicals, magazines, tracts, pamphlets, and forty percent. books.
- (b) For holding Bible readings and cottage meetings.
- (c) For medical missionary work.
- (d) For missionary correspondence.

3. That we urge our church officers to give special attention to the encouraging and fostering of the missionary spirit among the church membership.

4. That companies of believers who have recently been brought to the truth be organized to carry on this missionary work.

5. That each family of Sabbath-keepers supply themselves, as far as possible, with Volumes 6-9 of the Testimonies, and undertake to read them this fall and winter.

6. That the service on each fourth Sabbath in the month be given to the consideration of plans and methods of home missionary work by using the programs in the Church Officers' Gazette.

WHEREAS, The Harvest Ingathering for missions has proved a great blessing both in acquainting the world with this great movement and in raising funds with which to extend the work, therefore

RESOLVED, That we undertake to raise an average of \$5.00 a member during 1916, and that we use the pledge cards prepared for this special campaign.

Resolution No. 5.

RESOLVED, That as Conference officers, church elders and parents, we co-operate with the Missionary Volunteer Department in the organization of local societies in the churches, and in extending the Reading Course Circle, Standard of Attainment and the Morning Watch into every home.

Resolution No. 6.

In order to provide for the management of the Battleford Academy,

We recommend, that a board of seven members be elected, the same to be nominated by the Committee on Nominations.

Resolution No. 7.

WHEREAS, The church-school is one of the most important factors in safeguarding our youth against the snares of the world; and

WHEREAS, The Lord has so definitely instructed us in regard to the proper education of our youth:

WE RECOMMEND, That, wherever possible, church schools be established, which schools shall be supported by the entire constituency of the local church by which the school is maintained.

Resolution No. 8.

WHEREAS, It many times occurs that it is necessary to provide church school teachers from afar, which expense would work a hardship upon the local church, therefore

WE RECOMMEND, That a church school fund be raised from which the cost of transportation of qualified teachers from outside the Conference be paid.

Resolution No. 9.

WE RECOMMEND, That those desiring a church school be encouraged to make early application to the Educational Secretary for a good, efficient teacher.

Resolution No. 10.

WHEREAS, The progressive development of our work in this Conference and other Conferences might be greatly accelerated by our youth, well trained:

WE RECOMMEND, That those of means be encouraged to seek out worthy yet needy young people and encourage them in obtaining a liberal education in our schools.

Resolution No. 11.

WHEREAS, The Sabbath-schools are to study the Book of Acts during the next year; and

WHEREAS, We have been supplied with such an excellent commentary on the book called "The Acts of the Apostles," therefore—

WE RECOMMEND, That all our people secure this work to use in connection with the study of these lessons.

Resolution No. 12.

WHEREAS, The Sabbath-school Department has enabled us to secure such valuable helps as the Memory Verse Cards, Commandment Cards, and Picture Rolls, enabling us to emphasize the truths of the Sabbath-school lessons upon the minds of our children in a more forcible manner:

WE RECOMMEND, That all of our schools and Home Department members secure these aids to Bible study.

Resolution No. 13.

WHEREAS, The colporteur or evangelistic canvassing work is ordained of God as a means of reaching thousands of people who otherwise would not be reached with the Message and

WHEREAS, There are not sufficient funds to employ a large number of salaried workers, thus emphasizing the need of self-supporting workers; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a strong continuous effort be put forth by the officers and laborers of this Conference in co-operating with the field missionary secretary—

- (a) In the selection and training of earnest God-fearing

men and women who shall devote their entire time to this work;

(b) That when faithful they be regarded highly for their work's sake; and

(c) That they be encouraged in every consistent way to continue in the service to which they are called.

Resolution No. 14.

In order to adequately finance the work of this Conference, we recommend the raising of a \$10,000 fund, 30 per cent. of the same to be used for foreign missions and 70 per cent. for the home work.

Resolution No. 15.

WHEREAS, The railway companies have granted to us reduced rates on all their roads; and

WHEREAS, The city has granted to us the use of these beautiful grounds and other courtesies; and

WHEREAS, The newspapers have granted us liberal privileges through their columns; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we extend to them our sincere thanks and appreciation for these favors.

Resolution No. 16.

WHEREAS, It has been decided by this denomination to establish a hospital and dispensary as a memorial of our late Sister White, to be operated in connection with the College of Medical Evangelists located at Loma Linda; and

WHEREAS, The ladies of the denomination have been asked to take the initiative in securing the funds necessary to build and equip this institution,

RESOLVED, That this Conference rally to the call and raise their portion of the amount required.

FIELD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Year Ending June, 1916

Personally, I believe the canvassing work, which includes the placing of periodicals, books and other lines of literature in the homes, is a work of the utmost importance.

Personally, leaders in our book work everywhere recognize the import of the canvassing work.

Personally, the great men of the world of yesterday and today are agreed that the bookman is engaged in an uplifting, educating and an ennobling work.

Personally, through His Word and through His servants, God has set a seal of approval upon this very line of endeavor. Has this part of the work appealed to you as one of the leading features of the third angel's message? If not, why not? Famous men, such as Washington, Garfield, Napoleon, Bismark and many others, were book agents. Spurgeon has well said, "I take off my hat to the book agent," because he is doing more good than I can ever hope to do." The fact that great men have done these things is not the actuating motive in our work. As a people, we are becoming more thoroughly converted to the idea that the spreading, the scattering of the printed page, which is aflame with divine truth, is God's appointed agency in these very days.

People not of our faith are thankful for the message these books convey. A man living in southern Saskatchewan, to whom the "Signs" had been sent, has written twice for as many back numbers as could be spared, in order that he might read them and hand them on to neighbors.

The colporteur's desire is to be a shuttle in the great loom which will weave the spirits of men together in the fulness of the gospel.

We appreciate the encouraging words God spoke to Joshua: "Every place that the sole of your feet shall tread upon, that I have given unto you, as I said unto Moses." "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee, all the days of thy life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." "Only be thou strong, and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses, my servant, commanded thee; turn not from it to the right hand nor to the left . . . for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then shalt thou have good success." "Have not I commanded thee, 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."—Joshua 1:3-9.

Then when we advance in the spirit of service the hardest hearts will be touched, and the indifferent will take notice. We feel that this has been accomplished to some extent

the past year. When the colporteurs began their work in the field a year ago last spring, some fears were entertained for their success because of the war-cloud, but little difficulty was encountered.

The Institute was held in April, 1915, at the home of Erother Rowse, near Hanley. About 15 attended this meeting, Brother Manfull and Brother Wissner taking charge. A number of those attending went directly into the field. I am glad to be able to say that a spirit of earnestness was manifest through the entire year. For a while 32 canvassers were out meeting the various classes of town and country people.

The average number of those in the field for the season was 25, with an average on this basis of slightly over \$548 each. The total sales for 1915 amounted to \$13,721.15.

One object of the Institute was to teach the value of putting in full time, and it is interesting to note the hours worked, the exhibitions given and orders taken each week. It is the duty of the colporteur to faithfully report the work done weekly. The number of hours put in totalled 9,127, making an average of about \$1.50 per hour.

I assure you, brethren and sisters, it is an inspiration to read and to have the precious experiences gained by getting into the front of the fray.

Thus far in 1916 our orders total \$2,595.10, with 1,572 hours, averaging \$1.65 per hour.

If you are thinking of canvassing, the help this will be to your life can never be reckoned on a dollar basis. We are endeavoring to place permanent men in the field,—we mean, men who will devote all their interests to it.

This present year the Institute was held at Waldheim, April 28 to May 8, and this meeting of about 10 colporteurs proved to be one of the most successful and encouraging ever held here.

A number of those planning on the bookwork were in school and have not yet entered the field. We hope to have at least 25 out soon, and by God's help place many truth-laden books in the homes of the people.

Some attention has been given to the magazine work, one young lady devoting all her time to this excellent work. These magazines contain fitting truths for the times in which we are living, and should be more freely circulated.

The Tract Society last season was able to circulate, weekly, a Colporteurs' Newsletter, brimming over with live-wire experiences right from the field.

For a spiritual experience, canvassing pays; for a business experience, canvassing pays; financially, it pays. Two reached the thousand-dollar mark last year.

The former bitter war spirit is not as keen this summer. Then we feel that some should enter the colporteur work. God's Spirit is pleading with someone to engage in this line of endeavor. Is it pleading with you?

Years ago, as the story goes, a steamer on Lake Erie caught fire and so headed at once for land. Men and women struggled in wild confusion to escape. In the crowd was a returning California gold-miner. He fastened the belt containing his gold securely about his waist and was preparing to swim ashore. Just then a sweetfaced little girl touched his hand and looked up pleadingly into his face, saying, "Won't you please save me? I have no papa here to save me; won't you, please?" What would he do? He looked at the gold, but the child's face and voice strangely affected him. Quick as a flash he dropped the gold, took the child, made the plunge, and by and by made land. Utterly exhausted, he soon became unconscious. When he opened his eyes the child was bending over him in tears of gratitude. He had lost his gold and his years of toil, but had saved a life.

Listen: Out of the distance comes the cry, pathetically distinct, Will you save me? I have no one to save me. Won't you?

We can do it. The gold and the life must go. Shall we not do it hand in hand with the Saviour?

"When I enter that beautiful city,

Far removed from earth's sorrow and fear,

I want to hear somebody saying,

'It was you who invited me here.'

When at home in those mansions eternal,

The saved of the nations appear,

I want to have somebody tell me,

'It was you who invited me here.'

ROBERT H. KITTO.

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A GOOD PLAN

A sister in one of our enterprising western towns wrote recently as follows:—

"In last week's *Review*, which I read from cover to cover, I saw the announcement of the plan to send *Present Truth Series* to our relatives and friends, beginning September 1, for six months. I at once made up a list of ten or a dozen names for myself, and further resolved to visit every member of our church and lay before them the plan. I will take the names of their friends and relatives, collect the money, and send it to you through the Tract Society in a lump sum. If they prefer to send the papers themselves, all right, but I propose to urge that they do it one way or another.

"I cannot go away to do missionary work, either at home or abroad, but I can do this. I fear many people will read about this plan and think they will use it, but fail to do it, unless someone keeps them reminded of it. Others may not even see it; so I am going to visit all of our members.

"If every church librarian or elder would appoint someone who had a real interest in it, they ought to do much with this splendid plan to get the truth before those especially dear to us. My plan of work is my own thought and desire. I wish you would send me a few sample copies of the *Series*."

A SUGGESTION TO THE WISE IS SUFFICIENT.

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NEWS FROM THE FRONT

In the reports of canvassing work published in each issue of the *Tidings* our readers are given the opportunity of studying the work that is being accomplished by our colporteurs in placing the truth, in the form of books, in the homes of the people. The figures and totals which appear in our columns from time to time show us how remarkably God is blessing this means of reaching honest souls with His last message of truth.

Not without temptation, or without discouragement, does the brave and true-hearted colporteur wend his way over the prairies and through the woods, bearing the good tidings of a soon-coming Saviour into the homes of the rich and the poor, the unbelieving and the honest-hearted. With unyielding determination he presses onward from day to day with the command "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me" ever ringing afresh in his ears.

Here and there, in grove and dell, as opportunity may offer, he kneels in prayer, seeking anew for wisdom and strength to carry him through to the close of another day's toil in the great harvest field.

It is a great work, brethren, that our colporteurs are doing, and they need your prayers and mine. The results of their toil will never be seen or known on this old tottering earth; but the kingdom that is coming will reveal every particle of effort that has been added to the side of truth.

This season in Alberta we are wonderfully blessed in having a class of these workers in the field whose courage is unwavering. Their letters to the office can be classed as some of the most interesting and inspiring literature to be found in the Tract Society. They speak of their trials, and in these they actually rejoice, telling us that by these things God is strengthening them for greater effort in the good work.

No doubt a few lines from some of them will serve to reveal to our readers the spirit of courage and loyalty that is accompanying them from home to home. The first one is from

R. M. Milne: "The time has come to send in another report, and it is a sign of God's blessing. I have had some good experiences. Although the last three days I have not had so many orders as the first two, yet I have met many that need the message. I am glad that I can have a part in this work . . . I am glad to hear that the canvassers are all doing so well . . . I am of good courage and earnestly pray that the Lord will bless each of the boys out this summer. I need your prayers that I may be used as the Lord sees best."

Max J. Popow says: "I am glad to have an opportunity of writing to you again and sending this report, which is very small, but a good one, for I saw that my faith was tested—that is to say, I was without an order two days, and I think you know just how a canvasser feels after not getting orders for two days—but the Lord was my comforter and my strength. . . . Today it is raining very hard and I hope it will be nice by morning, for I want to go on and try again. I need your prayers." In the next report he writes: "You can see by my report that this was a successful week of mine, as to amount of money, and also the experience. People were kind to me, and my living cost me nothing all last week."

J. B. Wagner says: "I am getting along well and am of good courage, and am thankful for the way that God has led me. . . . Hope to hear from you soon and to learn how the other canvassers are succeeding."

Harry Casey writes: "The Lord has richly blessed me in the work."

Fred Steeves adds: "The Lord blessed me with fine success this past week, \$147 in forty hours. You will notice one day I took orders for \$56.50. I had some fine experiences and met so many good people."

Allen B. Sargeant states: "I get some good experiences in the field, but the road is not always smooth. But I don't look at the hard parts so much now as I did at first. I think my reports will be better from now on. . . . I ask you to pray that I may do my part in the work faithfully."

Geo. Shankel says: "The past week has been one of varied experiences for me. The first couple of days of the week things did not look very bright—in fact I wondered and wondered what could be the matter with me. Twelve or fifteen exhibitions straight, and no orders. I knew that this was a time when everything depended on a firm trust in the leading hand of God. Wednesday morning I dared not hope to receive

fifty dollars' worth of orders, but sometimes the Lord has a surprise in store, and before the week closed I had more than twice that, as you will see by my report. One dollar more and Thursday's work would have been equal to my best day last year. Friday morning I was especially blessed of the Lord, not in the number of orders but in the peculiar way in which they were taken." Then he relates three most interesting and unusual experiences and adds, "Satan would have us see in these things just a natural occurrence, but he cannot cheat me out of this, for it is precious to me, and it is the looking back to these things when we get in a hard place that gives us courage to press the battle to a close."

Lulu M. Andersen, who last spring was an isolated member to whom the *Tidings* came, carrying to her hungering soul the good reports from the canvassers, testifies: "The inspiration which came to me through these reports filled me with a longing to do something for the Lord, and while I was not strong physically, I determined 'I must, for His blessing will surely attend me if I will but go.' I went, and was seventeen days in the field, until camp-meeting. The blessings which accrued to me during that short period of time can never be fully estimated. It lifted me on a higher plane—and now that God in his goodness has called me to assist in the work at the office where the reports come in from all the workers, I can far better appreciate the beauty and the untold value of both sides of the colporteur work—the help which comes to the colporteur himself and the help which it is in spreading the saving message of God among the needy people. My heart leaps for joy and gratitude that even I may have a small part in God's great work. May these reports be the means of starting many another lover of God's truth into the ranks of active soldiers in the battlefield, that we may press forward to the victory that is so near and so sure, is my prayer."

There are testimonies from others, equally inspiring, which for lack of space cannot be included in this issue, but sufficient have been given, we believe, to demonstrate the interest our colporteurs are putting into their work. They have gone forward in faith and love, and God is accomplishing great things for them and through them, for they are His servants. T. S. BOWETT.

VALUE OF UNITED EFFORT

"And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight."—Lev. 26:8.

In the war in Europe all the advances have been won by the strong concentration of large numbers of men and guns at given points, which caused a pressure before which no resistance could stand. We have here an important object lesson of the power of united effort. What a power there would be in our home missionary work if every church member would respond to calls to meet issues, and every man, woman and child would begin at once to do his utmost to make the plans proposed a success.

We know something of the power of united effort, for the opposition of Seventh-day Adventists to Sunday laws has created such an impression on the lawmakers that they have been said to believe there are at

least 3,000,000 of them. The unity of effort multiplied our numbers by 40. But all our members did not take part in those efforts. Probably a small proportion did the large part of the work. How much greater impression might have been made had all taken their share in the work.

It may be said that it is not possible for all members to take part in any one effort. This may be true to a certain extent, but the exceptions need be very few. Let us see if this is not so.

Some issues are general, affecting whole countries. Others are limited to States or Provinces. Most of them are met through the circulation of literature in some form. For illustration, we will suppose a Sunday law has been prepared to go through Congress. To meet it, leaflets are to be circulated and petitions signed. None are so busy that they could not circulate some of the leaflets, at least. Almost all could get at least one petition form filled up. Even the invalids could get the signatures of some of their visitors. If they had no visitors, they could send leaflets by mail. If helpless or blind, they could still help by praying regularly and earnestly for those who could be hands and feet for God. Only those acutely ill, and perhaps those caring for such cases, would seem to be unable to do something for God's cause.

Has not the time come when God's people should be watching for every opportunity to do something to finish His work? They should not need to be urged or exhorted to take part in soul-winning efforts. A simple statement of plans that will bring the message to those yet unwarned should be sufficient in every church.

A general may make the finest possible plans for his campaign, but only by his soldiers carrying the plans into effect can he win a victory. The leaders in God's work may be guided by His Spirit to the best possible soul-winning plans, but success can only come through willing people using the plans to reach souls.

In God's work every effort that every member can make is needed. No effort is too small to be worthy of God's blessing. Shall we not, therefore, see to it that we unite together to make the work a success?

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

"ADVANCE GUARD" REDUCED

The officers of the Young People's Society of Missionary Volunteers have selected *Advance Guard* as one of the books to be used in the Reading Course for the year beginning October, 1916. No doubt there are hundreds of people, both young and old, who would be glad to read this series of missionary biographies, even though they do not belong to the society. Therefore, we are making the same price to all during the year, which is seventy-five cents for the regular one dollar cloth-bound book.

Each chapter has an engraved heading, in nearly all of which appears the portrait of the subject of the sketch. This gives a feeling of acquaintance with the person described that will be greatly appreciated by the reader. The author, Prof. C. G. Howell, has been particularly fortunate in selecting such incidents in the lives of these men and women as combine the deepest interest with the greatest profit, and he has presented them with rare power and pathos.

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ARRESTED FOR SUNDAY LABOR

No, not our brethren this time. These two Marylanders were declared not guilty. There is that difference, you know. They had a notion that they could trim their hedges and mow their lawns on Sunday. A woman neighbor thought differently. That accounts for their appearance before the judge. A "fiasco," the trial was called. It stirred up a lot of "for" and "against" discussion, however, that makes mighty interesting reading. This same article in the September *Signs Magazine* tells of the Peace League meeting, headed by ex-President Taft, that met recently at Washington. The one, you know, where it is alleged to have been said, "We will have peace if we have to fight for it."

In addition to excellent Sabbath and Second Coming of Our Lord articles, are the following: Is India Loyal to Britain? Europe's Holocaust to Wars; Which will You Choose for Your Ancestor, Gorilla or God? A Revelation and a Solution; Current Topics in the Light of Bible Prophecy. It would be hard to find a better aid for your missionary work than the September *Signs Magazine*. Tell your tract society secretary how many you can use.

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Alberta—Week Ending July 7th

	Book	Hrs.	Ord.	Mag.	Helps	Total
Campbell, Angus	B.R.	23	4			\$ 16.00
x Casey, Harry	D.A.	95	34			126.50
Henderson, Amy	B.R.	18	4			14.00
Hermann, Alex	D.R.	63	3			10.50
Milne, R. M.	G.C.	58	35		\$ 3.50	138.00
Pangman, Pearl	B.R.	18	3		2.90	13.40
Sargeant, Allen	B.R.	28	6			23.00
Schafer, Sam	B.R.	51	15			52.50
Shankel, Geo.	B.R.	60	32			124.00
x Steeves, Fred	D.A.	94	58			216.50
Wagner, Jas.	D.A.	46	16		1.25	64.75
Wagner, Susie & Rose	P.G.	86	7		3.50	39.50

British Columbia—Four Weeks Ending July 7th

Bristol, John	D.R.	165	25		12.15	48.70
† Falk, J. E.	B.R.	14	1		5.35	9.85
x Lawson, J. H.	P.G.	69	10		7.80	53.80
Philpott, L. A.	B.R.	25	19		1.25	75.75

Manitoba—Four Weeks Ending July 15th

x Bauer, R. J.	B.R.	113	19			77.50
* Belleau, Geo.	B.R.	125	55		3.65	203.15
Emery, Earl	B.R.	134	74			303.00
Hoehn, Christian	B.R.	127	27			107.50
† Johnson, Miss S.		20	12	\$13.00	1.40	14.40
† Leffler, Clinton	B.R.	36	6		6.55	27.55
* McGee, A. E.	B.R.	146	49		14.35	218.60
Olson, Ronald	B.R.	164	76		10.00	332.00
* Ojala, G. F.	B.R.	77	19		32.05	105.55

Saskatchewan—Five Weeks Ending July 15th

Adams, Phemia	B.R.	144	36		8.60	148.60
x Balchin, Leonard	B.R.	52	21			77.50
Clark, Florence	B.R.	144	28		4.75	116.75
x Crooks, S. A.	P.P.	60	25		4.00	97.50
* Haynal, K.						
* Swartz, M.	P.P.	125	52		14.20	219.20
xx Hoehn, Edward	P.P.	178	69			268.50
xx Jewkes, John	B.R.	101	49		.70	182.70
xx Knowlton, G. F.	P.P.	183	90		22.60	398.60
* Sissons, Chas.	B.R.	113	65			258.50
* Unruh, T. E.	B.R.	99	73			311.50
xx Voelker, Henry	B.R.	219	84			342.00
x Wells, Frank	B.R.	86	47		5.95	185.45
* Wick, Theodore	B.R.	83	41		6.40	124.40
* Coles, Ida		59		57.00		57.00

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