

## “AS DEAR TO ME AS AN ONLY SON”

By MRS. E. G. WHITE

“OUR people should make greater efforts to extend the circulation of the *Review*. If our brethren and sisters would only manifest greater earnestness and put forth more persevering efforts to accomplish this, it would be done.”—“*Testimonies*,” Vol. IV, p. 599.

“I have been reading the *Review* this morning. It is full of precious matter. This paper should be in every family of our people, not only in America, but in every country. It is our church paper for the world. I shall endeavour to obtain subscribers for it in America and Australia.”—“*Counsels to Editors*,” p. 95.

“Brethren, use your influence to obtain a more extended circulation of the *Review*. You can do much more than you are doing in obtaining subscribers for the *Review*. If you would imitate, in this good work, the example of our enemies who publish error, or the example of Satan in his perseverance in circulating slander and falsehood, the list of subscribers would be greatly increased. Let everyone go

to work earnestly, perseveringly, to see what he can do in interesting others to read. Let all become missionaries; and you who have talents of money, put it out to the exchangers. Invest in the cause of God.....

“We should feel a deep interest in the *Review*, and make it a channel through which the brightest beams of light shall shine forth to the people. That paper is as dear to me as an only son. The Lord would have us all feel an individual interest in the prosperity of the *Review*. All should feel as deep an interest as they would in an only son.”—*Review and Herald*, Jan. 6, 1869.

“To those who fail to read the *Review* and keep track of the progress of the work, *the loud cry of the message may come*, and they not know it.”—*Review and Herald*, July 31, 1919.

“Especially the ministers should arouse. They should feel a special interest in the paper.”—*Review and Herald*, Jan. 6, 1869.

# REVIEW AND HERALD DAY -- APRIL 20

## THE GOOD NEW "REVIEW"

OUR denominational organ, the *Review and Herald*, is a fixture, an institution, among this people whom God has called. It always has been. It was one of the pioneers, like Joseph Bates and James White. And blessed be the pioneers. We who have been reared on this prime essential periodical in every Seventh-day Adventist home and heart, speak often of "the good old *Review*." That word "old," however, is endearing rather than descriptive.

We want to emphasize here the *newness* of the *Review*. It is old; true; and so are the hills, but they are renewingly green. Our church paper, in appearance and content and spirit, keeps pace with a progressive world; but best of all it keeps pace with this progressive message which we bear.

Would you build a solid Seventh-day Adventist home and life? Place for its cornerstone and foundation the Bible, the "Testimonies," and the *Review and*

*Herald*. Whatever other literature you read and live by, these three are the first necessities. For the Bible is universal truth; the "Testimonies" are present truth; and the *Review* keeps the truth ever present.

We wish we could impress upon the hearts of all our people in this field the importance, and more, the necessity, of reading the denominational mouth-piece regularly. It does so much to tie you in to the truth. Those who do not make weekly acquaintance with it are liable to drift. Surely there are enough temptations to lead us away, without adding neglect of the *Review* to the list.

Yield now to that urge to be thoroughgoing in the great cause you have espoused; answer that longing to be more truly one with a great people who are doing a great work—and subscribe for the good *new Review*.

—R. B. T.

## THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVICE

G. G. LOWRY

TO BE a worker for God in any capacity is a wonderful privilege and blessing. Every one who has been chosen as an ambassador for Christ, and as a representative of His cause in the world, has bestowed upon him a tremendous and sacred responsibility.

Especially is this true of men and women called to serve in the mission field. It means much for a person to accept a call as a foreign missionary. The Mission Board makes a tremendous investment in every person selected for service in the foreign field. This can easily be appreciated when one thinks of the amount of money necessary to bring a family from the homeland, and to maintain them for a year or more while engaged in language study and preparation for work.

It is usually thought that a major portion of the first term of service is spent in getting acquainted with the language and the customs and habits of the people. It is the testimony of many that it is really during the second term in the field and onward that the missionary is able to accomplish what he feels is effective and efficient service. The years that he has spent in study and getting acquainted have not been wasted. If he continues in the field they will prove to be of great value to him and to his work.

On the other hand if he, for any reason, leaves the mission field at, or before, the close of the first term of service, it is easy to see that all the money spent in bringing him to the field, his support while out here, and

what it takes to return him to the homeland, in addition to the time and human energy spent, is to a large degree wasted. If another has to be sent out to do the work that he has left, it means that the same ground must be gone over by some one else.

How important, therefore, that men and women who accept service in a foreign field should consider the call a permanent one. It should be looked upon as a life's work. It should not be considered as a sort of temporary transfer from one field to another. There is too much involved in it for him to look upon it in that light.

We all recognize, of course, that many earnest workers have been compelled to leave the field because of ill health or other unavoidable reasons. On the other hand, many have in the past left because they did not like the country, or the people, or because they felt their people at home needed their help, or for some other reason which seemed urgent, perhaps, to them. Sometimes one wonders whether we look upon the matter of being selected by the Mission Board, sent to a mission field at tremendous expense to the cause, as seriously as we should.

If modern missionaries could see in mission service what David Livingstone saw in it, and could relate themselves to the situation as he did, there would be very few who would be satisfied to return home for good at the close of the first or second term of service. They would feel to stay by so long as

God gave them life. This is what he once said regarding his attitude toward mission service:

"For my part, I have never ceased to rejoice that God has appointed me to such an office. People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. Can that be called a sacrifice which is simply paid back as a small part of a great debt owing to our God which we can never repay? Is that a sacrifice which brings its own best reward in healthful activity, the consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and a bright hope of glorious destiny hereafter? Away with the thought in such a view, and with such a thought! It is emphatically no sacrifice. Say, rather, it is a privilege. Anxiety, sickness, suffering, or danger now and then, with a foregoing of the common conveniences and charities of this life, make us pause, and cause the spirit to waver and the soul to sink; but let this be for only a moment. All these are nothing when compared with the glory which shall hereafter be revealed in and for us. I never made a sacrifice."

If we could all take this attitude toward our call to work in India, and feel the responsibility of our position as workers in the great cause of foreign missions, as he did, what a difference it would make! Surely we ought to consider this important question seriously and look upon our appointment as a missionary for life unless the Lord very clearly indicates through His appointed agencies that our program should be otherwise.

SPIRIT OF PROPHECY  
READING PROGRAM

## ASSIGNMENT FOR APRIL 14-20

"Great Controversy," Chapter 4.

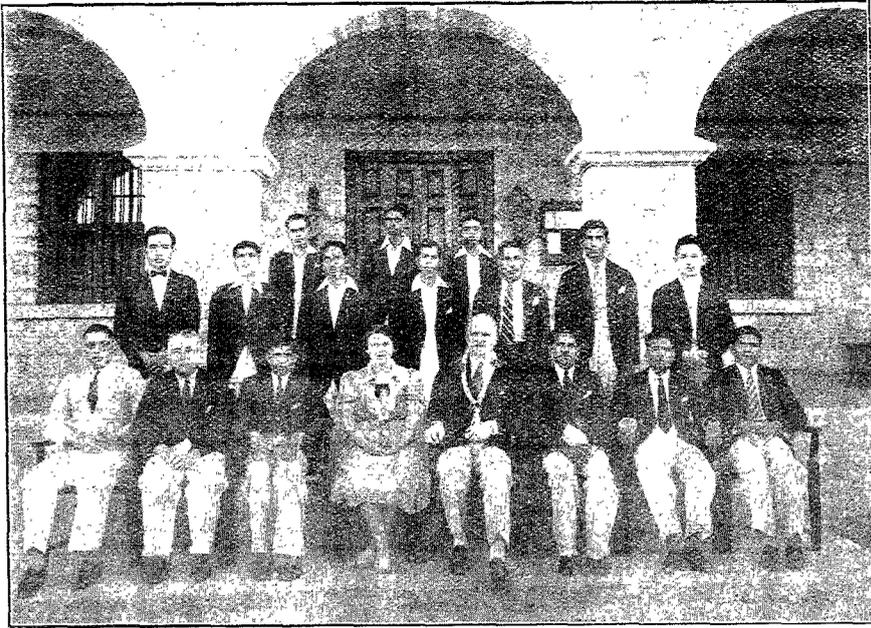
- April 14. G. C. 61-63.
- April 15. G. C. 63-65.
- April 16. G. C. 65-68.
- April 17. G. C. 68-71.
- April 18. G. C. 71-73.
- April 19. G. C. 73-75.
- April 20. G. C. 75-78.

## ASSIGNMENT FOR APRIL 21-27

"Great Controversy," Chapter 5.

- April 21. G. C. 79-81.
- April 22. G. C. 82-83.
- April 23. G. C. 84-86.
- April 24. G. C. 86-89.
- April 25. G. C. 89-91.
- April 26. G. C. 91-93.
- April 27. G. C. 94-96.

*Suggestion:* If the daily assignments are followed it would be well to read to the end of the full paragraph closing on the page listed.



The Theological Students of Spicer College

## RELOCATION OF SPICER COLLEGE

N. C. WILSON

WE FEEL that our people throughout the Division should have some definite word regarding work recently done in connection with the relocation of Spicer College. We know that our people everywhere throughout India, Burma, and Ceylon are deeply interested in and vitally affected by this important institution. The success of our work in Southern Asia is very closely bound up with the success of this major institution.

For the past several years a great deal of time has been devoted in our various Councils to a careful study of the development of Spicer College. Such a study has always brought us face to face with the question of the present location of this training college. A number of the General Conference brethren have joined us in considering this matter during their visits to India. In this connection we think of Brethren E. D. Dick, W. E. Nelson, H. A. Morrison, and others. All of us have been very anxious to make the right move in connection with this major problem. It has been the subject of much prayer and thought. We recognize that what we do now in connection with this important matter must of necessity vitally affect the work for possibly all time to come. We have been conscious that the brethren who have considered this matter have been very anxious for God to direct and lead in His own way.

The Division Committee voted a year ago to seek a new location for Spicer College and to request financial help from the General Conference in this very large project. The General Con-

ference brethren have carefully studied the problem, and at the last Autumn Council substantial financial help in connection with the moving and re-establishment of the college was provided. This action on the part of the General Conference has, of course, greatly encouraged us and has enabled us to definitely take in hand the relocation of the institution.

The Division Committee at its meeting last November took action appointing a Commission to carefully search the country for a suitable site for the new Spicer College home. This Commission consisted of Brethren Steeves, Lowry, Pohlman, Cantwell, and Champion. This Commission spent a number of weeks travelling over those parts of the country in South and Western India which were considered most suitable. They were governed by such things as (1) suitable climate, (2) central location, (3) accessibility, (4) suitable market for purchase of supplies and disposal of produce, (5) adequate water supply for all needs, including irrigation, (6) fertile land. Other important needs were also kept in mind. A great many places were visited, and land owners and officials throughout the country were interviewed.

The Division Committee feels that the possibilities of relocating Spicer College in South or Western India have been carefully explored. As a result of the work done by the members of the relocating committee, the Division Committee took action to locate Spicer College as soon as possible on a desirable

piece of property within a radius of not more than eight or ten miles from Poona. Several very desirable pieces of property were found close to Poona. One or two of these are definitely outstanding. Negotiations are already under way for one of these, and we hope that before long we may be in possession of this place. We hope that at a little later time we can report favourably regarding this matter.

After very long and careful consideration of the best place to locate Spicer College, the brethren are unanimous in their conviction that somewhere very close to Poona is the most ideal place for this important institution. From the climatic standpoint, Poona is desirable. Good farming land can be secured in this district. Poona is an important centre from many viewpoints. The fact that the Division headquarters is located at Poona has also been a deciding factor in this matter.

We request the prayers of our people throughout the Division that God may lead in connection with the purchase of the property at Poona. We are anxious that the best available property be secured. We want to relocate Spicer College in a careful and proper manner. This institution should grow in strength and usefulness from year to year. We want with God's help to shape its future in such a way that Heaven's plan for our college may be fully carried out and a great army of young men and women be prepared to quickly enter the ripened harvest field.

## SPICER COLLEGE NEWS

AFTER March 17th the college began to resemble more and more the "Deserted Village." The quietness of the latter half of the month was all the more marked because of the gradual intensification of the activities of the first half. The final examinations of March 4-8 were followed by the colporteur institute during the week of March 9-15. The graduation followed immediately.

Most teachers look forward to the last week of the school year as a little boy anticipates a trip to the dentist—something that must be done, brings temporary discomfort, and affords great relief when it is over.

The last week of the Spicer College school year was an integration of colporteur institute, grading examination papers, Senior graduation practices, school picnic, farewells, and a little work. We enjoyed a very good institute, and the instruction given by Brethren Shepard and Kent was very much appreciated, even by those who were not planning to canvass. There was an encouraging response of recruits to the colporteur ranks.

Many of our friends from Bangalore came out to join the students and teachers of the College in a picnic supper on the lawn, followed by a program for the members of the staff who will not be with us this coming year—Brother Henning and his family, Brother and Sister Prasada Rao, and Sister Cole. With the presentation of gifts there were also verbal expressions, both true and sincere, of the immeasurable help which had been given by these departing friends. It was encouraging to hear Mr. and Mrs. Henning repeatedly state their intention to return after furlough. Public welcome was also given to the three new members of the staff for the coming school year: Brother M. D. Joseph to take over much of Brother Prasada Rao's responsibility, Brother O. S. Mathews to teach classes formerly conducted by Brother Henning, and Mrs. H. Sharalaya who will take the responsibility of preceptress as Mrs. Cole retires. Although there were only eleven in the 1940 graduating class, there were a number of other students who, after completing much of the study outlined for a course, are returning home to serve in the Master's vineyard. We may mention Miss Islora Rajee of Assam, Mr. B. Kisku from the Northeast Union, Brethren Hakim Din and Chaman Lal of the Punjab, Brother Sastry of the Kottarakara staff, Brother K. N. Abraham, also of Travancore, and two students from Burma, Brethren Pein Yee and John Ba Tin. We have much enjoyed having them in the school this year.

The graduating class represented various departments as follows: Commercial, six; Teacher-training, three; Theological, two. There was one young lady in the class, and it was encouraging that there was no student in the whole of the class, indeed in the entire body of students, whose record of scholarship is any better than that of Miss Ellen. The second semester of the year she took sixteen hours of study and received Grade A in each class. The Spicer College girls are all keeping up well in their classes.

There were three services marking the graduation week-end. On Friday evening the Consecration of the Class was held. This beautiful service was unusual in that the address giving the call to consecration was delivered by one who first took his seat in the congregation with the graduates, and who then came forward as a member of the staff to appeal for full devotion to the Class aim, "Southern Asia for Christ." After Brother Prasada Rao had finished his appeal for consecration, the Class pastor, D. John, represented the graduates in their response and dedication.

On Sabbath morning, March 16th, the Baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Pastor H. M. Peak, of Bangalore. His message to the Class, on the theme of

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### OTHERS

Lord, help me live from day to day  
In such a self-forgetful way  
That even when I kneel to pray  
My prayer shall be for others.

Help me in all the work I do  
To ever be sincere and true,  
And know that all I'd do for you  
Must needs be done for others.

Let self be crucified and slain,  
And buried deep: and all in vain  
May efforts be to rise again  
Unless to live for others.

And when my work on earth is done,  
And my new work in heaven begun,  
May I forget the crown I've won,  
While thinking still of others.

Others, Lord, yes, others;  
Let this my motto be:  
Help me to live for others,  
That I may live like Thee.

—Selected.

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working for the Master, was very well received. Sabbath afternoon there was an impressive Investiture service held to mark the successful completion of various Progressive membership requirements. Several from the Bangalore Missionary Volunteer Society joined those of the College Society in the Investiture service. Brother T. Killoway, the Missionary Volunteer Secretary for the South India Union, gave the charge to those receiving the insignia, and assistance was given by both Mrs. Berntson and Mrs. Lowry who had worked faithfully for the past months to prepare the candidates. Four Master Comrades were invested: V. Raju, D. Davadasson, M. B. Alexander, and J. Japagnanam.

The last exercise of the year was the Class Graduation on Saturday night. We were pleased to see the number of visitors from Bangalore, as well as Brethren A. E. Nelson and L. C. Shepard from Poona. The program, from the slow march in, to the recessional at the close, was well ordered and interesting. In addition to the address of welcome by the Class president, Mr. Prasada Rao, there were addresses on the Motto and Aim, and one by the valedictorian, Miss Ellen Koilpillai. Such interesting items as the Class Prophecy and Class History were enjoyed, as usual. The Class Poem and Song were well presented. Musical items were not numerous, but the entire school will long remember the swelling voices as congregation joined class in singing our new College song, led by Mr. Henning, the writer of the words, and accompanied by Mrs. Henning.

After a short address by the Principal, the granting of diplomas followed. The

graduates retired from the platform to the lawn to receive the hearty congratulations and farewells of all. The pleasant scenes of that last event of the year will long be a pleasant memory. The male graduates were dressed in white, with black coats, and Miss Ellen appeared in a black and white sari. Many of the missionary ladies attended the function dressed in saris. The assistance in arranging graduation plans, given by Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Pohlman, was much appreciated.

As school was out on Sunday the 17th, over half the students left for home or work, and Mr. Henning and family started their long journey to America. By Wednesday there were fifteen boys and four girls left on the campus. The Gardner and Berntson families had started on their hill leave to Kodakanal. Those of us who remained enjoyed with a degree of loneliness the beautiful quiet of the "Deserted Village."

### ASK, AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN— A STORY PARABLE

IT WAS the beginning of a new quarter in the East Shanghai Sabbath school. The superintendent was awarding perfect record cards, and very pleasing it was to see how large a proportion of the membership had qualified.

At the last the very smallest children were called up. Not very many were of this class; still, a gratifying number considering these were our youngest, some of them just learning to leave the shelter of mother's arms to brave the big world of little folk who gathered in groups in other parts of the building. One, a two-year-old, was the youngest son of the Sabbath school superintendent. During the quarter I had watched this baby make his venture into the classroom with the other children. On some days he would stoutly refuse to leave his mother's side; on others he would run back to her with tear-stained face before the session ended; but there had been days when he had remained through the class period and had even stayed with the kindergarten group through the general exercises.

Now, seeing the other children receive their rewards, little Yu-cheng marched confidently to the front, and lifting big, brown, expectant eyes to Daddy on the platform, he held out both hands for a card.

What would the father do? I wondered, knowing how natural it is for a Chinese parent to waive rules and regulations in order to indulge a beloved child.

The superintendent smiled down at the little lad, but shook his head. There was no card for Yu-cheng. But the eager arms were not withdrawn; the expectancy in the brown eyes did not lessen. There was no thought that Daddy

would disappoint his boy. And suddenly Daddy remembered that among the cards he held was his own perfect record, and stooping down he put this into the pleading baby hands. When the little fellow turned his radiant face to the school, holding up to view the coveted favour, a ripple of tender laughter ran through the room.

As I watched, the scene took on a deeper meaning. Here was a parable being acted before our eyes. Instead of a little lad, a father, a perfect record card, there was the striving trusting child of God, our gracious, compassionate Lord, the merit of Christ imputed to the seeker after righteousness. Truly, like to a father's is the heart of Him who notes our struggles, pities our weakness, and fills the hands outstretched in faith with all the soul's desire.

#### PARENTS, ATTENTION

A NUMBER of times we have received letters from various persons, in substance saying the books of the Christian Home Series are like the Bible, in that we never sit down to read or study them but we find something new,—something that we hadn't noticed before. Some of these people have studied the series through several times, yet they find something new to help them.

Just recently one mother wrote: "For the first time in our married life my husband and I are alone. I am going to take up 'Makers of the Home' for my 1940 study book. I want to study it from the angle of just us two in the home alone." Their children are married and gone from the home. They are useful citizens, sincere Christians, and an honour to their parents. This mother has been studying the Christian Home Series since 1927. She has also studied her Bible and the Spirit of prophecy on the subjects of home and children, and has read quite a number of other books relating to these subjects.

We do not mention this particular case because it is especially different from others who have done faithful studying, but in this example the family have lived far distant from any group organized for study, and necessarily have done their work alone.

But every other mother can do hers alone if she has no opportunity to study and work with others.

The Home Commission of the General Conference, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., is glad to send explanatory literature to any desiring information.

We append some quotations which are thought-provoking. Shall we study them?

"Neither the church school nor the college affords the opportunities for establishing the child's character build-

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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ing upon the right foundation that are afforded in the home."—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 162.

"Never will education accomplish all that it might and should accomplish until the importance of the parents' work is fully recognized, and they receive a training for its sacred responsibilities."—*Education*, p. 276.

"Upon fathers as well as mothers rests a responsibility for the child's earlier as well as its later training, and for both parents the demand for careful and thorough preparation is most urgent."—*Ibid.*

"If you are a mother, train your children for Christ. This is as verily a work for God as is that of the minister in the pulpit."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 359.

"In His wisdom the Lord has decreed that the family shall be the greatest of all educational agencies. It is in the home that the education of the child is to begin. Here is his first school. Here with his parents as instructors, he is to learn the lessons that are to guide him throughout life,—lessons of respect, obedience, reverence, self-control. The educational influences of the home are a decided power for good or for evil. They are in many respects silent and gradual, but if exerted on the right side, they become a far-reaching power for truth and righteousness. If the child is not instructed aright here, Satan will educate him through agencies of his choosing. How important then, is the school in the home."—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 107.

### TRY THE LOVE METHOD

E. R. REYNOLDS

It is said that one of the qualities that distinguished the early church during the first two centuries when the Christian church was not popular and many sealed their fate in the blood of the martyrs, was their love for one another. Even their enemies were forced to remark, "Behold, how they love one another!" It was a source of power and progress for the work of God in their day. Others seeing their love for one another, their mutual helpfulness in the midst of adversity, sought the source of it and were turned to the One who "so loved that He gave!"

There is a wealth of meaning in that text found in Phil. 2:4, "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." It is not to covet what a brother has or to find fault, that Paul advises us to look; not to see what flaws we can find to discredit another's efforts, or to compare his home environment unfavourably with our own. Oh, no! Paul's intent is the opposite of that. It is the loving look he has in mind—the encouraging look! We are not to be interested only in the

### OUR SHIP IS IN

WE HAVE word that the ship bringing our Reading Course books for 1940 has docked at Bombay. Various circumstances have conspired to delay the arrival of these longed-for books, but at last they are here. Better late than not at all.

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things we achieve, but we are to have such an interest in our brother and his affairs that we even glory in his successes, and find joy in the things wherein God has blessed him. We are to share an interest in our own affairs with the helpful "boosting" interest in our brother's. Who knows but that your word of cheer may be just the thing he needs to help him win a victory of faith. Your little kindness may cause a slipping brother to love the truth more.

In a certain church I know, a poor little woman was passing through severe persecution. She was new to the message and, of course, made mistakes in applying some of our teachings. Her husband was very unsympathetic and even harsh to her about our beliefs. She was almost overwhelmed with her troubles and at the point of giving up when some of the sisters of the church, seeing her distress, just "loved" her a bit. They called more often; one who had a motor car took her for rides, and then, chatting gaily about things women find of interest, helped her out of her discouragement. It seemed soon as though all the women of the church had their arms around her. They carried her past her crisis experience. Today, strong in the faith, she has been the means, in the hand of God, of helping many another in need; her children are being trained for God and His truth, and her name is loved among all her fellow members for her helpfulness. Really, there is no telling what a little real Christian love can do. Let's try the love method a little more.

### TAMIL MISSION REGULAR COLPORTEURS' INSTITUTE

ON THE 26th February the institute was started at Trichinopoly in a large and beautiful hall. Pastor R. H. Pierson took the opening meeting. Thirteen new and old colporteurs were present. Two were women—wives of Tamil Mission workers who volunteered to work for the GOOD WAY magazine. Two were from Ceylon, and one from the Kanarese field.

Although we very much missed Pastor L. C. Shepard in the institute, all were very pleased to see the way Brother Kent took charge of it. He gave excellent instruction and new thoughts on salesmanship and business efficiency to all of us. Every one of us benefited much during the institute week. Some of the regular colporteurs expressed their appreciation for the good instruction they received. I quote their own statements. One said, "I have enjoyed this institute better than the four institutes that I attended before. I was not able before to see the difference between selling tinselly things in the streets and selling books from door to door. Now I see the difference and recognize that it is God's work." Another said, "I was not at all in favour of this heavy expense involved in conducting an institute like this. Now I see its real need." Still another said, "Every word is instructive."

We were very pleased to have the superintendent of the Tamil Mission and the Book Depot manager in our midst. The former gave us interesting, heart-stirring spiritual talks. The latter made plain many items connected with the colporteur's relation to the Book Depot.

On the closing day of the institute, Pastor and Mrs. Jesudason gave all of us a feast. In the afternoon Mr. Kent closed the institute by appealing to all that were present to put their best into the colporteur ministry, after which he was garlanded by Mrs. Jesudason, who is one of the woman volunteers for GOOD WAY magazine. An appropriate special song was sung by two of Pastor Jesudason's daughters.

May I solicit your earnest prayers for the Tamil Mission colporteurs, who have gone into their territories with fresh and new thoughts, together with zeal and determination to accomplish more and faithful work for the Master.

M. K. SAMUEL.

### AN IMPRESSIVE BAPTISM

W. HUME MCHENRY

LAST autumn a ten-week evangelistic effort was conducted in the village of Kodoli, about twenty-two miles from Kolhapur. A good interest, as well as much opposition, was manifest through-

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE HOME MISSIONARY  
REPORT FOR THE FOURTH QUARTERS OF 1938 & 1939

	4th Quarter 1939					Totals	Totals, 4th qr. 1938	Gain in 1939
	Burma	Northeast	Northwest	South India	Western India			
a. Number added to union by lay members	-	2	43	21	58	124	34	90
b. Number of churches and companies	34	32	47	94	24	231	202	29
c. Number of churches sending in a report	23	10	20	73	22	148	154	6*
d. Number of missions sending in a report	3	2	3	5	3	16	18	2*
e. Number of churches holding First Sabbath Missionary Service	6	1	7	36	16	66	62	4
f. Number of churches conducting Fifteen-Minute Church Missionary Service	6	6	10	39	20	81	97	16*
g. Number of churches holding Weekly Missionary Service	13	1	9	31	16	70	40	30
h. Number of churches organized into working bands	2	5	31	39	15	92	79	13
i. Dorcas Society	1	3	4	11	9	28	9	19
k. Number reporting	399	253	220	1151	189	2212	3936	1724*
l. Bible readings	622	1141	2142	3390	1569	8864	15972	7108*
m. Missionary visits	1295	1146	2885	7879	2365	15570	27631	12061*
n. Persons taken to services	1499	322	1114	3162	1049	7146	7007	139
o. Persons given needed help	673	1776	840	5520	14653	23462	25988	2526*
p. Treatments given	1983	494	577	3073	1294	7421	8843	1422*
q. Articles of clothing given	336	340	256	1128	530	2590	3082	492*
r. Books or tracts distributed	4445	12263	11968	19328	6296	54300	60257	5957*
s. Missionary letters written	147	424	241	748	212	1772	2400	628*

\*Loss

out. More than usual interest was shown by the women.

On January 9th, it was the privilege of the writer to bury six souls in the watery grave as an indirect result of the above-mentioned effort. Four of these were women. These candidates seemed very much in earnest. A spirit of real solemnity surrounded us all as we gathered at the edge of the little stream for the sacred rite. Preceding the baptism several days were spent in examining the candidates and in earnestly lifting high before them the standard bearing "the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

In the evening following the baptism, we met together for the ordinances. It was encouraging, at that time, to hear the new converts joyfully bear testimony for their Saviour.

Another baptismal service was held on December 23, when three souls signified their desire to identify themselves with the remnant church. Much patient instruction is required to enable them to sense the responsibility they shoulder in taking this important step. I am sure we all pray that the transforming power of the Spirit may be experienced as they grow in the grace and knowledge of the truth.

*Haldar.*—Kantomoi Haldar, of Gabbari village, Barisal District, died at the Gopalganj Mission Hospital, Sabbath, February 2, 1940. He was about eighteen years of age at the time of his death. Little is known of his family or of his early life as he was with us in our school only a part of this school year, and he did not come from an Adventist home. He was a Christian, but had not been baptized into the faith of the third angel's message when he died. He was, however, a member of the school baptismal class, and was planning to be baptized within the near future.

He suffered from typhoid fever, and was in a very critical condition from the time he entered the hospital at Gopalganj. Though our acquaintance with him was brief, still we were made to feel that he was a sincere Christian boy who was seeking truth and desiring to follow it. He was faithful in his school work, and earnest in spiritual things.

The funeral services were conducted at Jarlirpar, where the body was brought for burial, by Pastor C. A. Larsen, assisted by Brother S. K. Haldar.

*Murmu.*—Ruben Lamdha Murmu was born at Labadha Katha, Malda District, February 1920, and died at the Gopalganj Mission Hospital Sabbath morning, March 2, 1940.

About five years ago he, with the others members of his family, became interested in the truth of the third angel's message, and Ruben was baptized by Pastor C. C. Kellar. Soon after his baptism he went to our training school at Ranchi. He also attended our mission high school here in Bengal for two years. From the time he entered our school until he died he lived a quiet, consistent Christian life. His services in the school and church activities distinguished him as a faithful boy who had the qualities of a leader. At the time of his sickness he was serving as the Sabbath school secretary of the Jalirpar Sabbath school.

Soon after the beginning of the year Ruben became ill with fever. He did not respond to the treatment given him here at the school, so was sent to our hospital at Gopalganj. We were informed by Doctor Johannes that the boy was in a very critical condition, as he had typhoid fever. Because of his serious condition, special prayer was offered for him several times, but our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well, saw best to permit him to fall asleep until Jesus comes. His father attended him in his sickness, and was present when he died. He leaves to mourn a father, mother, three sisters, and two brothers.

# Eastern Tidings

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We believe that Jesus marks the resting place of our brother, and that He will call him forth when He comes to gather His loved ones home. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Brother G. C. Baroya.

H. H. MATTISON.

## FROM THE DIVISION MAIL

A RECENT letter from Dr. Johannes brings us good news regarding the medical work at Gopalganj. Dr. Johannes writes as follows:

"The prospects are bright here. Ever since my return from the Union Committee meeting in Calcutta the hospital has been full and at times overflowing. We could take in more patients had we the beds for them in readiness. However, we have received some beds from Karmatar. As soon as they are painted we will make room for them in the wards.

"Our surgery has been quite heavy of late; three or four cases a day at times. This is the slack season, so we wonder how we shall carry on during the rains when the most patients come."

We are happy to have news regarding a recent baptism at Madras. Brother Dean writes in a recent letter as follows:

"Yesterday we had our first baptismal service of the year. Four were baptized

—two women and two men. This is but a foretaste of other such services yet to come. All who were baptized are, I am glad to say, good substantial Seventh-day Adventists and tithe-payers. We are happy to see these evidences of God's grace working in our midst these days. Between sixty to seventy were present during yesterday's service. Our Sabbath school is also growing from strength to strength. We have a membership of sixty-one, to be exact.

"A friend of the church here who is paying her tithe and who, we pray, in due time will be baptized, has very recently handed over to me a very fine Singer sewing machine with the request that we sell it and whatever is realized is to be paid into the treasury as her tithe. This good sister did not realize the importance of tithe-paying until a few weeks back, but when realizing the importance of paying her tithe to the Lord, she thought that she had better dispose of the sewing machine and endeavour to pay God some of her arrears. Others also are paying tithe who are not at present members of the church, but, in God's own good time, they will yet unite with the remnant church."

## POONA PARAGRAPHS

ON MARCH 18 the Poona school party entrained for Mussoorie, with Mrs. Hnatyshyn in charge. There were nine in the Poona party this year, three of these going to school for the first time.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Mackett and Betty left for Mussoorie a few days earlier. Betty is attending V.H.S. this year, and is staying with her brother and his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Mackett are spending their hill leave in Mussoorie.

A very impressive service was held in the Poona church on March 16, when five persons were baptized by Pastor D. W. Smith. We are happy to have these folk unite with us in church fellowship, and trust that at some future time more will follow their example.

We were pleased to have a visit from Brother James Baldwin recently. Brother Baldwin is a teacher at our Meiktila school in Burma, and is now on long leave. He reports progress at our school in Meiktila.

On March 24 Brethren Wilson, Steeves, Thurber, and Spiess took a trip to Lasalgaoon to counsel concerning an irrigation project, and on the return trip stopped at the Ahmednagar German internees' camp to interview Brother Erich Bethmann, who before the war was superintendent of the Iraq Mission, and is now being detained by the government as a German subject. Brother Bethmann seems to be in good health and spirits, and hopes that some arrangement can be made for his release on parole in the near future.

## CHURCH CALENDAR 1940

Week of Sacrifice	March 30 to April 6
Review and Herald Day	April 20
Spicer College Day	May 11
Eastern Tidings Day	May 25
Missionary Volunteer Day	June 22
Missionary Volunteer Week	
of Prayer	June 22 to 29
Spirit of Prophecy Day	July 20
Colporteur Rally Day	August 3
Sabbath School Rally Day	August 24
Big Week	October 5 to 12
Oriental Watchman Day	November 9
Week of Prayer	December 7 to 14
Annual Offering	December 14
Home Missionary Day	First Sabbath in each month.

## WORD FROM PASTOR ENOCH

IN A recent letter from Pastor G. F. Enoch, whose address is, 4845 Imperial Highway, Lynwood, California, he writes as follows:

"Our hearts are still in India, and this last quarter I have had an appointment every Sabbath at some church or other here in California, and Elder T. L. Copeland, president of the Central California Conference, asked me to go up to San Francisco and conduct the Week of Prayer in the Central Church, which I was glad to do.

"I greatly enjoy the EASTERN TIDINGS and ORIENTAL WATCHMAN, and we would miss them very much if they did not come to us regularly.

"We have noted with interest all the interesting items of development as outlined in the TIDINGS. May the Lord continue to bless you brethren and sisters in India as you struggle with your great problems. Mrs. Enoch joins with me in sending love and best wishes to the large circle of friends in dear old India."

## NOTICE

BROTHER D. C. CLAESSEN, a one-time worker in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and member for the past eighteen years, is doing self-supporting work to enable him to keep Sabbath. He has been publishing a magazine for the past three years entitled, "The Home Educator," which is useful in giving a wholesome range of reading and information to young folks in particular, and to other members of the family as well. He would appreciate support for his work and solicits subscriptions, which he has placed at the moderate price of:—

Rs. 2-8-0 per year; Rs. 1-8-0 for six months (inclusive of postage).

Kindly send remittance to:

D. C. Claessen,  
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# CHURCH MISSIONARY SERVICES

## NOTE TO LEADERS

THE Scripture lesson is a very important part of this service. In addition to the three excellent articles prepared for this service, we suggest that the leader be prepared to weave in some of his personal experiences in the literature ministry. All these experiences and admonitions serve to good advantage in bringing to our people a new sense of responsibility in relation to the great literature ministry of the remnant church. Leaders should study the various methods of literature ministry which are applicable to personal missionary work, such as the Home Bible Study League, the Community Circulating Library, sale of small books, the scattering of tracts, lending or selling magazines, and keeping them on file in public libraries. In this connection we would like to call the attention of pastors and leaders definitely to arrange to scatter the large number of Present Truth Series (English and some Vernacular editions) that we have in stock, as well as the thousands of vernacular Religious Knowledge Series of tracts we have in our Book Depots and Publishing House. We shall also soon be ready to place in the hands of our people a series of small English tracts on different phases of the message. These tracts are well written and printed in a very attractive way. These can be bought very cheaply and distributed as leaves of autumn. In the field of literature distribution there is surely "a place and a work for all." The harvest will be according to our seed sowing, for the Scripture states, "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." II Cor. 9:6.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

## OUR LITERATURE CARLYLE B. HAYNES

I WISH to impress on your consciousness what great things God can accomplish when His people are diligent in their sole business in life—witnessing for Christ by spreading abroad His word.

Peter and John were facing difficulties with the authorities as a result of their witnessing. But God got them out of their trouble, and encouraged them to continue their witnessing. Their prayer to God was, "Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto Thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak Thy word." And the record is that "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." Neither men nor devils can stop the work that is carried forward with such a spirit. It is this spirit that our churches need today.

## FIRST SABBATH SUGGESTIVE MISSIONARY PROGRAM

Sabbath, May 4, 1940

### TOPIC: SOWING AND REAPING IN THE LITERATURE FIELD

Opening Song: .. No. 637 in "Christ in Song."  
 Scripture Lesson: .. Matt. 13 : 1-9, 18-23.  
 Prayer.  
 Report by Church Missionary Secretary.  
 Offering for Local Missionary work.  
 Song: .. No. 588 in "Christ in Song."  
 Reading: .. "Our Literature," by Carlyle B. Haynes.  
 Reading: .. "Literature as a Pioneer Means of Spreading the Message," by S. E. Wight.  
 Song: .. No. 639 in "Christ in Song."  
 Reading: .. "Sowing and Reaping," by Jay J. Nethery.  
 Call For Volunteers— .. Appeal by Pastor or Missionary Leader.  
 Closing Song: .. No. 536 in "Christ in Song."  
 Benediction.

Again, when great persecution was raised up against the church at Jerusalem, then the members were "all scattered abroad." But as they went they did not cease their witnessing or hide their faith, for "they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word." Acts 8:4. And the result of this courageous and inspired witnessing is found in the record of Acts 8:6-8.

We need today a renewal of this early evangelistic fervour, a new baptism of the Holy Spirit, that the same energetic witnessing may be done now as was done then. We may expect God to accompany such witnessing "with signs following," as He did in those former days.

In those days they did their witnessing by their holy lives and by word of mouth. That is not to be changed today. God still calls for holy lives and faithful witnessing by word of mouth.

But in these days we have a marvellous agency for witnessing that the early Christians did not have. They had no Bibles to give away, no papers, no tracts, no books. Printing was unknown. I wonder if we realize what an agent for working miracles God has given this people in the amazing literature we have! I know we do not realize it. We cannot realize it. But we can use it. And as we use it, God accompanies it "with signs following." He uses us to place this agency in the hands of lost men and women.

The literature having being placed there, He then works miracles with it. He is doing it all the time. Around the circle of the earth His miracle working with the printed page never ceases. In every land and upon all people, no matter how widely separated they may be by race or colour or language or religion, the effect of divine literature is the same. Prejudices

are broken down, obstacles are cleared away, convictions are changed, minds are illuminated, beliefs are established, hearts are melted, and souls are reborn into God's kingdom, when His Spirit uses these little pieces of printed paper which He calls upon us to place where they can be so used.

No, it is impossible for us to comprehend or grasp the amazing energy, the extraordinary dynamic power, there is in printed words. Nor do we need to. We can believe it. And we can be faithful in placing the printed word where God can release its energy to save souls. This is our task, our responsibility, our duty. God will do the rest. And, oh, what a joy it is to see Him doing it!

### RESULTS OF THE PRINTED PAGE

Over in old Nicodemia a Christian worker, merely passing through, having no time to remain, left with a stranger a gospel tract, and went on. Seventeen years later, stopping there again, he found a church of more than forty members, and a Protestant community of more than two hundred that had grown out of that single tract.

In China there is a group of eight churches raised up by tracts alone.

In India a beggar was given a cast-off garment by a European resident. In a pocket he found a portion of the New Testament and eight or nine gospel tracts. Today in that town the idol shrines and temples are abandoned and empty, and all its inhabitants profess the Christian faith.

In Brazil there are twoscore groups of hungry, eager Sabbath-keepers, who have never seen a preacher, brought to the light by the printed page.

Yes, there is life in this widely scattered seed. And let us remember, the life is in the seed, not in the sower. Even infidels have unwittingly scattered some of this seed, and it has grown and produced fruit.

Thistledown, someone has called it. That is what it is, divine thistledown. We scatter it, and thereby we are liberating thistledown, carrying precious seed. The winds of the Spirit carry it here and there, over all the world. It settles down and grows and produces its own life in human souls. A great harvest is in the making. What a privilege it is to be called of God to be sowers of such seed!

What marvellous seed we bear in our hands! These printed words never waver or flinch. They never dodge or display cowardice. They never change their testimony or compromise their witnessing. They never tire or become exhausted. They never lose heart or become discouraged. Under all circumstances, regardless of all forbidding conditions, they keep on saying the same thing.

How easily transported they are! They travel at the lowest cost. They get about with the most amazing ease. They penetrate everywhere. O brethren, set them free, and watch them do their marvellous, God-guided work.

And how they work! They never stop. They work while we sleep. We must stop and renew our energies, take food, and rest. Not they. They go right on, night and day, winter and summer. Rebuffs do not stop them. They take no offence. They do not lose their tempers. They do not answer back. They just go right on, saying only the same thing over and over. People may get angry at them and lash out at them. It makes no difference. They continue their witnessing, never retracting, never withdrawing, never changing. And they go right on working long after we retire on account of old age, even long after we are dead.

These printed words will reach those whom we cannot reach, who will give us no hearing at all, who are unreachable by any other method or means. They go out after those who would never come to a meeting, who would bar us from their homes, who would close their hearts to any appeal we made. Indeed, these printed words may bear the only chance many a man may ever have of eternal life.

Four infidels were once handed a copy of a tract on the inspiration of the Bible. All four were converted and became ministers. Two actors were handed gospel tracts by a woman. One of them was led by the tract to attend church, and was there converted. He studied for the ministry, and became a pastor of Tremont Temple, Boston. Through his influence, Russel H. Conwell was led to the ministry. So the Baptist Temple in Philadelphia, and Temple University, together with the wide ministry of Tremont Temple in Boston, and the good done by Dr. George Lorimer, of Boston, and Russel H. Conwell, of Philadelphia, can be

traced to one little tract in the hands of a woman.

Indeed, there is no end to the good that is done. No man can ever trace the influence of gospel literature to its end. It goes on forever. Luther wrote a pamphlet on Galatians. This fell into the hands of John Bunyan. It converted him. Bunyan wrote "Pilgrim's Progress." This has had a circulation second only to the Bible. Recently its 135th translation (into an African tongue) was issued. So Luther's tract still influences people around the world.

Not only spiritual effects result from these printed words. They affect politics and governments, and bring about mighty changes in human affairs. Think of that young Frenchman, wounded at the siege of Saint Quentin, and convalescing in a hospital. Some person, now unknown, placed a tract in his bed. He read it and was converted. His monument may be seen today in front of the Church of the Consistory in Paris. He stands with a Bible in his hand—Admiral Coligny, the leader of the Reformation in France.

But the tract went on with its work. Admiral Coligny's nurse was a Catholic nun. She carried the tract, in penitence, to her Lady Abbess. The Abbess was converted by it, and had to fly from France. She went to the Palatinate, met a young Hollander, married him, and the influence she had on her husband changed the whole continent of Europe, for he was William of Orange, the champion of human liberties and of Protestantism in the Netherlands. O brethren, do not neglect an agency for good such as this. Get this literature into circulation, and watch God win souls, transform character, and shake the world with it.

#### THESE PRINTED WORDS INDESTRUCTIBLE

These printed pages are deathless. You can destroy a tract, of course. But while you are destroying it, the press can bring a million just like it to life. Rend them, burn them, drown them, crush them, cast them out—still they are raised as from the dead, and go on about their mighty work. One little tract can start a ripple which widens and widens through the years until it breaks upon the shores of eternity.

How altogether indestructible these printed words seem to be! Indeed, their very mutilation can be their sowing. No weapon formed against them has prospered. No instrument has ever been constructed which can destroy them.

A passenger coach stopped to change horses. One of the passengers gave out tracts to all passers-by. One of his fellow travellers grinned derisively as he witnessed a tract treated contemptuously by a recipient, ripped in two, and dashed to the ground. A playful puff of wind swept it over a hedge into a

hayfield. It was picked up by one of the haymakers there, and read to them all by the one finding it. He carefully joined the two parts together, still clinging to each other by a thread, and read the old, old story. The one who read was deeply convicted, became a Christian, and started at once to distribute tracts; and within a year three of those who had heard him read became active Christian workers. Of such indestructible material are these printed words made.

#### LITERATURE AS A PIONEER MEANS OF SPREADING THE MESSAGE

S. E. WIGHT

A PIONEER is one who goes before and prepares the way for what is coming. It may be an army, or it may be an enterprise, for which the preparation is to be made. Back in the sixties there was a man by the name of General Fremont, who was known throughout the United States as the "pathfinder." He went before a company of surveyors in projecting a railroad, and set markers to decide the route of the mighty band of iron that was to extend through and beyond Salt Lake City to the Pacific Coast. Today, one may board a palace train in the city of Chicago, and within a few hours' travel, attended by every comfort and convenience, pass through the many thriving centres of commerce which have sprung up all along the way to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle, and many other western points. In making the overland journey these days, travellers seldom give a thought to the hard and hazardous work of the pioneers. We read of other pioneers who paved the way for railroads over the mighty Canadian Rockies, when to many the task appeared to be a human impossibility. But today railroads pierce those most scenic mountains, and travellers are thrilled by the beauty and grandeur within eye's range. But this would never have been had there not been pioneers.

When James White and his wife, and their associates, came to the place where they realized that the third angel's message must be preached in all the world, they began to prepare and send forth literature. Although the pioneer publishing work was on a very small scale, it has grown steadily and has become a mighty power in the world. Wherever the third angel's message has penetrated, literature has pioneered and prepared the way.

In 1886 a copy of the *Review and Herald* fell into the hands of Albert Vuilleumier, in Switzerland; and this paper became the connecting link between the little company of Sabbath-keepers in Switzerland and the decision of the General Conference, in 1874, to send Elder J. N. Andrews as a missionary to Europe. About the first move

Elder Andrews made after reaching Switzerland was to begin publishing a paper, which was called the *Signs of the Times*. From that pioneer printing work, streams of light went out through many of the countries of Europe, and wonderful results have followed.

In the month of May, 1868, at a meeting held in Battle Creek, Michigan, U.S.A., it was decided to send a small company of labourers to proclaim the message in California, which then seemed a distant mission field. A tent effort was held in a place known as Petaluma, and much prejudice was manifested. Leading ministers of the various churches in the community denounced the speakers in a public way. One of these men said, "If it were simply the preaching in the tent, I would have nothing to say against them; but their books are in every house." This simply shows that literature was regarded as a most essential factor by our ministers, and as a most dangerous weapon by those who were opposed to our work. But the Spirit of God led the pioneers and gave success to their work. In 1873 the Tract and Missionary Society of California reported that a quantity of jewellery had been donated to the society, and the gold and silver was sold for two hundred dollars [about Rs. 550]. This entire amount was invested in tracts, pamphlets, and periodicals, and it was later reported that twenty-two persons had accepted the truth through the reading of that literature.

Among those who accepted the truth by reading this literature was John I. Tay, of Oakland. This man had a burden to carry the message to the islands in the Pacific Ocean, and he became the pioneer in that mission field. By persevering effort, he succeeded in securing passage on a boat which, because of some difficulty, became anchored at sea near the coast of Pitcairn Island. The people on the island came out in their little boats, as was their custom, to carry on their trade with the passengers, and by this means Brother Tay became acquainted with them and offered to spend some time with them on the island and teach them the Bible. The Pitcairners called a council, and decided to extend an invitation to the stranger to come and teach them. Brother Tay went, and for a number of months made his home with these sincere and honest-hearted people, whose history is now so well known, but who, at that time, were entirely cut off from the world except by their contact with passing vessels. Diligently he taught the truths of the third angel's message, and later, through his solicitation, a minister was sent to the island, and many were baptized and a church was organized. It certainly may be truly said that the literature which fell into Brother Tay's hands in California pioneered the work in Pitcairn Island,

where nearly the entire population of the island to this day are Seventh-day Adventists.

Could we trace the various avenues through which people have been reached with this message, we would find that in hundreds and thousands of cases literature has pioneered the way. Let us never slacken our efforts in the distribution of truth-filled literature, for it will surely produce a harvest of souls.

## SOWING AND REAPING

JAY J. NETHERY

THE work of preaching the gospel to sinners and winning their hearts and lives to the Saviour, is likened to sowing seed in a field and later reaping the harvest. This is clearly stated in the following Scripture language: "The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field." This parable by our Saviour is found in Matthew 13:24, and the concluding words of the parable, found in verse 30, are significant: "Gather the wheat into my barn." In the book of Mark we read: "When the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come." Mark 4:29. And "the harvest is the end of the world." Matt. 13:39.

A very important lesson is taught by the parable of sowing and reaping. The sowing in earth's harvest field has been carried on in all lands and in all ages and generations. Soon the reaping day will come. With terrible vividness the word of inspiration describes the harvest of the good and the evil in the end of the world. Read Rev. 14:14-19.

This is the climax of the work of the three angels, which is brought to view in the previous portion of the fourteenth chapter of Revelation. This follows immediately after the completion of the work of the church in carrying out the Saviour's commission to the church at the beginning of the gospel dispensation: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations.... Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:19, 20. Then will be gloriously fulfilled the promise of Christ, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14.

By Heaven's direction and appointment, agencies have provided for the printing and distribution of the Bible, in whole or in part. The greater proportion of earth's inhabitants undoubtedly have had access to the printed or spoken word. Thank God for the medium of sowing and reaping. God has called men in all ages to preach the word. This word preached publicly to congregations, large and small, through the centuries has garnered souls for the kingdom.

## METHODS OF LITERATURE WORK

In harmony with these many earnest and pressing appeals, which we are confident have often been read by many, plans have been made whereby our periodicals, in yearly subscriptions, are sent out by hundreds of thousands to friends and interested neighbours. This is an excellent and important work. We suggest correspondence with these readers as a follow-up measure. Eternity alone will reveal the results of such earnest endeavours.

A somewhat recent plan for the circulation of literature has to do with a series of tracts and leaflets, or small books, to be distributed in a systematic way by districts, in cities, smaller towns, and rural areas. This plan has brought wonderful results in many places, when careful attention has been given to organization and follow-up work. The plan calls for the first number of the series to be followed in about one week by the second number of the series. When number two is left, number one is picked up. The worker should seek at the same time to tactfully ascertain the interest of the reader in such reading matter. Then after the passing of the second week, number three is left and number two is picked up. The first two numbers are then distributed to other people in the same area. This plan is followed until all numbers of the series are in circulation. It will be seen that the putting of this plan into effect will mean many people reading the same pieces of literature. Usually eight or ten numbers of the series are provided. This gives an excellent opportunity for the distributor to become acquainted with the reader, and will often lead to spiritual interviews, prayer, the holding of Bible readings, and to an acceptance of the message of salvation.

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circle, at your neighbour's fireside, at the bedside of the sick, in a quiet way you may read the Scriptures and speak a word for Jesus and the truth. Thus you may sow precious seed that will spring up and bring forth fruit."—*"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 423.*

In this world of darkness, gloom, fear, sickness, wickedness, and death, how cheering it is to come in contact with one who has the sunshine of heaven in his heart. And this should be true of every child of God. The personal question arises: Am I living up to my full privilege as a child of God? Is my life so filled with the power of God that those about me feel and recognize the divine influence? So often we are far too passive in our service for Christ. We should ever exert a positive influence for good. Jesus said, "He that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad." There is no middle ground.

# Fifteen-Minute Services

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Silent Prayer .. .. .	1/2 minute.
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.

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### LETTING THE LIGHT SHINE

"I AM the light of the world," said Jesus. John 8:12. In His sermon on the mount He said to His disciples, "Ye are the light of the world," and admonished them, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:14, 16. The true Christian is one who has opened the door of his heart and admitted the indwelling presence of the One who is "the light of the world." Thus the Christian becomes "the light of the world," because of the reflection of the divine Light within. It is our business, as Christians, to let the Light shine through the daily contacts and association with our fellow men.

The scattering of truth-filled literature is one of the channels for letting the light shine—constantly, perpetually, and very effectively. We are told that "the light of truth is shedding its bright beams upon the world through missionary effort. The press is an instrumentality by which many are reached whom it would be impossible to reach by ministerial effort."—*Testimonies*, Vol. V, p. 388. And the solemn admonition, never so applicable as at this time, is as follows: "The night of trial is nearly spent. Satan is bringing in his masterly power because he knoweth that his time is short. The chastisement of God is upon the world.... The truth must not be muffled now.... Unvarnished truth must be spoken, in leaflets and pamphlets, and these must be scattered like the leaves of autumn."—*Id.*, Vol. IX, p. 231.

Christian light bearers will never be found without the printed page of truth in some form. And what a large variety we have—books, large and small, pamphlets, periodicals, tracts, magazines. There are also many successful methods of distribution to be employed, adapted to the circumstances and environment of all gospel light bearers.

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### WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

IN THE providence of God we are placed in close contact with others in our community life in order that we may impart the light of truth to those in spiritual darkness. The parable of the good Samaritan is to teach us who are rightly considered as neighbours.

They are any and all to whom we may bring a blessing or be a help. Our first responsibility lies in our own immediate neighbourhood, then on and on as far as our influence can reach. Are there sick, hopeless, or discouraged people in your neighbourhood to whom you are called to be a messenger of divine love and compassion? Are there youth in the neighbourhood whose feet are being led astray? God has placed you as a sentinel to warn and entreat and bring back to safety. Are we sharing our spiritual blessings, with those in dire need? This is a question which requires a definite answer in the light of eternity.

Someone may say, "Well, all my neighbours have had a chance to know the truth, but many of them are prejudiced." It is your privilege to live so near to God that His love manifested through your life will melt the icy prejudice and bring about a new attitude. We must never despair or become weary in well doing. However barren the soil may appear, we are to scatter the seed faithfully and generously, and the great Husbandman will cause the seed to take root and spring up in His own time and way. Faith, gentleness, persistency, refusal to become offended or discouraged, are essential qualifications in the Christian life. When our work is fully done where we are, God will see that we are transplanted to some other needy portion of His vineyard.

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### MISSIONARY EXPERIENCES

THE story is told of a sincere Christian woman who lives in a country where the acceptance of the Sabbath truth often brings great trial and persecution. When this woman first heard of Christ and of the home He has prepared for those who love Him, she was in the darkness of heathenism, but her heart was so touched that she said to herself, "I must be there!" and she wanted to find the people who were looking for that event. One day she read a tract telling about the new earth and the New Jerusalem in all its glory, and again her heart cried out, "I must be there." Then she read about the soon coming of Jesus in the clouds of heaven, and said to her husband, "I am going to be there! But, husband, who will show us how to get ready for that

event? The priest said we are not to read the Bible."

This poor peasant woman and her husband now began to inquire on every hand about the people who could get them ready to meet Jesus. They visited many religious meetings, searching for truth. One day they chanced to visit a meeting held by the Seventh-day Adventist missionaries in a small hall in the village. Over the minister's desk appeared, in large letters, the motto, "Behold, He cometh with clouds." "Husband," said the happy woman, "now we have found the people who will help us to get ready to meet Jesus. To Him be all the glory!"

The small congregation welcomed these honest people and arranged to hold Bible studies with them. Step by step the man and his wife came to a knowledge of God's message. Eventually they were baptized. The service had to be performed secretly, and at a time of the year when the ice on the river had to be broken. First the wife was baptized, then her husband. When the baptism was performed, the woman said to her husband, "Now we have done all that we know to get ready for the coming of Jesus. Now, by His help, we will remain ready."

Have we done all that we know to get ready for the Saviour's coming? Are we doing all we can to help others to get ready?

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### PERSONAL EVANGELISM

LIKE a spring in the wilderness is a Christian who is filled with the love of God and who is rejoicing in the rich spiritual blessings of heaven. Such a life will have a healing and refreshing influence, and will be a convincing testimony to the reality of salvation.

Whatever takes possession of the heart will overflow in words and actions. Jesus said, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things." Matt. 12:34, 35. Therefore the heart that is filled with a knowledge of God and has experienced the new birth, will overflow in song, praise, and in personal service for others. Such a life is filled with divine power. One Christian writer states, "The power of personal service is too tremendous to be grasped."

The strong personal worker does not withdraw from the church or body, but seeks to work in unity. Instead of seeing how much he can accomplish alone, he will seek to blend his efforts for the best good of all. Most encouraging and inspiring is the following message:

"One of the most effective ways in which light can be communicated is by private, personal effort. In the home

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