

The Contribution and Objectives of Christian Education in the Great Second Advent Movement

(A paper read at the Educational Council)

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AS WE think over the story of the progress of Seventh-day Adventists, the place which the educational work occupies in this movement stands out in bold relief. The largeness of the vision of our pioneers and the Divine leading of Mrs. E. G. White are very apparent as we look back over the work and see the large place our educational program has had in the promotion of the work. The organization of an institution where we could train our own prospective workers for the carrying of the truth to the world was one of the most far-reaching plans that has ever been adopted by this people.

It is true that occasionally God has, as it were, miraculously imbued a few men with spirit and power and wisdom, who had learned the truth after their educational days were passed and never had the opportunity of an Adventist school training. They are, however, so few in number that we can speak of our present-day workers as men and women who have come to this experience through our schools. Here in mission lands I find that not only the foreign workers but also the indigenous workers are here because of their training in our own schools. This brings us to the realization of the importance of our educational work—important not only because it touches so large a group, but because of its moulding power upon the future work.

I think I am safe in saying that there is no religious organization in the world that has established itself with so direct

a purpose and has adhered to the same as have we as Seventh-day Adventists. We believe that God has called us to this special work of giving the full gospel to the world at this time.

But few realize the high place our schools occupy in the promotion of our work. I do not refer to this to magnify the particular work in which we are engaged, but to emphasize the importance of the work and the great responsibility anyone who presumes to teach has taken upon himself. Collectively, we as teachers are responsible for the workers of tomorrow—for their breadth of vision, for their thoroughness, for their ideals, for their spirit of co-operation and loyalty, for their ideas of consecration and devotion; yes, and in a great degree for their character. Their confidence, faith, and hope in the Word of God and in the doctrines which we teach are greatly controlled by the influence of the teacher.

Education is promoted by almost all groups of people, all religious organizations and people who are without religion. Many of these organizations have a very high purpose in their education endeavour, but regardless of its height it cannot be put in the place of our concept of Christian education.

During various periods of development there are certain tendencies that seem to enter all types of education in greater or less degree and we as Seventh-day Adventists are not entirely immune from the influences of these tendencies. Some of these are most valu-

able and we occasionally find them to be in harmony with the instruction we have received years previously concerning our own educational work. It therefore behooves us to ever be on the alert as to what is going on and recognize the attitude we should sustain to the same, ever keeping in mind the true pattern that has been given to us.

The economic condition of a people and the law of supply and demand frequently have much to do with the changes that take place.

Looking at education in general, it may be pointed out that so much emphasis has been placed upon the formal training and the class-room teaching that the great purposes of education and its relationship to the problems of life have almost been lost sight of. For the best accomplishment, it is most desirable that a happy balance in this respect be found. Failure in this matter is one of the common failures in what we term worldly education. This same failure has entered our own ranks to an altogether too great degree.

I think it is quite well conceded among educators that the systems of education in general vogue are not closely enough associated with the daily affairs of life, and that theory and practice are too far apart. The instruction which we have received concerning industrial training and work in our schools would, I believe, if properly followed, obviate this criticism that is made in general against education. I realize it is much easier to state a policy or a

principle than it is to actually make that principle take root and function. I am very much inclined to believe that our failures are not chargeable to deliberate planning contrary to this instruction, but are due to failure to have the initiative and vision to bring these plans to their full fruition.

It is difficult for me to discuss this question of aims and objectives without at least making reference to the teacher—the personality that gives life and power and force to all that is accomplished in any school. He needs the best and most thorough training, the broadest possible outlook and technical understanding; he needs a penetrative insight into humanity; he needs a consecrated and devoted heart and a love for humanity that is greatly magnified in his love for children and youth. His grasp of the lesson he is teaching must be so accurate and complete and broad, and his familiarity with method so inclusive that in all of his teaching the youth is the centre of his thought and not the material or method which is serving him. The child and not the subject is the paramount purpose of teaching. The true teacher needs the ability to draw inspiration and courage and power from the youthful response to his labour of love and sympathy. Some one has said that “the durable satisfactions of life come faster and remain longer for the live and growing teacher than to anyone else in the world.” No one can experience all of these needs and characteristics without first having been motivated by the spirit of the Great Teacher—this is the need of every worker in Christian education. The spirit and tone of a school is much more dependent upon the experience, personality, devotion, and sympathy of the teacher than upon the curriculum or any of the material equipment. The training, the power, the ability to do creative thinking, the growth of the student is far more dependent upon the spirit of the teacher than upon the lesson of the hour.

In order that the teachers in this Division may possess these characteristics and become teachers filled with power and inspiration, there is great need of teachers' institutes and summer schools. In visiting the various schools we met a few who had real teaching power. This was probably mostly because of their own ingenuity. Many of the remainder might, through proper training and association with teachers of inspiration, have their own candles lighted and become true channels through whom many a youth may be filled with the spirit of life.

Oh, that every Seventh-day Adventist child the world over might have the privilege of being under the care of such a teacher!

“There should be general education of all its [the family's] members and

all of our youth should be permitted to have the blessings and privileges of an education at our schools, that they may be inspired to become labourers together with God. They all need an education that they may be fitted for usefulness, qualified for places of responsibility in both private and public life.”—“*Councils to Teachers*,” page 44.

“The highest class of education is that which will give such knowledge and discipline as will lead to the best development of character and will fit the soul for that life which measures with the life of God.”—*Id.*, page 45.

True Christian education will bring one into the possession of his spiritual and intellectual inheritance. It will widen and enlarge the vision, it will emphasize and intensify the opportunities that are ours, it will soften and make tender the heart, filling it with sympathy and love. It will broaden and expand the mind and lead it into individual and creative thinking.

On page 49 of “*Councils to Teachers*” is a wonderful statement of the objectives of all education:

“To bring man back into harmony with God, so to elevate and ennoble his moral nature that he may again reflect the image of the Creator, is the great purpose of all the education and discipline of life.”

As we study our instruction concerning education, and read the story of the great teachers and scholars of the past, I do not see how any of us can escape the deep conviction that not only is religion and Bible study compatible with profound scholarship, but that all true scholarship rests on religion and the plain teachings of the Word of God, and that all great teachers are motivated by the spirit of Him who gave His life that we might have life and have it more abundantly. As Adventist educators who claim contact with the Master and the Bible as the foundation of our learning and scholarship, do we realize the great opportunities for unlimited achievement that are ours? Do we sense our responsibilities? I am fully convinced that if we fail to make our impress upon educational thought, it is because of our own personal lack of applying the principles we claim to represent. As we study the needs of India in the light of our instruction in Christian education, can we come to any other conclusion than that this is India's greatest need? The poverty, the darkness and superstition, can only be dispelled by the knowledge of Him who is soon to come and redeem His children. The task of carrying this message to India can only be completed by magnifying in the minds and hearts of this people the principles of true education.

“To dwell forever in this home of the blest, to bear in soul, body, and spirit, not the dark traces of sin and the

curse, but the perfect likeness of our Creator, and through ceaseless ages to advance in wisdom, in knowledge, and in holiness, ever exploring new fields of thought, ever finding new wonders and new glories, ever increasing in capacity to know and to enjoy and to love, knowing that there is still beyond us joy and love and wisdom infinite,—such is the object to which the Christian's hope is pointing, for which the Christian is preparing. To secure this education, and to aid others to secure it, should be the object of the Christian's life.”—*Id.*, page 55.

May the work of this Council cause these principles of Christian education to enter our hearts so deeply that as we go back to our fields of labour, each of us will be great dynamos of power in inspiring each teacher with the responsibilities and opportunities that are his. May each of them catch the vision and enlarge and magnify their connection with the Great Teacher. May the children and youth of India, Burma, and Ceylon be greatly uplifted because of the currents of thought and action that are started at this meeting. May it be a mighty power in hastening the day of His coming.

VISITING MISSIONS IN AFRICA

W. E. READ

[The following paragraphs were gleaned from a personal letter from Pastor Read to Elder Wilson.]

IT HAD been arranged by the brethren that some of us should visit our missions in Africa during the winter months and it may be you will be interested in a brief account of our journey. We were very happy to have Brother Turner join with us in this visit to Africa. We arrived at Mombasa on January 2, and spent three weeks in Kenya Colony and one week in Uganda. During this time we were able to see each of our mission stations, contact our missionaries and their families in their respective locations, have quite a number of meetings with our believers, institutes with our African workers, and a general meeting of our European missionaries and their wives at Gendia Mission Station. At this meeting our missionaries and their families from both Uganda and Kenya were present.

We were very glad indeed for the many encouraging features of the work in both fields. The Lord is certainly blessing our missionaries in their work, but many of them are carrying burdens which are almost impossible to bear. Some of them are pressed almost beyond measure with the heavy tasks that fall to them. The work is growing in those fields, and while they are developing our African workers and laying increasing

burdens upon them, yet it seems that the time has come when we must strengthen the work in many ways.

One meeting at Gendia, and that on the Sabbath, brought together fully 5,000 of our people. We had the meeting under a large spreading fig tree, and we had a very blessed season together. The European workers' meeting proved to be a season of real spiritual blessing. All our hearts were encouraged. As we joined together in Bible study, prayer, and testimony, the Lord certainly spoke to our hearts, and the meeting proved to be a means of real spiritual strength to all concerned.

We then made our way across Africa as per arrangements made a number of months ago. We left Kampala for the westward journey; crossed the Belgian Congo and French Equatorial Africa over to the Northern Cameroons territory. After spending a little while at our mission station at Dogba, we pressed on into Nigeria, our first contact being at Jengre, where Brother John Hyde is located in Northern Nigeria. We were due to reach there on February 11, but we were able to get through by February 10, one day before the scheduled time. We feel very grateful that we have been able to keep all our appointments and to keep them on time. We were providentially protected so that no accident befell us on the way. We were blessed with health and strength, and really, as we look back upon the journey, we feel deeply grateful to the Lord for the many rich blessings He gave to us.

While in Nigeria, we had some very helpful meetings. There were three camp-meetings, one at Awton with about 400 in attendance; one at Ahoada in Southeastern Nigeria, with something over 600 in attendance; and the largest at Aba, which is in the Niger Delta, with over 6,000 people present on Sabbath and Sunday. These were wonderful meetings, seasons of real blessing to our believers as they gathered together. At the Ahoada camp-meeting 83 were baptized while at the Aba camp-meeting 326 were led forward in this sacred ordinance.

A visit to our African missions brings real joy and courage to our hearts, especially as we see what God has wrought during the years. The large numbers attending our Sabbath schools and the numbers that are being baptized today are an evidence of the blessing of the Lord upon His people and His work, and a very definite evidence that His Spirit is moving the hearts of men and women. There are so many wonderful triumphs of grace; men and women who had been steeped in superstition and evil have been saved by the power of God and are now witnessing mightily for the truth that has brought

them deliverance. Medicine men and others who have been practising deception through the years have burned their paraphernalia, turned away from the old heathen ways, and are now clothed and in their right minds, and in many instances are lay preachers of the advent message. We can be very grateful for the returns we are seeing from the investments we make in our mission fields. The sacrifice and the labour of our dear brethren at home is being amply repaid in these many souls who are being led from darkness to light.

So far as actual work in the field is concerned, one of the great problems facing our missionaries is to know what

to do with the multitudinous calls that are pressing in upon them. In all parts of the Division territory in Africa, people are pleading for workers; chiefs travel many miles to make their urgent pleas; delegations come from long distances and plead, many of them with tears in their eyes, for a worker to teach their people about God. This is certainly a wonderful day of opportunity.

Personally I have come back from Africa full of courage for the future of the work there. It was a great joy to meet our European workers, to see them at their tasks, and to have the privilege of worshipping and counselling with them.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. D. Thomas

Secretary.

THE MINISTER AND THE SABBATH SCHOOL

I. H. EVANS

WE AS ministers should ever remember that the Sabbath school means much to our church membership. In the Sabbath school we have the church at study, with the Bible as the textbook. The Holy Spirit indited the Scriptures, and through them God is talking to His people. The Sabbath school is the only capacity in which, in an organized way, the church studies the Word of God.

It is also well for us to know, and on occasion to state, that the Sabbath school lessons are prepared with great care. They are worthy of study by us as ministers, however well informed we may be. In what better way can workers add to their knowledge of the Scriptures than by careful study of each lesson throughout the year? The notes could be collected and arranged as a commentary on the Scriptures. In process of time a wide range of topics has been studied, notes have been assembled, and the minister has a whole arsenal of material that is invaluable for his ministry and preaching.

Generally, if the minister attends the Sabbath school, so does the available church membership. If he shows an interest in the Sabbath school, his example is an inspiration to every one who attends. He is the real church leader, a kind of pace-setter. What he does is persuasive because he is a minister. On the other hand, if he shows little interest in the Sabbath school, is it not likely that those who do attend will conclude that the minister regards the Sabbath school as of minor importance?

There may be occasions when the minister does not have the physical vigour to attend the Sabbath school, and immediately to follow this service with

a strong sermon; yet he can make his offering and help in many other ways to build up the Sabbath school. If the minister has strength to serve as teacher in some class, it adds to the interest of the school. A minister teaching a regular class is a fine example to all.

If every minister and worker would join in persuading the delinquent church members to join the Sabbath school and to attend it regularly, we would soon have a membership larger than that of the church.

The Sabbath School Department says that the Sabbath schools lack nearly 25 per cent of having a full church membership attendance. Is this true where you lead? The General Conference is trying to remedy this grave situation, which constitutes a serious menace to our spirituality and growth. If all would attend the Sabbath school, there would be a great change for the better in a short time. There would be less indifference in attending church, less unbelief, less apostasy. If young or old absent themselves from Sabbath school, with no good reason save a lack of desire to study the Word of God, it means but a lapse of time till they will be drifting from the truth.

The isolated may join the family group; the feeble and aged, the individual school, or home division. Then the cradle roll brings in the very young, so that the Sabbath school membership should greatly exceed the church membership.

Should not our ministry undertake to see that one hundred per cent of our church membership are members of the Sabbath school? The Sabbath school motto is, "Every church member a member of the Sabbath school." Let us undertake to make it a fact.—"The Ministry."



Pastor Pierson, Miss Tuckey, and the baptismal candidates in Bombay.

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BOMBAY BAPTISM

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ON THE evening of April 17th, when all the world was celebrating the great festival Easter, a baptismal service was conducted in the big tent at Bombay. It was indeed very fitting that at this time, when all minds were being directed toward the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, eleven should be buried with their Lord in baptism.

The font, which had been constructed in the tent, looked very nice. It was beautifully decorated with flowers, with green ferns as a background.

The attention of the overflowing audience during the short sermon preceding the baptism was excellent. Many had never witnessed a baptism by immersion before, and so it was very interesting, and all enjoyed it. Indeed, this service brought great joy to the hearts of workers and church members and gave them courage to work on. Never before had so many been baptized at one time in Bombay, and it would seem that such movements are under the power and the Spirit of God. Surely Bombay saw a happy day, and our brethren and sisters in Southern Asia rejoice with us to see the advances the work is making here as in other places.

There are at present a large number in a baptismal class, and from this number it is hoped as many more will be ready for baptism in a few months. A good number have been studying for some months, and so will be fully instructed and prepared to go forward.

Indeed we have much to encourage us, and may we all press the battle ere the night comes, for the coming of the Lord is fast approaching. We ask an interest in the prayers of our brethren and sisters for the work in the "Gateway City" of India.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

"THE ORIENTAL WATCHMAN AND HERALD OF HEALTH"

A. GEORGE RODGERS

It WILL be recollected that the ORIENTAL WATCHMAN was the subject of special promotion during the month of February last; and whilst the campaign could have been even more successful, we are indeed grateful to all those who took advantage of the reduced price offer. We welcome our new readers to our ever-increasing circle of friends, and feel confident that they, too, like thousands of our other readers throughout the world, have by this time become enthusiastic recipients of this excellent journal.

Elder Dick, Secretary of the General Conference, just prior to his leaving Bombay, found opportunity, despite his multitudinous duties, to write us concerning the ORIENTAL WATCHMAN, and his remarks, coming as they do from one of considerable experience, are most welcome and refreshing. He writes thus:

"My observations while in this field have led me to believe there is a very great need of an attractive wholesome and scientifically reliable health journal suited to the needs of India, Burma, and

Ceylon. I believe that the ORIENTAL WATCHMAN AND JOURNAL OF HEALTH admirably meets this need, and I sincerely trust that this good magazine will enjoy an increasingly large circulation. I commend your efforts to this end."

We are most happy to add Elder Dick's name to our lengthy list of WATCHMAN enthusiasts; and as was indicated in the photograph in our last issue, we were fortunate, too, in obtaining proof positive of Brother Conard's "allegiance" also.

SOWING THE SEEDS IN FAITH

W. A. BUTLER

"VERILY, verily, I [Jesus] say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." (John 12:24.) Note the emphasis and intensity with which the Master teaches

Statistical Report of the S

NAME OF UNION OR MISSION	Organized Churches	Membership Last Reported	Members Added			
			By Baptism	By Profession of Faith	By Letter	
BURMA UNION						
Irrawaddy Mission ...	8	354	58	1	3	
Tennasserim Mission ...	3	144	...	1	5	
North Burma Mission ...	2	138	...	1	2	
Totals ...	12	636	58	...	10	
NORTHEAST INDIA UNION						
Assam Mission ...	1	6	6	...	1	
Bengal Mission ...	13	381	9	...	9	
Bihar Mission ...	8	354	1	...	14	
Orissa Mission ...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	22	771	16	...	24	
NORTHWEST INDIA UNION						
United Provinces ...	10	592	29	2	26	
Punjab Mission ...	6	592	...	4	...	
Sind Mission ...	1	18	...	...	2	
Unorganized Missions ...	1	34	...	...	...
Totals ...	18	1,146	29	6	23	
SOUTH INDIA UNION						
Ceylon Mission ...	4	136	...	...	...
Malayalam Mission ...	20	752	140	...	...
Kanarese Mission ...	5	215	...	...	11	
Telugu Mission ...	15	580	37	19	38	
Tamil Mission ...	20	563	89	1	38	
Totals ...	64	2,246	266	20	87	
WESTERN INDIA UNION						
Gujerat Mission ...	1	30	3	...	2	
Marathi Mission ...	10	560	8	...	5	
Central Provinces ...	1	28	...	...	...
Central India ...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals ...	12	618	11	...	7	
Burma Union						
Burma Union ...	12	636	58	...	10	
Northeast India Union ...	22	771	16	...	24	
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South India Union ...	64	2,246	266	20	87	
Western India Union ...	12	618	11	...	7	
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Division Totals ...	128	5,417	380	26	156	

His fellows the secret of fruitful seed-sowing in the spiritual realm—"Verily! Verily!" Only a few times in the Scriptures is this form of expression used, and it always marks a principle of truth which must be recognized, remembered, and obeyed. "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone"—fruitless. "But if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

The farmer gives us a striking example of faith, in that he throws away all the seed upon which he depends for his crop. Just as surely as the farmer scatters the seed far and wide over the field, knowing that when it falls into the ground and dies it will in due time yield an increase, so surely may the sower of gospel seed expect fruitage when he complies with the conditions involved in God's plan for a spiritual harvest. The lesson which the Saviour would impart to you and me is this: "All who would bring forth fruit as workers together with Christ,

must first fall into the ground and die. *The life must be cast into the furrow of the world's need....* The husbandman preserves his grain by casting it away. So in human life, To give is to live. The life that will be preserved is the life that is freely given in service to God and man."—"Desire of Ages," p. 623.

"EVADING DUTY"

HOWEVER much we may desire to do so, we cannot evade the God-given responsibility that attaches to every normal person upon this earth. We shall all be called to account, not only for the wrong actions of our lives, but also for the influence of our actions upon the lives of others.

Our failures to live up to this responsibility may be briefly classified under two heads, those of omission, and those of commission. We shall emphasize the sin of omission, because this

sin is apt to be viewed lightly; but let it be remembered it brought the curse of God upon the people of Meroz. (Judges 5.) It was not what they had done, so much as what they failed to do that drew upon them the bitter denunciation of Heaven. They sought to evade their responsibilities; they failed to recognize that a refusal to go to the help of the cause of God in a time of need was a sin of the first magnitude. It is well to remember that what was true in those days of ancient Israel is just as true today.

Hundreds of millions of unprepared souls will soon be called upon to meet the Judge of all the earth. The harvest truly is great, the army of helpers small. "The agencies of evil are combining and consolidating their forces, they are strengthening for the last great crisis" against Prince Immanuel. Shall we, the followers of Jesus, stand as idle spectators of the struggle? Will there be any excuse at such a time as this, if we fail

Eastern Asia Division of Seventh-day Adventists, Quarter Ending December 31, 1937

Members Dropped	By Apostasy	By Letter	Church Membership at Close of Quarter	Ordained Ministers		Licensed Minister		Licensed Missionaries		Colporteurs		Other Workers		Total Workers		Tithe		Foreign Mission Offerings	Sabbath School Offerings	Contributions for Home Mission Work	Contributions for Local Church Work	No. of Sabbath Schools	Sabbath School Membership	Retail Book and Periodical Sales
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to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty foe?

We might, like Pilate, seek to wash our hands of guilt; but if souls we might have helped go down into perdition without warning, shall we not merit the rebuke found in Eze. 33:8? We cannot plead lack of opportunity, for God has in His providence opened up to this people wonderful avenues of service. If we are not eloquent, we can give a tract or lend or sell a good missionary paper. Are we busy? We can in our business relationships at least lend or sell some of our good books or papers which are brimful of present truth.

Even physical disabilities need not prevent our responding to go up to the help of the Lord. We recall the story

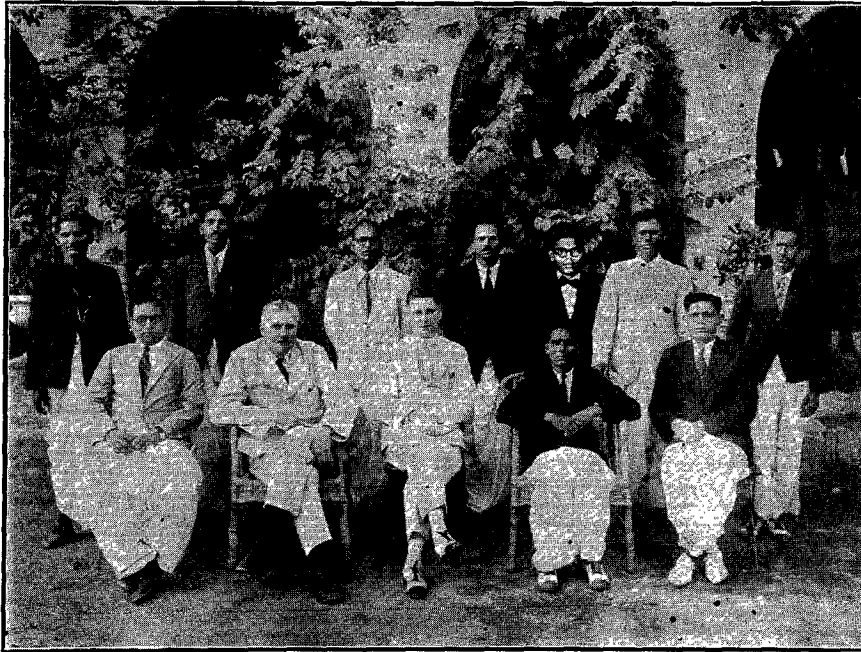
of an old Russian who was hampered by an impediment in his speech. His method was to secure a tract or some article dealing directly with the message. He would then sally forth and ask some friend or neighbour to read the article to him. Later he would take them another article on another phase of the message, and would repeat the process until the person had received all the truth. Thus he won many souls for the kingdom of God.

There is an old saying that where there is a will there is a way, so we can all enter heartily into this "Win-One" campaign, and thus come up to the help of the Lord against the forces of evil. The good Book says, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power." Surely, brethren, we are in that day. God is counting in you!—*Selected.*

SOUTH INDIA UNION

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Workers who attended the Telugu Institute and took part in the Bezwada evangelistic effort.

TELUGU WORKERS' INSTITUTE AND BEZWADA EVANGELISTIC EFFORT

A. E. RAWSON

"EVANGELISM," "Evangelistic Efforts"—these expressions are commonplace and almost hackneyed to our foreign workers. We not only know the meaning of these terms, we also know what they involve. The question is, do our indigenous workers comprehend the full meaning of these expressions? Do they know how to start an effort and how to bring it to a successful close? I fear many do not. Many are willing to learn how,

but have we who know been faithful teachers?

During our recent evangelistic effort at Bezwada many of the Telugu workers who assisted in the effort were surprised at the procedure and methods used, and astonished at the results. Dozens of times they mentioned that they had been told to hold efforts and how they had been encouraged to push forward and give the message of truth to the public, but had never before been shown how. The theory of evangelizing by evangelistic efforts had been given, but the actual working out of the theoretical instruction was missing. The daily cry was,

"The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear;
Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear."

Is it that many of our indigenous workers are like sheep without shepherds? Napoleon achieved his successes not by theorizing the methods of warfare and conquest with his soldiers, but by saying, "Come." He led the way. May we as local mission superintendents be leaders, and may we by example and precept teach our soldiers the correct method of warfare in evangelizing India for Christ.

The effort at Bezwada was conducted primarily to give the institute workers practical experience. Although much of our time that would have ordinarily been spent in visiting was spent in class work, the workers, ten in all, rendered willing and faithful service in making the effort not only instructive, practical, and interesting, but soul-winning.

I am glad to report that as a direct result of this effort twelve people are now keeping the Sabbath and are waiting for baptism. Among this number is Dr. Grace John, Mr. Victor John, and two nurses. Dr. Grace John is operating her own private nursing home and dispensary and is assisted by the Harris sisters who are registered nurses.

In a recent letter from the doctor to Mrs. Rawson, she writes:

"We cannot express the joy we had in attending the lectures, and we are very grateful to Pastor Rawson for the light he has given us. It is really a wonderful message that we heard through him, and our only desire is to pass it on to others and especially to tell my own people about this wonderful truth.... May God help us not to be hearers only, but doers of what we have heard."

Mr. and Mrs. Prakasa Rao and son, property owners and well-to-do influential people of Bezwada, are also rejoicing in the truth and are awaiting baptism. Mr. Prakasa Rao is remodelling one of his buildings to accommodate our worker, and to make provision for a meeting place.

There are many more who have accepted the truth and who are endeavouring to get Sabbath concessions. Pastor G. Isaiah, who is leading out in the work there, writes that many are taking regular Bible studies, and that there are good prospects for a rich harvest of souls.

I trust that the TIDINGS family will pray for the work in Bezwada.

ANNUAL MEETING AT KOLLEGAL, MYSORE STATE

G. G. LOWRY

A VERY delightful week-end was spent at Kollegal attending the annual meeting held at that place. The meeting

was held in our church which is located in the edge of the town. Six meetings each day were held and there was a good attendance at all of them. In addition to our workers and people, some of whom had come from quite a distance, there were a number of people from the town who came to the meeting.

We were impressed with the neat appearance and orderly conduct of the people; and when we learned that most of them were non-Christians only four years ago, we felt to praise God for what He had done for this people. The lay members paid their own way to and from the meetings and supplied their own food. We were happy to see these new members being trained along right lines in these matters. From the reports we heard at this meeting it appears that the prospects are very bright for the work in this district.

At the Sabbath school there were 150 present, and other meetings during our stay here were just as well attended. At the close of the Sabbath, five persons were baptized by Brother Rawson and added to the church.

The foreigners who attended the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Rawson, and Betty, E. M. Meleen, E. W. Pohlman, and G. G. Lowry. Aside from our three Kanarese workers, namely, C. K. John, A. D. Jonathan, and J. S. Joshua, Brethren I. K. Moses, V. V. Krishnayya, Y. Chelliah, J. S. Moses, and I. R. Thomas, of Bangalore and Spicer College, also attended. These brethren were helpful in conducting the music, acting as interpreters, and assisting in other ways.

In this particular part of the Kanarese field we have two churches with a baptized membership of seventy-two, two Sabbath schools with 105 members, two day schools, and two full-time workers. More workers are urgently needed to help gather in the harvest which is ripe and ready for the reapers.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

J. M. Steeves, Secretary

IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS

THE governments require special training for the different lines of service to which employees are called. As a denomination we give specific training for colporteurs, nurses, teachers, ministers, and doctors. But of all people who need special training and help, none need it more than parents,—those who are now parents, as well as the potential parents of the future.

The mother, for instance, in order to do her work acceptably, must be a nurse, a teacher, a cook, a housekeeper, a dressmaker, a disciplinarian, and a spiritual guardian as well. And the Christian

“MAN—HERE AND HEREAFTER”

A NEW SABBATH SCHOOL HELP

THE Sabbath school lessons for the third quarter of 1938 begin with the study on the condition of man in death. Faced with the generally accepted belief in the immortality of man, it is incumbent upon every Seventh-day Adventist to be able to prove conclusively that man is mortal. You may believe it, but can you prove it?

Think of this: “If man is immortal, every being that ever lived is now somewhere and alive. Stupendous and awful is such a thought! Where are they? Can they return to earth and communicate with friends by means of seances?”

“Man—Here and Hereafter” is written by Elder M. L. Andreasen, President of Union College. He discusses each question in detail, and offers a vast array of evidences which irrefutably prove that man is mortal. It is the most complete yet understandable study of this question ever presented. Note the chapter titles:

1. Man Here and Hereafter.
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3. Man Made “In the Image of God.”
4. The Hellish Doctrine of Hell.
5. Why an Eternal Hell Is Impossible.
6. Why Not Go to Heaven at Death?
7. Will God Give Us a Fair Trial?
8. We Reject Eternal Torment.
9. The Rich Man and Lazarus.
10. Will Sinners Live Forever?
11. Why Sinners Must Die.

This book will aid you to a fuller understanding of this important subject, and will enable you to meet the many specious arguments advanced by those who believe man is immortal. It is an excellent book to loan. You want it, don't you? Contains 80 pages. Paper bound.

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father must be much more than a breadwinner for his immediate family. He must assume responsibility in large measure for the thought-life of his own household; and must provide much of the inspirational material and influence for the spiritual development not only of his family, but of the church as well. He is to stand as an example, a leader, a pattern for every young person who comes within the sphere of his acquaintance and influence. Surely this denomination needs to give special attention to the training of parents.

Everything we can do to strengthen and instruct the parents will be reflected in the homes and families of our constituency. Whatever helps the home, helps the church.

—V. T. ARMSTRONG.

MISS KINGSTON ARRIVES

ON MAY the 6th Miss Kingston reached Bombay on board the S. S. “Strathaird” from Australia. She spent the week-end in Poona at headquarters and has proceeded to her new place of labour, Vincent Hill School in Mussoorie, where she is to be the head of the music department.

We feel sure that our staff of workers and school patrons will receive the news of Miss Kingston's coming with joy, and join in extending to her a most warm and hearty welcome.

We feel very fortunate in securing the services of one so well qualified for the work as Miss Kingston. She has her L. R. S. M., A. T. C. L. and A. Mus. A. (Australia), which places her in a position to contribute substantially to the musical education of our students in Vincent Hill School. She has had many years of experience, having taught music for eleven years in Australia, four of which were spent at our West Australia Mission College. Her experience in chorus and in choir work, together with her training which qualifies her to instruct in vocal art, will be of great value to her in her work in the school.

Music is indeed vital and fundamental to our young people's education. We are most happy to know that in Vincent Hill School our young people are to benefit by this good help; incidentally, this is now an additional good reason why Vincent Hill School is the best place for our sons and daughters.

The school has been anxiously awaiting her arrival and a united welcome awaits her by the school family in Mussoorie.

Courage is ours anew when we see these competent additions to our staff of educational workers in Southern Asia.

J. M. STEEVES.

Eastern Tidings

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ACHALGANJ MEDICAL WORK

It is with great joy that we, after a long time, are reporting about the work being done here. We people are greatly benefitted with the Lord's blessings. We are carrying on our medical work here on the basis laid down by the Testimonies to the Church, and we are proud to say that due to our efforts we have found access to the hearts and homes of people who are down-trodden, and who are laden with disease and sin.

During this last quarter we treated about two hundred patients, and are glad to report that four educated youths gave up their habits of drinking and smoking; and one of them became a member of our little home Sabbath school, and is a staunch believer of our faith. We are not disheartened that we could not win a single soul for the Lord, but our hopes are strengthened that the Lord's words would never return void.

We always receive assistance from Elder Conley and Sister Sandberg. Lately, we received some literature from Calcutta and Simla. I do not know who sent it, but I heartily thank the brethren who help me in this great cause, and pray all to please send me their used literature, especially health magazines, for there are lives who yearn to hear the right ways and to understand the laws of nature and the healing ways of our Saviour. Who knows how many may be saved through our united efforts!

Please remember and pray for our humble work at Achalganj and its suburbs.

DR. A. P. WILLIAMS.

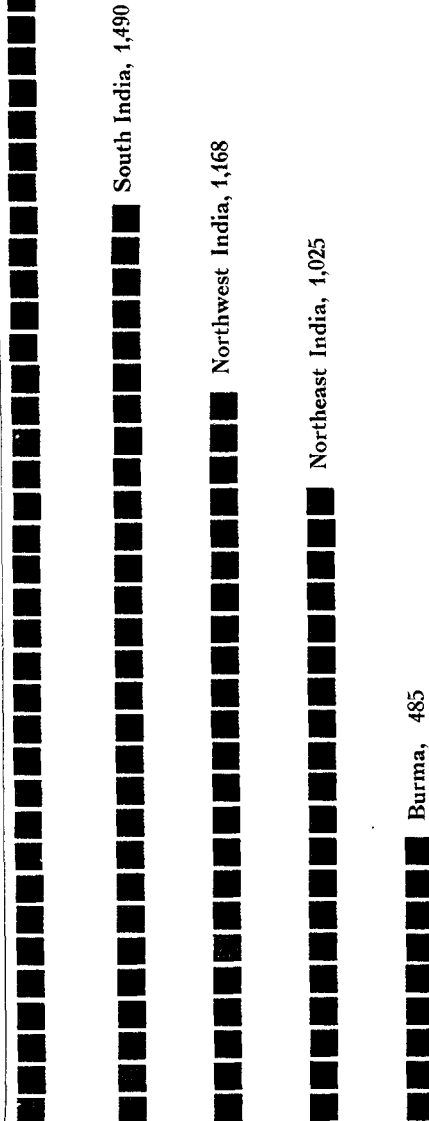
"Oriental Watchman" Subscription Goal Chart

(Each square represents
50 subscriptions)

W. India, 2,301	Division Total	...	6,469
	Foreign	...	52
	Total April 30th, 1938	...	6,521
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	" April 30th, 1937	...	6,134
	Loss over previous month		151
	Gain " " year		387

DIVISION GOAL
10,000

UNION GOAL
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CHURCH CALENDAR 1938

Uplift Rally Day and Campaign	To be set by Union Committees
Missionary Volunteer Rally Day	To be set by Union Committees
Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer	To be set by Union Committees
Home Missionary Day	First Sabbath in each month
Sabbath School Rally Day	June 18
Tithe Covenant Day	July 16
Colporteur Rally Day	August 6
"Eastern Tidings" Offering	August 13
Spirit of Prophecy Day	September 10
Big Week	October 1-8
Week of Prayer	December 3-10
Annual Offering	December 10

POONA PARAGRAPHS

PASTOR Wilson spent a few days in the office recently on his way from north India to Burma.

Dr. E. Hughes, who has been connected with the Nuzvid Hospital for the last five years, spent several days at Poona just prior to sailing for furlough on May 12th. Dr. Hughes expects to meet Pastor and Mrs. R. E. Loasby at Karachi, who are also leaving at this time for furlough, and together they will visit Iraq, Syria, Palestine, and other points of interest en route to America.

Pastor and Mrs. T. J. Michael and son Daren, and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Campbell sailed for Wales on the 7th of May on S. S. "Strathaird." We wish them a very pleasant and profitable furlough.

Other missionaries who have recently left for furlough are Pastor and Mrs. Le Roy Hunter, Pastor L. E. Allen and family, Pastor R. J. Borrowdale and family, and Pastor and Mrs. H. D. Strever.

Miss Aenid Newman is spending her vacation at her home in Burma.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Voorhees and infant daughter are visiting in Poona for a few days prior to sailing for America on the 19th of May. We are very sorry that Brother and Sister Voorhees are compelled to return to their homeland on account of his health, and trust that in a more favourable climate he may soon be restored to normal health again.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SERVICES

NOTE TO LEADERS

ON THE first Sabbath of the year most of our people pledged that they would win at least one soul during the year 1938. We now have spent nearly half of the year. It would therefore be fitting if we could give a few minutes on the first Sabbath of the month of June to the congregation so that they might give expression to the blessings they have received in their efforts to win souls and the success they have achieved so far. If there is any one among the congregation who failed to sign this pledge card at the beginning of the year, he or she might be given another opportunity to do so. Apostle Peter says: "I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance."

E. D. THOMAS.

WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?

J. C. H. COLLETT

WHAT is Christianity? How important it is that we should be concerned over this question. Our own salvation is involved in a correct understanding of what Christianity is and of what it means to be a Christian, and salvation of others, too, whom we contact, for we read in Vol. IX, p. 21: "Let us remember that a Christlike life is the most powerful argument that can be advanced in favour of Christianity, and that a cheap Christian character works more harm in the world than the character of a worldling."

The simplest statement of what Christianity is, and of what it means to be a Christian is that it means to live like Christ for Christ's sake. Christ must be the example; Christ must also be the mainspring and the motive. The love of Christ must constrain us to live as Christ lived. To bring about this result in our lives from day to day, we need a daily renewal of spiritual strength which can be ours only as we daily take the time to feed upon spiritual food. The analogy here is complete. To give a daily demonstration of physical life, expressed, as it is, in work and accomplishment, we need a daily ration of physical food, for the physical forces within us are continually being exhausted and need to be renewed. So, to give a daily demonstration of spiritual life, expressed in Christlikeness, we need a daily ration of spiritual food, for the spiritual forces within us are likewise being continually used up and need renewal, or spiritual life must terminate. This daily ration of spiritual

FIRST SABBATH SUGGESTIVE MISSIONARY PROGRAM

Sabbath, June 4, 1938.

TOPIC: "PERSONAL WORK"

Opening Song: No. 548, "Christ in Song."
 Scripture Reading: John 4:35, 36.
 Prayer.
 Secretary's Report.
 Song: No. 542, "Christ in Song."
 Readings:
 What Is Christianity?
 Pressing Forward With the "Win One" Movement.
 Personal Work.
 The Sword of the Spirit.
 Song: No. 582, "Christ in Song."
 Benediction.
 (Note. Let our Vernacular Church Leaders select some appropriate lyrics or hymns.)

food consists in studying and meditating upon the life of Christ and the principles of His kingdom in His Book, and in praying for grace to make the principles studied realities in the life.

It would be fruitless to talk of the *what* of Christianity and of being a Christian if we left out of consideration the *how* of the matter; hence the few lines just written on that point. But now to get to the *what* of the question; Christianity and being a Christian means, as has been stated, being like Christ for Christ's sake. What was Christ like? When He was born the angels sang, "Peace on earth, good will toward men." He is called "the Prince of Peace." Therefore, being like Christ means first that we shall be at peace with all men and be overflowing with goodwill toward all. This does not admit of a single exception. He said, "Love your enemies." There must not be a single person towards whom we entertain anything but cordial feelings. We are too prone to take offence, to become offended with people, to hate them because we envy them, and if there is any individual towards whom we feel angry, then if we wish to be Christlike, we ought without delay to get on perfectly friendly terms with that individual. This is the A B C of Christianity and of being a Christian. It is for this reason that the thirteenth chapter of first Corinthians declares that though possessed of every other Christian qualification, we are as a sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal if we do not feel absolutely cordial toward every one of our brothers and sisters in Adam and in Christ.

Christ was separated from sin, and if we would be Christians we, too, must be so separated. To be separated from sin we must keep the ten commandments in

their broad meaning. We must keep them in letter and in spirit. David says, "Thy commandment is exceeding broad." We ought to make ourselves acquainted with the breadth of meaning attaching to each of the ten commandments. We are too prone to treat them lightly. We ought to remember their position in the most holy place, and that they have been sanctified by the precious blood of Christ, so that breaking any one of them presumptuously is the equivalent of wilfully treading under foot the Son of God.

Christ was separated from the world, and if we would be Christians, it must be the same with us. "Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God?" James 4:4. We must be in the world but not of the world. We must come out and be separated and "touch not the unclean thing." We must do this in respect of diet, dress, reading, and recreation. We must remember that one third of our distinctive message is the "come out of Babylon" message, and that it is given with a strong voice.

Christ was dedicated to soul-saving service, and we must be, too, if we would represent Christianity aright before the world. We are "saved to serve," and we must serve to save. It is not just service that is required of us, but every item of service must be definitely and consciously directed towards the saving of souls. When the angel at night opened the prison doors and brought the apostles out, he commanded them, "Go, stand and speak . . . to the people all the words of this life." This was the nature of Christ's soul-saving work, and it must be the nature of our soul-saving work as Christians. Our commission is a very simple one. All we are asked to do is, in the first

place, to go, and then to speak, to exhort, to warn, to plead. To make our words effective, our resources, our talents, our time, our means, must, at the cost of much personal sacrifice, be placed at the disposal of the work. This is the example Christ set, even to the yielding up of His life for us; and therein must be found our motive in desiring to live the Christ life. When Christ is revealed from heaven in the second advent He will proclaim, "Gather My saints together unto Me; those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice." Ps. 50:5. We must be as committed, as dedicated to this work as Christ was. It was His meat and drink. Of Him it is said, "Wherever He was, in the synagogue, by the wayside, in the boat thrust out a little from the land, at the Pharisee's feast or the table of the publican, He spoke to men of the things pertaining to the higher life. The things of nature, the events of daily life, were bound up by Him with the words of truth. So it should be with us. Wherever we are, we should watch for opportunities of speaking to others of the Saviour. If we follow Christ's example in doing good, hearts will open to us as they did to Him.... This is the very highest work in which we can employ the talent of speech. It was given to us that we might present Christ as the sin-pardoning Saviour." *C. O. L. pp. 338, 339.*

No doubt Christianity means other things, but time and space forbid a more detailed examination of what it is. All that has been attempted at present has been to point out what it stands for in the main. May God grant that each one of us shall know as a living experience what Christianity is.

PRESSING FORWARD WITH THE "WIN ONE" MOVEMENT

MORE than a year of personal soul-winning effort has passed since the official adoption of the "Win One" plan by this denomination, and the record reveals a decided increase in souls won by Seventh-day Adventist laymen. In the North American Division, during 1937, we find an increase of more than 300 souls won, as compared with the record of 1936. Similar reports of a forward movement in the fruitage of evangelism continually reach the General Conference Home Missionary Department from every part of the world field. We know that back of these encouraging reports lies the inspiration that has come to our lay members in connection with the carrying out of the "Win One" plan.

This fruitful method of personal evangelism was instituted by Christ, and has been followed by the Christian Church since its organization. Winning men one by one was Christ's chosen method

of evangelism while on earth, and this was the method which He taught His disciples to follow. That the plan worked is made evident by the following: "He [Andrew] first findeth his own brother and brought him to Jesus." Here is a definiteness of purpose and a singleness of vision that always wins success. Andrew placed the finding of his brother Peter as number one in the day's program. There was nothing more important; and he persisted until he won. The next day, Jesus found Philip and called him to His service, and the same day Philip found and won Nathaniel. Thus the work continued,—every man aiming for a definite objective and pressing on toward the goal until it was reached. This simple plan of personal evangelism brought the knowledge of Christ to the world in the generation of the apostles, and it is this same plan that will carry the gospel to all the world and finish the work which has been committed to the church.

We rejoice to know that the Southern Asia Division has adopted this same simple and effective plan for the evangelization of the millions in its territory and won 162 people in 1936 and 234 in 1937. There is no experience in all the world that is to be compared with the transcending joy of soul winning. For fallen men to be permitted to have a part in the redemption of his fellowman is in itself a ministry that causes the angels to marvel, and an experience in which they greatly desire to share.

Before you, as leaders in this great division field lies the mighty challenge of bringing a saving message to about 400,000,000 people. Your success in reaching your goal depends upon placing the burden of this mighty task upon each of your 6,000 members. As you continue to encourage each member to fasten the mind on one soul at a time, crying out to God for help to save that soul within a given period of time, a mighty wave of evangelism will result, bringing with it the greatest joy and blessings ever experienced in the human heart. May God bless the "Win One" movement in the Southern Asia Division.

W. H. BERGHERM, *Associate Secretary,
General Conference Home Missionary
Department.*

PERSONAL WORK

REV. REUBEN A. TORREY, D. D.

THERE is no joy this side of heaven like the joy of bringing some one to the Lord Jesus Christ. I have heard people say that when they were converted the birds sang differently, and the trees and flowers had a new beauty, and all nature seemed to be transfigured. I had no such experience. The birds did not sing, and the sun did not shine any differently.

Although I had no great joy when I was converted, I did find joy in leading others to Jesus Christ. One of the first experiences I ever had was in leading to Christ a young woman with whom I had previously gone to balls. The first time I saw her after my conversion, I commenced to reason with her out of the Scriptures. It took two hours of talking to her, but she accepted Christ. When I left her it did seem as if the sun shone with a new light, and the birds sang with a new song, and oh, how often I have had that joy since!

The first fundamental condition of soul winning is that you yourself be thoroughly converted. A weak father begets weak children, and that is more true in the spiritual than in the natural world. What does thorough conversion involve?

First, that you put out of your life every known sin. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts." It is a good deal easier to give up our ways than our thoughts and notions. "And let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." Isa. 55:7. There are thousands of people who are trying to preach, and hundreds and thousands of people who are trying to do personal work, who are falling down in it because they have not put out of their lives every known sin. "If a man purge himself,.... he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work." II Tim. 2:21.

WHOLLY SURRENDERED LOAVES AND FISHES

The second thing involved in thorough conversion, is absolute surrender to God, for that means not merely accepting Jesus as Saviour but as Lord. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9. You must take Him as Lord, and that means absolute surrender.

"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." John 15:14. That means absolute surrender. I believe that the greatest secret of power in this world is absolute surrender. And when you and I put all that we have and all that we are at God's disposal, God takes it and uses it.

I was greatly interested some years ago in studying Matthew 14, the feeding of the five thousand with five small loaves and two small fishes. I said to myself, "Why has the Holy Spirit laid the emphasis upon the five and the two? Of course, He took the five and the two. Why that emphasis?" And it came to me that it was all they had. They only had five loaves and two fishes. They brought all they had and then Jesus

took the five and the two and multiplied them.

Suppose, Andrew had said, "These five loaves"—they were nothing but five biscuits—"what will these be among five thousand people? I'll slip one in my pocket, and I'll have a bite at least," and then brought the four loaves. They would never have gone around. Suppose Thomas had said, "Well, these two small fishes, what are they to a big crowd like this? I'll take one and have a nibble at it." But they brought the five and the two. It wasn't much, but it was all they had. Then the Lord took them and put His power into them and multiplied them.

We have very few talents, but if we will bring them and put them before the Lord, He will use them. But you hold back one, and He won't use any. Do you know why God doesn't use you? It is because you are keeping back one talent. When you bring all that you are, and all that you have, then God will use it. If your all is on the altar, you won't have to wait for God to send down the fire.

THE MAN WHO GAVE EVERYTHING AND YET FAILED

When Charles Alexander was with an evangelist, holding meetings in a town in Iowa, a very ignorant fellow was among the converts. He could not quote a verse of Scripture, but he made up his mind he was going into Christian work. If ever anybody was unfitted to go into Christian work, he was. He came to Mr. Alexander and said, "I'm going with you." "But Fred, what will you do? You can't go along with us." Fred said, "But I am, I am going with you." "Fred, what will you do? You can't preach. You can't sing. What will you do?" "I can do anything. I'll blacken your shoes. I'll do anything you want me to do, but I'm going along." Well, he went with them. Fred had very little ability, but what little he did have he gave to the Lord wholly, and in five years that ignorant boy was used to lead 1,200 souls to Christ. He had a record of their names and addresses, and he followed them up, at least that many. But he went back on his consecration. He got crazy after money and permitted known sin in his life.

Some of you say, "I am wholly consecrated; there was a time when I gave up all. I laid it on the altar." Have you kept it on the altar? That was what was the matter with Fred. He laid his all on the altar, but he picked it up again, and got into all sorts of trouble.

Brother, sister, I am talking right straight to some of you. Was there a time, in the simplicity and freshness of your young life, when your all was on

the altar? You went out into the work properly, and you wanted to shine as well as the other evangelists, and you began to send for the newspapers, and got somebody to write up your meetings for you. You began to tell how you had a thousand conversions, when you didn't have a dozen real ones, and you knew it. You began going after a reputation and the almighty dollar as hard as you could. God will do with you what He did with Fred. I tell you, we have a holy God to deal with, and it does not make a bit of difference what your experience once was; if your all is not on the altar today, God will set you aside.

There is a third thing involved in thorough conversion. It logically comes first—resting in the finished work of Christ for pardon. You will never have much power until you get peace in your own heart. As long as you are looking at your putting away every known sin and at your entire surrender, you will never have peace. Look at the finished work of Christ on the cross. You must believe what we are told in Isaiah 53:6, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." You must believe that every one of your sins was laid on Christ, all your past, present, and future. You must look to God for pardon, not because of anything you ever did, but because of what Jesus Christ did when He died in your place on Calvary. That is the trouble with some preachers. They are not resting in the finished work of Christ. They are looking at themselves instead of looking at Him.

LIVING THE VICTORIOUS LIFE

The fourth is that you receive Christ as your victory over the power of sin. There are many with only a half gospel. Paul says in I Corinthians 15:1-4, "I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures." Some have only the first half of the gospel, that He "died for our sins." They have not seen Him as the risen Christ with power to save from the power of sin.

That, then, is the first great condition in personal work. Thorough conversion involves giving up every known sin, absolute surrender, resting in the finished work, looking to the risen Christ for victory.

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

STEEN RASMUSSEN

The majority of Christian people live on a plane far below that which our Master planned for them. This is true even of workers for God. As labourers together with our great Leader, we must have more than a mere knowledge of the message and its doctrines. John the Baptist said, "I baptize you with water unto repentance, but He that cometh after me is mightier than I.... He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." We must work so that our building will stand the test of fire. In an article on the question of a new revival in evangelism, published in a prominent religious journal, we find this thought expressed, that there can be no hope of a world-encircling Holy Spirit revival without there being first a back-to-the-Bible movement. As a people, we have known all through our existence that the Word of God is the "sword of the Spirit," and that it is this weapon which is mighty in turning sinners to the Saviour of man. Where the Word of God is given its right place, it has always been like a sharp, two-edged sword, and like a fire, and like a "hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces." Pentecost is within the grasp of the church. While we must have plans and methods, as well as system and organization in our lay preaching work, we must avoid placing too much reliance for success on external matters, important as they may be, but rather seek for a deeper and more complete understanding of the truth and secret contained in the words, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

FIFTEEN-MINUTE SERVICES

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any commercial appraisal, and just now the rally call is sounding to gather up this accumulated literature and put it into circulation through reading racks, tract racks, or personal circulation. With all the good literature which enters Seventh-day Adventist homes week by week, it is an easy matter to lay it aside, after it has been read, and forget all about it until the annual house cleaning time arrives. It is most desirable to pass on the literature week by week, and not permit it to accumulate; but in spite of good intentions, it is surprising what "Literature Clean-Up Day" brings to light.

We are bidden to "treasure every fragment of literature containing the truth for this time," and it is stated, "None can estimate the influence that even a torn page containing the truths of the third angel's message may have upon the heart of some seeker after truth."—"Christian Service," p. 154.

Fifteen-Minute Services

ORDER OF SERVICE

Silent Prayer	2 minutes.
Missionary Reports	3 minutes.
Missionary Leader's Appeal on Behalf of Current Work	5 minutes.
Prayer (Congregation standing—a moment of silent prayer or benediction)	1 minute.

JUNE 4, 1938

THE SABBATH SCHOOL AS A MISSIONARY AGENCY

"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."—*Testimonies*, vol. VI, p. 29.

"The Lord desires that those who are engaged in the Sabbath school work should be missionaries, able to go forth to the towns and villages that surround the church, and give the light of life to those who sit in darkness."—*Testimonies on Sabbath School Work*, p. 74. The study of God's Word in the Sabbath school is to be followed by teaching that Word "to those who sit in darkness." We are not to wait for these darkened people to come to the Light, but we are to go forth and find them. What a wonderful combination of receiving and imparting is here revealed as God's plan for the Sabbath school. How grateful we should be for this Divine provision, and how earnestly we should strive to improve our opportunities.

And when we "go forth to the towns and villages that surround the church," and have found "those who sit in darkness," what methods of teaching are to be employed? The very same, simple, personal, direct method as that employed in the Sabbath school class; or, in other words, through the question and answer method of Bible study. How often we are told to "come close to the people" and "open the Word of God" to them. Often, after friendship has been established, these neighbourhood people will accept the invitation to attend the Sabbath school, and there, made welcome by true Christian friends, and under the inspiration of study, song and prayer, the light of truth dispels the darkness and soon they are gathered into the fold. The Sabbath school is indeed a missionary agency. Is every member of our Sabbath school a live missionary?

JUNE 11, 1938

THE MISSIONARY FIELD OF BRANCH SABBATH SCHOOLS

CHRIST is soon coming. What we hope to do for our neighbours and friends must be done now or it may be forever too late. There are thousands of people who have never heard this last message that has been entrusted to us to give to the world, and the branch Sabbath school offers to all a golden opportunity. The training and experience which is afforded through contact with our wonderful church Sabbath school organization makes it easy to conduct branch Sabbath schools. The Bible lessons have been studied and recited and reviewed in the Sabbath school proper, and the student can, with confidence, teach the same lessons to adults gathered into a small neighbourhood class. Children usually form the largest constituency of the branch Sabbath school, and the superintendent or teacher can carry on the same interesting exercises and lessons as taught in the parent Sabbath school. Papers, picture rolls, and memory verse cards can be supplied from the church Sabbath school.

A visiting tour of most any thickly settled community, where families of the poorer class are huddled together in small houses, will locate ample material for a branch Sabbath school. The next step is to find a vacant house or a shed where the children can be gathered in, and then invite them to come for a "story hour" each week. The experience of those who engage in this work is very interesting. One sister writes: "Before beginning our branch Sabbath school I called at each home on our street and invited the children. I took the picture roll that a friend had sent to me, and explained to the parents that we were going to start a children's Bible class. After printing several songs for children on large sheets of paper, I was ready to begin. We had as many as twenty-two children in attendance, and it was wonderful to see how eager they were to attend. After studying twelve lessons, we had a general meeting at the home of one of the children, and called in all the parents to hear the children

sing, repeat the memory verses, and tell what they had learned. The parents were delighted, and seeds of truth are being scattered in fertile soil."

If every church Sabbath school made it a rule to conduct one or more branch Sabbath schools or Sunday schools, thousands of people would quickly hear the last warning message. May we not hope that every Sabbath school will stand as a missionary unit in the neighbourhood, seeking out the children and their parents, and—

"Urge them to come, show them the way,
Tenderly, lovingly, bring them today;
Urge them to come, why should they roam?
Bring them along to our dear Saviour's home."

JUNE 18, 1938

MISSIONARY EXPERIENCES

THE story is told of some savages to whom was given a sun-dial. The great desire of these ignorant people to honour the giver and preserve the dial safely led them to build an enclosure and place a roof over it. However good their intentions, they made their gift useless by shutting it away from the sun. Just so, many Christians shut up their Christian experience within their hearts, and the result is a barren and fruitless Christian life.

"Wherever there is life, there is increase and growth; in God's kingdom there is a constant interchange,—taking in, and giving out; receiving, and returning to the Lord His own. God works with every true believer, and the light and blessings received are given out again in the work which the believer does. Thus the capacity for receiving is increased.

"As one imparts of the heavenly gifts, he makes room for fresh currents of grace and truth to flow into the soul from the living fountain. Greater light, increased knowledge, and blessing, are his. In this work, which devolves upon every church member, is the life and growth of the church. He whose life consists in ever receiving and never giving, soon loses the blessing. If truth does not flow out from him to others, he loses his capacity to receive. We must impart the goods of heaven if we desire fresh blessings."—*Testimonies*, vol. VI, p. 448.

JUNE 25, 1938

LITERATURE "CLEAN-UP" DAY

LET US give an intensive search for the truth-filled literature—books, tracts, magazines, periodicals, stored away in attic, garret, or closet. Such literature has a spiritual value far greater than
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