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“WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS”

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“**S**EEING then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?” 2 Peter 3:11, 12.

Of all Christians in the world, Seventh-day Adventists should be the most godly. They make the highest profession. They are looking for the soon return of their Lord. In these days of peril, when nations and institutions of earth are crumbling into dust, it behooves Christian people who expect soon to meet their Lord to consider well their relationship to God.

True, we are still in the world, but we should not be of the world. Said the Lord through Baalam, concerning Israel: “The people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations.” Numbers 23:9. God’s people must be different.

Among the writings of the ancient Christians who followed the disciples of Christ, is found a “Letter to Diognetus,” which was written to a non-Christian regarding the Christian sect. The following is an excerpt as published recently in “The Apostolic Fathers”:

“Christians are not different from the rest of men in nationality, speech or customs; they do not live in states of their own, nor do they use a special language, nor adopt a peculiar way of life. Their teaching is not the kind of thing that could be discovered by the wisdom or reflection of mere active-minded men; indeed, they are not outstanding in human learning as others are.... They live, each in his native land—but as though they were not really at home there. They share in all duties like citizens and suffer all hardships like strangers. Every foreign land is for them a fatherland and every fatherland a foreign land.... They dwell on earth, but they are citizens of heaven. They obey the laws that men make, but their lives are better than the laws. They love all men, but are persecuted by all.”

All through the ages God’s people have dwelt alone. They are loyal to their respective countries, but they recognize a higher loyalty, and that is to God. Their citizenship is in heaven. The following excerpts are taken from a sermon preached a few years ago by the pastor of the Tenth Avenue Baptist church in Oakland, California. He had just visited one of our sanitariums, and was telling of the impressions he had received:

“The Seventh-day Adventists have become accepted members of the community. Their little churches are nestled among the hills and the valleys. Their hospitals bring welcome ministrations to the sick, they are good neighbours, good comrades, good citizens.... They have given to the world the ministry of healing. They have gone forth, not as fanatics or theorists, but as empiricists, adopting the purest findings of medical and surgical science, and reinforcing all this with the sweet spirit of Jesus of Nazareth. These are the men who unweariedly follow the footsteps of Him who went about doing good. In every case they have striven to blend the healing of the body with the healing of the soul, God bless them.

“To be a Seventh-day Adventist is to know anew the meaning of the cross. They possess adequate funds to carry on the Master’s work. Why? Because each member obeys the law of the tithe. Their churches are filled with worshippers because they insist on loyalty to the Lord. To the Seventh-day Adventist the peace of Christ, and not the madness of sinful pleasure, is the great quest of the soul. You don’t find them in passion-polluted show houses, their women are not to be seen amid shameless nudities of the modern ballroom. These men and women are to be found in places where prayer is wont to be made. These people expect the coming of Jesus, they are waiting for Him; and when the Master comes, He will find them where Christians ought to be.”

This is as it should be. In the life of every Christian, and especially of those who are looking for the return of Jesus, there should be a perfect reflection of the life of Jesus.

VINCENT HILL COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

M. V. CAMP

THE "Deodars," a beautiful valley situated at the foot of Ben Og, was the camping ground of the Missionary Volunteers. One could not have chosen a better spot for tree study for almost every tree native to Mussoorie was to be found here. The sound of the stream that flowed down, winding its way through trees and stones, was music to the ear of the lover of nature. From early in the morning until late at night the birds sang and chirped, care-free and happy, knowing that their heavenly Father would provide for them. Butterflies of every hue flitted from flower to flower. Bees, moths, and insects came out into the sunshine. There is no beauty like that of nature. It was an ideal spot for a Missionary Volunteer Camp.

May 27 to 30 were great days for the Missionary Volunteers of Vincent Hill College. At about two-thirty in the afternoon Companions, Comrades and Master Comrades, numbering about fifty-seven, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Rice, Miss Lehmann, Mr. Berry and Mr. Poole made their way to the "Deodars."

A tired, but happy group arrived here about four o'clock, and sites were selected by each unit. There was a scramble to get beds in order, for inspection was timed for six o'clock.

The privilege of breaking the flag each day brought keen competition from the various units of the boys and girls. Those who kept the most tidy bed had this privilege. At times it was difficult to pick out the tidiest unit.

Credit indeed goes to the boys, who did their best to keep up with the girls in spite of several disadvantages. The boys did do a good job in keeping their beds tidy, but ask Miss Lehmann about that, for she was one of the judges at the boys' camp. The girls certainly excelled themselves.

A full programme was followed the days we were there. Billy Boykin, with his bugle, awakened us on time each morning, and just as faithfully reminded us of the time for "Lights Out" at night.

Mrs. Rice and Mrs. Killoway looked after the catering, and it is no exaggeration to say that the food was excellent, and the call, "Come to the kitchen door boys," was awaited very eagerly each meal time for we knew there was always a surprise in store for us on the menu, and a pleasant one at that.

Mr. Gerald Christo ably led out in the singing, and with Billy Boykin at the cornet this most important feature of our camp life was well cared for.

Progressive Class work was well up on the programme each day. In this way the groups were able to get most of their requirements completed. All of the teachers and Master Comrades

assisted with this work and the help they gave their classes was greatly appreciated.

Saturday night, the 29th., was a night to be remembered, when around the camp fire we sang those good old songs, "Home on the Range," "Jingle Bells," etc. Messrs. Berry and Christo entertained us to some of the wonders found in the realms of magic.

Sunday came all too soon, and after the last meal at camp the students very reluctantly handed in their plates and mugs and prepared for their journey schoolwards. On every hand could be heard the remarks that this year's camp was the best in the history of V. H. C.

Our thanks are due to our leaders Mr. Rice, Mrs. Rice, and Mrs. Killoway for the grand and profitable time spent in the Deodars among the wonders of God's works.

E. W. Matthews.

THE DORCAS SALE

THE Vincent Hill College Dorcas Benevolent Society held its annual sale on Monday June 7, and it was a delightful occasion for all who attended. After the Principal, Mr. R. E. Rice, made a few appropriate remarks, the sale was opened by Miss M. Badhwar of Mussoorie.

The sale was held in the dining hall of the college administration building. Everything was well arranged by the secretary of the society, Mrs. Woodward, and her assistants. Many different articles were attractively displayed on tables in the room, such as, shopping bags, aprons, embroidered pieces, animal toys, dolls, children's clothes, and hand-painted bibs, all of which were useful and artistically made. At the entrance to the dining hall a selection of well-chosen books and literature were on display.

The refreshment room, where sandwiches, cakes and health drinks were sold, was a busy place. The arrangement and decoration was delightful to all, with beautiful flowers adding charm to the abundant supply of tasty things to eat. Other features of interest were

the bakery show room, the ice cream and lemonade stands; and Mr. Rath's "Penny a Peek" attraction was interesting to young and old alike.

At the close of the sale all assembled in the chapel and enjoyed a programme of music and recitations. This was opened by the children's Percussion Band. The various items were rendered well and in closing, the Orchestra, composed of staff members and seniors, played three numbers. The entertainment was concluded by the students singing their school song.

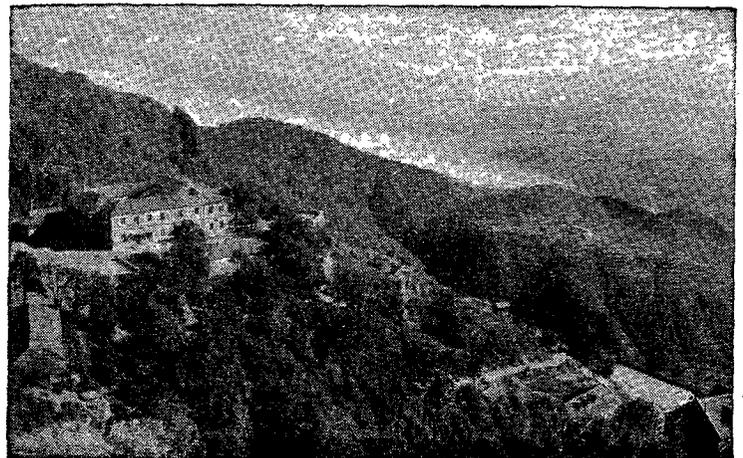
Much of the success of the sale was due to the leader of the Dorcas Benevolent Society, Miss Baird. Her touch of art was seen on every hand. The proceeds for the day amounted to Rs. 1,106-10-6. From this amount a contribution will be given to the Red Cross Society. The true Dorcas spirit was manifested by all the members in the untiring work they did in preparation for the V. H. C. annual sale. When the day closed all were pleased to have had a part in this outstanding event of the school year.

Jessie E. Kimble.

UPLIFT FIELD DAY

PASTOR G. B. Hoag writes: "Yesterday (June 21) was Uplift Field Day for the Senior group at Vincent Hill College. A large number went out and worked with great enthusiasm all day long and way into the darkness of the evening. It was 9 p.m. before everyone had returned. The cash receipts amounted to Rs. 1,153-4-0 and this compares with Rs. 863-7-0 brought in last year. Practically all the people we met were refugees and all of them told stories of hard luck and destruction, but in spite of it all we received more money than ever before. Brethren Rice and Austin collected Rs. 300 after five o'clock. Pastors Kimble and Morris are working at big hotels and they will no doubt bring in a large amount also and some are going out again tomorrow. Our goal is Rs. 2,000 and I am sure that we have that amount already. Several territories are as yet untouched. The amounts taken by some of the students were really wonderful—Jean Shannon collected Rs. 80 and Joyce Boykin Rs. 66-3-0."

The College Nestling Among the Hills.



PROSPERITY FOR ALL

M. L. Rice

WE OFTEN read, "Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper," and wonder why things seem to go against us, as they so frequently do. Has not God promised to prosper everything that we undertake?

When we turn our thoughts to prosperity, we all become deeply interested. All want to prosper. In our text, the poet is talking about this very thing—prosperity. He is pointing out the way to secure it. What is more, he clearly states that it is within the reach of all. Yes, it is possible for everyone to prosper in God's sight.

To be successful, we are prone to think that every plan must pay in some kind of dividend; everything we touch must turn to gold. Unless we can see some gain as a result of our undertaking, we consider that we have not prospered.

Personal prosperity does not depend on our being always on the winning side. That would be prosperity in things. But the prosperity referred to in the text is that which comes to the individual—prosperity of heart, of experience.

It is possible for one so to live, so to enter into every problem of life, that, regardless of the outcome, he himself has prospered in his heart. He may meet with adversity. Well-laid plans may fail, but regardless of these, he has enriched his own soul because of the relationship he has sustained to his Lord. The winds that seemed so contrary have served only to drive him into a more prosperous relationship to God.

The psalmist tells us of the kind of man that will always prosper. He refuses to walk "in the counsel of the ungodly." He does not get his directions from those who know not God. He gets his orders from Heaven. His counsellors are those that love and serve God. He is a praying man.

This man who always prospers in every experience is not found going "the way of sinners." He is never found in that company. He travels another way. His way is straight.

Because he gets his counsel from God, and he travels a way entirely separate from sinners, he is not found sitting "in the seat of the scornful." His associates are of a different class. He sits only in heavenly places.

It is not a sin for a man to prosper in material things, provided he does it honestly. "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 2.

Many Bible characters were successful and prosperous in the things of this world. Daniel was prosperous in position. He rose from being a captive slave to the highest position Babylon could bestow. But his real success, the prosperity that counts with God, was not in what he became, but what he was.

Joseph prospered in both position and influence. He went from a prison to a palace. But his real prosperity must be measured in what he was and not in what he became.

The poet pictures a prosperous man as "a tree planted by the rivers of water." A "planted" tree suggests one that is in its proper place. It is where it should be. It has a mission to fulfil—is there for a purpose.

He "bringeth forth his fruit in his season." The prosperous produces fruit, the fruit of the Spirit. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Galatians 5:22, 23.

"His leaf shall not wither." The prosperous are all ever-greens. They never shed their graces. They are a shade to the weary. Under their influence and care the tired find rest and refreshment.

MOOLADAM CHURCH
DEDICATED

W. F. Storz

IT IS always a pleasure to hear about the growth and the strengthening of our churches. Friday, June 11, was a happy day for the members of the Mooladam church as they met together for the dedication of their new meeting hall. On Thursday evening the monsoon broke in earnest and many were wondering just what kind of a day it would be for a meeting. Just shortly before 9 a.m., the appointed hour, the rain stopped, and aside from light showers, it remained good weather all morning. This was certainly a token of the Lord's appreciation of this occasion. All the local members were present and also some from surrounding companies.

Special mention should be made of Brother S. S. Lazarus, our worker, and also of those of that company who so unselfishly spent so much of their time in the building of the hall. It is readily seen how the united effort of the group in this place has accomplished this long cherished plan. Many churches would do well in following the example of this little group in the way they co-operated in the building work. Our prayer for the Mooladam church is that it may now rapidly grow and increase in strength as it meets from Sabbath to Sabbath in its new home.

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school year, I would say that this hostel keeps its doors open for you to reside in its spacious and well-equipped rooms, dine in its beautiful dining-hall, play in its cement and earth courtyards, spend evening leisure hours on its terrace, in short, to enjoy all the blessing of a "home-away-from-home."

We look forward to greeting those who are at present on leave and to say "Welcome" to those coming here for the first time.

GIFFARD MISSION HOSPITAL NEWS

K. Gopala Rao

WE WERE very happy to greet Mr. and Mrs. Myat Pe, representatives from Burma to the recent Division Council and Ministerial Institute, who stopped here for a brief visit on March 29, 1948. A meeting of the hospital family was called, at which time words of welcome were spoken to these visitors. We were most interested in a resume of our work in the Land of the Pagodas as Brother Myat Pe reported it to us. With him we thanked the Lord for the miraculous deliverances and providential guidance that were evidenced during the recent years of war even though God had allowed some of our personnel there to lay down their lives for His precious cause. A report like this helps us to put our trust in God more than ever before.

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The last part of April was a very busy time. Members of the North and South Telugu Mission committees, the Narsapur school board and the union representatives (Elder Mattison and Mr. Amirtham) were here for important annual committee work. Elder Mattison and other committee members gave us some much needed spiritual food each morning and evening during this week of committees. We believe that the Lord was with them in their plans and actions for the furtherance of His work. This session terminated with a very happy event when on Sabbath morning during the church service two of the brethren, Mr. E. S. Eswar Rao and Mr. E. N. William, were called of God to assume leadership and were ordained to the gospel ministry. We wish Pastors Eswar Rao and William every success as they shoulder the responsibilities as superintendents of the South and North Telugu Missions respectively.

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Dr. Hiscox and Miss Binder are vacationing at Kurseong, Darjeeling Dist., while Dr. and Mrs. Oliver, Miss York, and Miss Bradley are spending their hill leave at Kodaikanal this summer. They are expected back toward the end of this month when we hope the hospital, which has of necessity been very quiet, will once again function in its usual strong way.

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Dr. Bazliel has gone to Surat to relieve Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Buxton who are spending their hill leave this year in England.

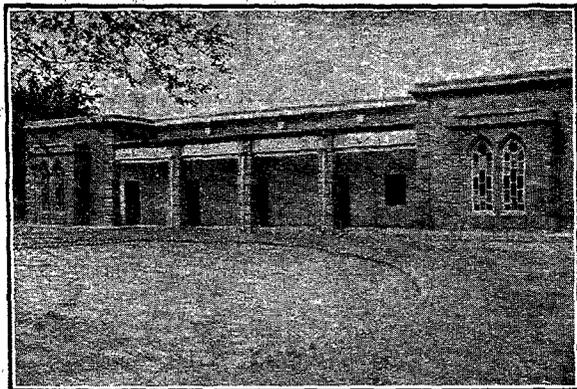
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Electricians have just finished wiring the nurses' new hostel and it is now ready for occupation. To all prospective unmarried women students of nursing who wish to come here this coming

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NEWS FROM THE NORTHWEST

Ray L. Kimble, Superintendent



The Roorkee Training School

ASIX weeks' summer school for the study of Hindi is now in session at Roorkee. These special language classes will be of great value to our teachers in their school work.

The Roorkee school farm reports a fruitful season with the value of produce around the Rs. 10,000 mark. Sugarcane, wheat, and rice are grown in large quantities. Our Chuharkana and Hapur boarding-schools also report large wheat harvests which will mean much in meeting the needs for the new school year.

A goodly number of student colporteurs are in the field selling our truth-filled books these days. They are sending to the office encouraging reports and from these it would appear that most of them, if not all, will have at least one scholarship earned before vacation ends. Some of them will have super-scholarships, and a few of the students will probably finish their canvassing with two or more scholarships earned from the sale of books. This is an excellent experience for these young people and will be invaluable to them through life. The young person who has had experience in selling our literature is the one we prefer for the work when he graduates. Such young people have an additional preparation to what they received in school and are better prepared for the service we want them to do. The sales of our young people in the Northwest have been most encouraging and we are proud of what they have done.

Encouraging reports come from the local fields. The Lord is guiding and our workers have much to be thankful for in the way of blessings and experiences. There are many problems confronting the fields these days, but we trust the One who will instruct and direct in the way which we should go.

Uplifting this year has met with excellent success in places. We would have been able to do much more had the folders reached us early. Getting started late has cut into some of the best campaign time. As in the past, liberal gifts have been received and many are our friends and interested ones in medical and educational work. In one place, if we were prepared to outline a definite medical project, the

public would supply funds for building a hospital. We wonder sometimes how long doors will remain open, for we cannot but feel that some day soon these open doors will close again.

Brother Allen, our new secretary-treasurer, and I made a trip to Pakistan in the interest of our work there. We met with the West and Central Punjab Committees and were greatly cheered to hear their good reports. Their enlarged plans for work bespeak a courageous spirit with which they press on toward higher and better goals in Christian service. Soul-winning is in the forefront. In many different places interests are developing and people are wanting to hear more about the message. Plans for a strong evangelistic programme in these fields is outstanding. Sabbath school offerings are on the increase and tithe is coming in well. Hearts are being touched when the news of a soon-coming Saviour is heard, and many a hungry soul is listening to the whisperings of the Holy Spirit. There are people everywhere who are hungering and thirsting after righteousness.

Pastor Faqir Chand reports a new effort in East Punjab with an attendance of three hundred. The news of the meeting is spreading to distant villages and the interest grows and the number attending increases. Several such efforts are planned for this field during the year. We feel we are no longer to delay by saying "There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest." The harvest is now—it is ripe and ready—if we dare to hesitate to reap the golden grain the time will pass and much of the harvest will be lost. The question often comes in our thinking, "Are we doing one hundred per cent soul-winning work these days of harvest time?"

Brother Hamel reports from the Frontier—that far northern section of our field. He is working on the purchase of the new property at Peshawar, and when the transaction is completed, we will have a location that will mean much to our work. Pastor Akbar Masih is preparing the way for an effort to take place later in the year.

Reports from the union-wide field help us to believe greater things are to

be accomplished in the days to come. There are signs here and there that we feel foretell the dawning of a new day in evangelistic work. We cannot say just how this will be brought about, but we truly believe it is coming, for we cannot but believe that the millions in this great Northwest are to be warned of the soon-coming Saviour and will hear the message for these last days. It reminds us of a statement in "Testimonies to Ministers," page 300, which reads as follows, "Let me tell you that the Lord will work in this last work in a manner very much out of the common order of things, and in a way contrary to any human planning." Sometimes our plans miscarry and we wonder why we have not been successful. It must be that the Lord has a better plan for the finishing of His work.

Our English work has suffered considerably in the loss of many of our members who have left us on permanent transfers to other lands. In some of our churches we have lost more than half and up to three-fourths of the membership. We have been happy to hear from many of these faithful church members that they are attending church regularly where they are now living. It seems to us there is but one way to meet the emergency that we now face in our English work and that is to put on a strong evangelistic programme throughout the field. We are planning in part for this, but until we have a larger working force for this department of our work, we will only be able to do a small portion of what now waits to be done. For this emergency, and I believe we can call it such, we need thousands of tracts—truth filled, stirring with a message for the day that has come upon us. We need many more literature-evangelists to place in the field with a large supply of books to sell. We need consecrated men and women for Bible work and house-to-house visiting. We need evangelists of experience to proclaim the third angel's message in cities and towns and villages, and we believe now is the time to do all this work.

We are led to believe that such a work as we have mentioned will be accomplished in the Northwest when we

read the following quotation from the pen of Mrs. E. G. White regarding the closing work we have to do. She writes as follows:

"Those who have held the beginning of their confidence firm unto the end will be wide-awake during the time that the third angel's message is proclaimed with great power. During the loud cry, the church, aided by the providential interpositions of her exalted Lord, will diffuse the knowledge of salvation so abundantly that light will be communicated to every city and town. The earth will be filled with the knowledge of salvation. So abundantly will the renewing Spirit of God have crowned with success the intensely active agencies, that the light of present truth will be seen flashing everywhere."—"Review and Herald," July 12, 1945.

Our Pakistan High School will open at Chuharkana at the beginning of the new school year. This addition to our educational work will be greatly appreciated by all and will fill a long felt need in the Punjab. Brother D. S. Johnson will be returning to the Northwest soon from furlough and will have charge of our educational work in Pakistan. We welcome Brother and Sister Johnson and family to our field again

and will be happy when they arrive to be with us in the work.

The importance of our educational work is well expressed in the following paragraph from "Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students," page 166: "If ever we are to work in earnest, it is now. The enemy is pressing in on all sides, like a flood. Only the power of God can save our children from being swept away by the tide of evil. The responsibility resting upon parents, teachers, and church members, to do their part in co-operation with God, is greater than words can express."

This news letter from the Northwest brings to you peep holes through which you may have glimpses of the work we are doing up this way. It leaves us full of courage and of good spirits, pressing on in the work toward the goal we are endeavouring to reach with you when that glad day comes and we shall meet our Saviour face to face. What a wonderful privilege it is to be workers together with God in the great plan of salvation, having our place in Southern Asia in God's great worldwide work. From this part of the Division field we ask an interest in your prayers that we may remain faithful and true to the task we have been given to do.

carries the field against it. This upright man of the land of Uz suffered one harrowing disaster after another. His cattle and camels were taken away or destroyed; his servants were killed; his children were slain; and finally trouble fastened upon him with "sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown." Any ordinary man would have wilted under this intense woe, would have given up in discouragement, felt that life was futile for him; but not so Job. Feeling that his Creator had a purpose for his life in spite of all opposition, he could tell his defeatist wife, "What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?" No wonder the chronicler adds the significant comment, "In all this did not Job sin with his lips." If the patriarch could not escape the evil of the world and its difficulties and troubles, he could escape the temptation which comes to all of us at some time or other to surrender our hope and trust in the eternal God.

We are the dramatis personae on the same stage today, only perhaps much more so, because of the increased stresses and strains of our chaotic and disturbing time. We can surrender and become psychiatric because of our fears, or we can rise above the evil environment or inner temptation with the same assurance that Job mustered when he triumphantly cried, "But He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." With Browning, Job could sing:

"I go to prove my soul,
I see my way as birds their trackless
way,
I shall arrive.—What time, what circuit
first,
I ask not: but unless God send His hail
Of blinding fireballs, sleet, or stifling
snow,
In some time, His good time, I shall
arrive;
He guides me and the bird. In His
good time."



MEETING THE CRISES OF LIFE

William G. Wirth

IN THIS imperfect world of ours life is made up of turning points and crises that bring us the good or the bad, as the case may be. We remember how well the bard of Avon expressed it in his tragedy of Julius Caesar, when he made Brutus say to Cassius:

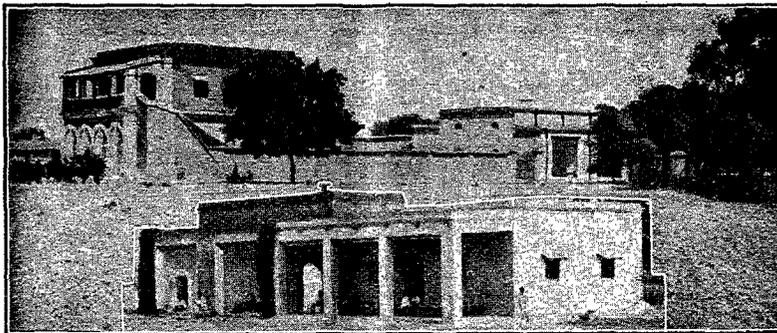
"There is a tide in the affairs of men,
which, taken at the flood, leads on to
fortune;
Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries."

These decisive events come to us whether we will them or not; they are beyond our control. It is part of the heritage of human existence. Because of the greater weight of moral

and spiritual evil that presses upon us, because our thoughts and our actions are unfortunately vitiated with inescapable inborn perversity, most of life's crises, unless met in the right way, do us harm. Too few of them open to us the road to better and finer living. Whatever the issues, however, what really counts is how we meet them. They are great challenges to our manhood and womanhood, making for character and virtue.

The Old Testament book of Job is recognized as one of the finest dramas of life that has ever been written. It focuses brilliantly upon the unavoidable fact of crisis in human experience and what happens when character

TH**E**R**E** is never time to sin; it is always perilous to continue in transgression; but in a special sense is this true at the present time. We are now upon the very borders of the eternal world, and stand in a more solemn relation to time and to eternity than ever before. Now let every person search his own heart, and plead for the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness to expel all scriptural darkness, and cleanse from defilement. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Through faith, irrespective of feeling, Jesus, the Author of our salvation, the Finisher of our faith, will by His precious grace strengthen the moral powers, and the sinner may reckon himself "to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ."—Ellen G. White.



Hapur Boarding School. Above: School Building and Girls' Compound. Below: Boys' Hostel.

THE OPEN WINDOWS OF HEAVEN

W. B. Ochs

THE Lord does not force anyone to pay tithe. Invitingly He says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the WINDOWS OF HEAVEN, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:10.

Notice our part in this transaction is explained in the words, "Bring ye all the tithes." And where are we to bring it? The answer is, "into the storehouse"—the storehouse of the Lord. By doing this we, upon His invitation, are proving the Lord. The paying of the tithe brings with it the promise that He will open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. The Lord always gives more than we deserve.

The tithe is holy. It belongs to God. Those who have been honest in the payment of tithe have found that the Lord has never disappointed them. His promises are as reliable today as they ever have been. He desires that we shall not want. He longs to bless us, not only spiritually, but financially, and this He can do when we fulfil the conditions.

The paying of tithe dates back to the time of Adam and it is to be continued to the time of the end. "The tithing system reaches back beyond the days of Moses. Men were required to offer to God gifts for religious purposes before the definite system was given to Moses, even as far back as the days of Adam."—Testimonies, Vol. 3, p. 393.

The tithing system is not a plan that ministers have thought out in order to get money so they can be supported, but it has a divine origin. "All may take hold of it in faith and courage, for it is divine in its origin."—Testimonies, Vol. 3, p. 388.

The paying of tithe is intended to impress a great truth. This thought is emphasized in the teaching of the Spirit of prophecy, of which we quote the following:

"The system of tithes and offerings was intended to impress the minds of men with a great truth—that God is the source of every blessing to His creatures, and that to Him man's gratitude is due."—"Patriarchs and Prophets," p. 525.

"Not until God ceases to bless His children will they cease to be under bonds to return to Him the portion that He claims."—"Acts of the Apostles," p. 339.

"Of all our income, we should make the first appropriation to God."—Testimonies, Vol. 4, p. 474.

These obligations bring with them a note of encouragement, for they sup-

port the statement, "I shall not want." The psalmist who uttered these words had a wonderful experience in God, and out of the abundance of the storehouse of his experience he encourages us when he says, "O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him. O fear the Lord, ye His saints: for there is no want to them that fear Him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing." Ps. 34:8-10.

And again, "The Lord knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied." Ps. 37:18, 19.

It is in our power to OPEN UP THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN. This is done by our faithfulness in paying the tithe which belongs to God. He is more than willing to pour out His blessings upon us. Shall we not be faithful to God?

A PRAYER

By Frances Rutan

*I ask Thee not, O Lord, for fame,
For wealth, or power;
Nor that the world may know my name
For one great hour.*

*But give me love within my soul
For those I meet;
And confidence in Thee will make
My life complete.*

*That I may do with all my heart
Each daily task,
And faithfully may fill my place
Is all I ask.*

SOULS WON BY LAY MAN

J. P. Masillamoni

AS A result of the influence of our "Light-bearer" training classes, our lay men are now participating in personal evangelism, and many of them are preparing and holding Bible studies in their neighbourhood. Thus is fulfilled the word of the servant of the Lord that in the last days many Seventh-day Adventists would go from house to house with the Bible under their arms teaching its truths.

In South Travancore Dr. Henry Clive Isaac is a lay member who has become very interested in personal evangelistic work. Dr. Clive by healing bodily infirmities and through expressions of love, sympathy, and by making friendly contact, has been able to lead souls to the Healing Fountain and to the One who greatly loved the world, sympathized with its inhabitants, and still is its true Friend and Physician.

Here is the story of two of the many who were brought into this truth by

him. These two were baptized on March 20 at Eathavilai as a result of his sincere labours.

One brother of Munjuruvilai is a native physician and was addicted to the habit of drinking. His reputation had been very bad and he was spoken of as a fierce and rough man in most villages. He would challenge other drunkards in the toddy shop to see who could drink the most. He was never beaten. As Dr. Clive came in contact with this man in his village, he would loan him tracts and books, and by friendly association he endeavoured to influence him to give up his habit of drinking. As the Spirit of the Master rested on him the once fierce and terrible man became as meek as a lamb and began to sit and study at the feet of the Master. He was no more profane but became serious and began to respect God's Word and reverence His Sabbaths. With amazement the people for fifteen miles around his village talked of the change which had come over the man. Instead of spending his Friday evenings at the toddy shop, he would now spend them in his private room in worship and meditation on the Word of God, and, as there was no church nearby, he would spend the Sabbath alone with God. It can be said of him, as it was said of Saul, by the Lord, "Now he prayeth."

The other man who was baptized was at one time under sentence for a crime of murder which he had not committed, but in which a group of men had been involved.

He was finally set free through the influence of Dr. Clive. It is said that it is evident that we truly live the message when those who live near us also accept it. This man lived opposite Dr. Clive's home and in love for his neighbour Dr. Clive had been able to win him to Christ. During the last Week of Prayer he gave himself to the Lord. He has been attending our Sabbath school at Eathavilai for a number of years and is a regular tithe-payer. What a thought it is to realize that the sweet gospel of Christ has a power and love to change murderers and drunkards into noble men of strong character. How much joy the soul-winners will have when the Lord shall come "to make up His jewels" and shall say to them, "Well done."

Truly God's name was glorified as the evening shades were falling on March 20, 1948, when Pastor P. K. David with these two precious souls, won in love for the Master, entered the watery grave at Eathavilai, and surely there was joy among the angels, too, over the scene. After the hymn, "Just as I am," was sung, an appropriate reading was given by the writer and after a prayer by Mr. Columbus Clive, Pastor David baptized these two candidates and they were received as members of the Mulachy church. Let us thank the Lord for the good work thus done through our lay men.



VOICE OF PROPHECY Bible Correspondence Course

Water Upon Him That Is Thirsty

"I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground." Isaiah 44:3.

We who are serving the Lord in the Voice of Prophecy office, have learned to take these words very literally. For they have taught us that this great land is full of people who are spiritually thirsty. In a very real sense, this is a thirsty land.

But we have also learned that the blessed Spirit of God is pouring floods of water upon such. For there is not a day passes, but in which we receive expressions of joy from some thirsty soul whose spiritual thirst has been quenched. And they come from all sorts and conditions of men. Here are some extracts from letters recently received:

"I have implicit faith in the vicarious death of Christ. I believe firmly that He died on the Cross for love of all. I also believe in the Cross as a sacred emblem of the eternal love of God for man.

"I am much impressed by the glorious way in which Christ faced the Cross. It teaches us the supreme lesson of resignation to the divine will.

"Another point in lesson 14 which has impressed me is 'attainment of perfection through suffering.' The value of suffering we often forget in our daily life. This point came to me as a brilliant revelation. It has chased away much mental worry.

"I am indeed very grateful to you for the ethical and spiritual gain that I am deriving from these lessons. They are a balm to the sore mind.

"I may tell you in confidence that things are brightening for me. I ascribe it to your prayers. Kindly remember my poor self in your congregational prayers." M.A., B.L. (Cal.) Ph.D. (Edin.), The Post-Graduate Department of English.

"Language has no power to express my sincerest gratitude to you for the extremely interesting and eye-opening lessons which you have so kindly sent me during the past few months. As a student of Comparative Study of Religions, I have invariably appreciated and greatly admired your lessons. They have opened a fresh desire in my heart to dive deeper into the mystery and the glory of God and to study critically the scriptures inspired by Him. Indeed, your lessons were so clearly and lucidly put in an inimitable style that they rendered the study and the answering

of questions a very easy and profitable task. I had, as a matter of fact, keenly awaited them, week after week and loved going through them and tried to assimilate the great wealth of knowledge and ideal instructions contained in them.

"You have undertaken a great and noble enterprise and are performing immense service to humanity by leading God-loving and God-fearing people by initiating them in following the right path.

"May your mission be crowned with great success."—Brahmin.

"After a close study of the lessons from the Voice of Prophecy, I am glad to tell you how the whole thing influenced me mentally and morally. It helped me much to keep myself away from all kinds of evils which we find among the youth of this age and of which I was not an exception; it helped me to love and look upon others as belonging to one brotherhood. I am glad to say your lessons helped me to see the light and to come to the Cross of Calvary, where I could find perfect peace and bury the heavy burden of my sin and where I could see the wonderful salvation of our Redeemer."

"I have completed the Voice of Prophecy Course which is interesting and instructive to a high degree. The course has opened before me a new path of life about which I was ignorant up to the time when I received your lessons on Bible teachings. Nowadays, everyone who wants to uphold one's ideas and thoughts, which may be based on truth or falsehood, is crying out denouncing the thoughts and ideas of others without studying them. This senseless act of the fanatic leads to bitterness and disharmony and creates unhappiness and peacelessness.

"But this course gives a clear idea of the life of a true Christian and makes him lovable and respectable. This also teaches that there is a Being perfect in all qualities and shows us that we should mould our lives after that Divine Pattern.

"I will ever remain grateful to your esteemed Institution for the kind help which is extended to me by sending me the lessons."—Brahmin.

"In these days of materialism and clamour for scientific proofs and concrete evidences, there is nothing like the Voice of Prophecy to convince men and convert unbelievers to the path leading to God.

"It leads the backward from darkness to light and it marvellously gives new sight and great vision to the spiritually blind. Its work is unparalleled and its service, without thought and hint of any profit in return, is unique.

"If anyone feels that he is far away from God, let him study this series of lessons, simple and yet comprehensive, and he will surely admit that he has been benefited and will feel confident that he is closer to God than before."—B. Sc., Brahmin.

A WONDERFUL ANSWER TO PRAYER

THE days of miracles have not passed. Jesus says He is "the same yesterday, and today, and for ever." Hebrews 13:8. "Call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me." Psalm 50:15. How true are these words, and how comforting.

I write this to bring strength and courage to everyone who seeks the Lord for help. He alone can help us and strengthen us in the fiery trials that come to us from time to time, and the many problems that confront every child of God, for these trials are God's workmen, to mould and fashion us to His glory.

Recently after the partition of India, my Sabbath concession which I have enjoyed for the past fifteen years in government service ever since I joined the church, was withdrawn locally, but on appealing to higher authorities and after much prayer, the Lord made it possible in a marvellous way for me to continue receiving my concession. This wonderful answer to prayer held me spellbound, to witness how the Lord raised up a high departmental official while on tour to defend me.

The whole narrative of God's wonderful working is not told in this article for obvious reasons, sufficient that the Lord uses ways and means unknown to us. His armoury for our protection is inexhaustible, and the greatest medium is never-ceasing prayer. William Cowper says:

"Prayer makes the darkest cloud withdraw;

Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw,
Gives exercise to faith and love,
Brings every blessing from above.

"Restraining prayer, we cease to fight;
Prayer makes the Christian's armour bright;

And Satan trembles when he sees
The weakest saint upon his knees."

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GLEANINGS

EARLY in June, Doctors Buxton left Bombay by air for a brief visit to Doctor Buxton's home in Great Britain. They expected to spend about a week in Switzerland en route. They will be back in less than two month's time. While they are away Dr. Bazziel is acting as the Medical Superintendent of the Surat Hospital. We trust that Doctors Buxton will have a very pleasant and profitable visit and that they will ere long return to their work greatly refreshed from their period of rest.

On the 5th of June a little chapel, which has recently been erected in connection with the Surat Hospital, was dedicated. A full report of this service will appear at another time. We are glad that such a fine representative little chapel can now be connected with our medical missionary programme in that large and important city.

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News has come concerning the recent death of Dr. Hiscox's aged father. We regret that Dr. Hiscox could not have seen her father before he passed away since her furlough is so nearly due. We express to Dr. Hiscox and the members of the family our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

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Word has come that Brethren Collett and Robbins and others in Karachi have just about reached their splendid goal for Uplift in that city. They report many providences of God which have led them in this work. Brother Robbins reports a number of instances which show that the door for our work is wide open and the people of Pakistan are really beckoning us to move forward in our medical missionary programme for that part of the Division.

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From South India comes word that Brother P. A. T. C. Lobo has opened up an evangelistic effort in Trichinopoly. We are glad to see these evangelistic efforts beginning now that the severe hot season has passed, and we trust that the effort at Trichinopoly and the efforts in other places will be very successful and result in a large harvest of souls.

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Good word has come from our colleges and high schools indicating that there is a good enrolment of young people in these schools. We suggest that our brethren and sisters throughout the Division pray earnestly that the Lord's blessing may rest upon our educational institutions as they mean so much to us in the training of our young people and children for the service of the Master.

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Pastor Woodward, who has laboured for thirty-five years in Southern Asia,

will be leaving within the next few days for America to join his family from whom he has been separated now many months. We trust that he may have a safe and pleasant journey, and that the blessings of the Lord will follow him in his future ministry wherever that may be.

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Pastor and Mrs. Tarr are making their final preparations for leaving for their well-earned furlough, which is now several months overdue. They will be going to the United States of America first where they will see their sons who are now at Pacific Union College and other relatives and friends in the States. After attending the coming Biennial Autumn Council they plan to proceed on to South Africa, their home country, for the remaining portion of their furlough time. We also wish for

JERUSALEM, MY HOME

*O city by the glassy sea;
I tune my harp and sing of thee;
Methinks I see thy towers rise
In sunlit splendour towards the skies*

*Methinks I see thy gates of pearl
Thy flaming banners wide unfurl!
O city by the glassy sea,
Jerusalem, I sing of thee.*

*Oft in my dreams with rapture sweet
The loved of other days I greet,
And hand in hand we pluck the flowers
That bloom in thy sequestered bowers.*

*And best of all, His face I see,
The Man who gave His life for me
And o'er thy golden streets we roam,
Jerusalem, my home, my home!*

*O city by the shining sea
Thy walls and bulwarks beckon me.
O land of never-fading spring,
Of thee, Jerusalem, I sing.*

—Selected.

them a pleasant and prosperous voyage, and are sure they will enjoy their visits in the States and in South Africa. We wish for them much of the blessing of the Lord throughout their furlough time when they will be absent from the Southern Asia Division.

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Recent word from the States indicates that Elder Dunbar Smith, who is now in his Senior year in the Loma Linda Medical College of Evangelists, is looking forward to the time when he and his three brothers may be able to take up medical missionary work in this Division field. In fact, we are hoping to have one or more of the brothers in our midst before many months pass. Brother Dunbar has maintained his missionary zeal throughout his medical training, and has also interested a number of others in giving

their services for medical missionary work in regions beyond.

The landscape at Salisbury Park has greatly improved since the breaking of the monsoons this season. Green grass is springing up everywhere and the leaves of the trees are of a bright green, and birds are singing their songs. We trust that in the weeks to come, since the worst of the hot weather has passed, there may be throughout our whole Division field a revival of our evangelistic programme for the winning of souls. Word has come that in the China Division they are carrying on more than fifty public evangelistic efforts. We do not have the exact number of evangelistic efforts planned for this Division field at hand, but we do know that a very large number are being planned for in all parts of the field. We are a little late in getting started with these efforts due to the excessive heat of the summer in the plains of India. However, now that the weather has changed we can look confidently for splendid reports concerning these efforts.

A. L. Ham.

NEW PRESIDENT FOR THE COLLEGE OF MEDICAL EVANGELISTS

AT THE annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the College of Medical Evangelists held May 17, 1948, Dr. George T. Harding, Medical Director of the Harding Sanitarium in Worthington, Ohio, and clinical professor of psychiatry at the Ohio State University College of Medicine, was elected president of the College of Medical Evangelists. Dr. Harding will take office on September 1, 1948.

The Board of Trustees' report also announced that Dr. Walter E. Macpherson, for six years president of the College of Medical Evangelists and formerly its dean, will become vice-president of the College and chairman of the section on medicine.

Dr. Harding was born in Columbus, Ohio, in 1904, received his bachelor's degree at Washington Missionary College in 1933, and graduated from the College of Medical Evangelists in 1928.

After graduation, Dr. Harding became associated with his father. Dr. G. T. Harding, Jr., founder of the well-known Harding Sanitarium in Worthington, Ohio. This institution has played an important role in the medical educational programme of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Here many young physicians have received advanced training in psychiatry. Dr. Harding organized the Worthington Foods in 1939 and several smaller industries as a part of an Adventist community development at Worthington.

Dr. Harding is a member of the Ohio Conference committee, and of the boards of Mt. Vernon Academy and Washington Missionary College.

SABBATH SCHOOL RALLY DAY

August 7, 1948

E. D. THOMAS

PROGRAMME

ONCE a year we conduct a Sabbath School Rally Day programme in all our churches. On this day each Sabbath school is supposed to study its work, comparing it with the divine standard set, and lay plans to reach that standard one hundred per cent.

We are glad to report that our Sabbath school work in the Southern Asia Division is growing fast. Our first Sabbath school was opened in 1895, fifty-three years ago. Today we have 549 Sabbath schools with a membership of 17,751. It is gratifying to note the progress.

Among our members 2,600 are not attending any Sabbath school. Each Sabbath school should see to it that all the members attend the Sabbath school regularly. Some may be travelling, and others because of age, illness, isolation, or similar handicaps, are prevented from regular attendance at the parent school. They should be enrolled in the Extension Division, which was formerly called the Home Division. They should be provided with the Extension Division card and envelope. Their attendance, daily study, and offerings should be added to the parent school.

MEMBERSHIP

Plans should be made to enlarge the membership of the Sabbath school by bringing in the interested parties, friends and neighbours, and by opening branch Sabbath schools. During the week they should be visited and encouraged. If there should be any who cannot read, provision should be made to help them read the Word of God for themselves as early as possible. We should not fail to enrol our babies and children in the Sabbath school.

COMMUNITY BIBLE SCHOOL

In the island of Ceylon they have a Community Bible School which has a membership of 415. They are people interested in the truth through the Bible Correspondence School. It would be nice if each local mission could get in touch with the Voice of Prophecy students in their territory, and organize a community Bible school for them, providing them with a Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly.

LESSON HELPS

Every member of the Sabbath school should have a Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly. For English speaking members we have separate lessons for the senior, youth, junior, primary, kindergarten and cradle roll divisions. In addition, we have a weekly paper called *Our Little Friend* for the primary students, and *My Bible Story* for the cradle roll and kindergarten. The lesson for the cradle roll is printed in *My Bible Story* and for the kindergarten and primary in *Our Little Friend*. For vernacular students we print lessons for

Opening Song: "Jesus Is Tenderly Calling," No. 569 in *Church Hymnal*.

Prayer.

Announcements.

Offertory.

Talk: "Sabbath School Rally Day," by E. D. Thomas.

Recitation: "Win Them Through the Sabbath School."

Talk: "Cast Thy Bread Upon the Waters," by E. B. Hare.

Special Music.

Talk: "What Should Be Your Sabbath School Offering Goal?"

Talk: "A Sure Way of Extending the Message," by E. D. Thomas.

Closing Song: "Awake My Soul," No. 355 in *Church Hymnal*.

Benediction.

Notes to Leaders

August 7 is set as the Sabbath School Rally Day for 1948. We herewith present a suggestive programme with the desire that a Rally Day programme be conducted in all our churches during the regular preaching service hour, following the Sabbath school session. In some places you may have a Rally Day programme in the morning and another one in the afternoon. We have given you some extra material, and you may feel free to use it as you think best.

We suggest that the local mission Sabbath school secretaries choose some articles and have them translated and mimeographed and then send them out to all the Sabbath schools in your field.

If the date set is in any way inconvenient, you may have the programme carried out at some other suitable time. It is our prayer that the Rally Day will bring great blessings to our churches.

Sabbath School Department.

the senior and primary classes. For many years we have used the primary lessons for the cradle roll, kindergarten and primary. At the last Kirkee Council it was recommended to the field to translate and print kindergarten lessons for the little ones.

DAILY STUDY

The Sabbath school worker should get the members sufficiently interested in purchasing the Lesson Quarterly for themselves since these lessons have matter of eternal interest. In many vernacular schools we find adults and children without any Quarterlies of their own. Because of this they are not well-versed in the lessons, and are not earning any Honour Cards or Bookmarks. In these days of peril when the faith of every church member is being tested and tried, our people need the helpful influence of the Sabbath school and the regular study of the Word of God. It is said, "None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible

will stand through the last great conflict." We can conceive of no greater accomplishment on the part of the Sabbath school officers, ministers and local mission leaders than that of finding out the missing members and interested ones in the Sabbath school, and providing them with Lesson Quarterlies. The parents should take time to study the lesson regularly with their children from infancy. This is an important step in moulding the character of the little children when they are young.

SABBATH SCHOOL PROGRAMME

The Sabbath school officers should give careful study to their programme each week, making it as interesting as possible. A little variation in the programme by some special item by the children, or special vocal or instrumental music would create a real interest among the members. The Sabbath school secretary should prepare an interesting report every week. He should have different kinds of charts hanging on the wall to correspond with the figures that he presents.

TEACHERS

Class lessons should be taught by competent teachers who have prepared their lessons well by daily study and by referring to the helps given in the *Sabbath School Worker* and other books assigned. Teachers' meetings should be held where we have more than one teacher in a department, and helpful discussions and suggestions on the high points of the lesson should be given. The teachers should be helped to impress upon the minds of the students the seed thought of the lesson effectively. The Reading Course books and the *Sabbath School Worker* should be studied at the teachers' meeting. These studies increase the efficiency of the teaching staff. For 1948 a good book called *The Making of a Teacher* has been recommended.

OFFERINGS

As a rule our people are liberal in offerings. Hereunder we give the progress of the Sabbath school work for the last three years:

	1945	1946	1947
No. of S. S.	500	504	549
Membership	14,687	14,059	17,751
Offerings	Rs. 58,513-15	62,872- 6	71,718- 5

We have a church membership of 9,306. In 1947 the Sabbath School Offering per member was two annas four pies per week. This is very low. Our members can give more than this. In North America our people give an average of a rupee per week per head. Christ said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." "God loveth a cheerful giver."

It is my earnest prayer that you give close study to your Sabbath school work during this Rally Day, and lay definite plans to build up the Sabbath school work. If the Sabbath school is strong, it automatically helps the church to be strong.

Cast Thy Bread Upon the Waters

ERIC B. HARE

"CAST thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." Eccl. 11:1. How often I have seen grain sown this way in the Orient! With the first rains of the monsoon in Burma a field is worked up, flooded with water, puddled into soft mud, then the seed rice is thrown thickly on the surface. Quickly the seed sinks out of sight, and the passer-by could never tell it was there. The ignorant might think the grain had been thrown away and lost. But it is not lost! It takes root and grows. When the rice plant is about a foot high it is transplanted into the other prepared fields; and at the time of harvest, after many days, it is found that each grain has returned again eightyfold, one hundredfold, or even more.

Solomon gave us this figure of speech to assure us that "there is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Prov. 11:24. Because of the "life" there is in this third angel's message, the figure of speech very aptly applies to every detail of our work.

In 1844 there was just one little church and one little handful of people in Washington, New Hampshire, keeping the Sabbath and looking for the second coming of Christ, but they told their neighbours, and their neighbours told others. They drove through the mud, the snow, the heat, the dust, the storm. They scattered out across the waters. And now, lo! after many days, there are 9,496 churches with 576,378 members in 197 countries telling others the truth in 810 different languages.

In 1852 Elder James White sat by the roadside writing the first Sabbath school lessons for the first *Youth's Instructor*. With tears and prayers the seed was watered; with weariness and suffering it was scattered abroad; but lo! after many days, *The Youth's Instructor* is going into 57,000 homes, delighting the hearts of our young people, and 230,000 senior "Lesson Quarterlies," 5,000 "Youth's Lesson Quarterlies," 25,000 "Junior Lesson Quarterlies," 25,000 "Primary Lesson Quarterlies," 15,000 *My Bible Story*, bring the Sabbath school lesson to our English speaking members alone.

In 1853 the first regularly organized Sabbath schools appeared at Rochester and Bucksbridge, New York State. How could they know, how could they dream of the mighty harvest that would come back after many days? But because they laid the pattern wisely and scattered the seed well, today we have 15,640 Sabbath schools with 688,281 members.

In 1878 somebody dreamed of offerings, and set a goal of a penny per member to pay for supplies. Out on to the waters rolled the pennies, hundreds and thousands and millions of pennies. But the pennies changed to nickles and dimes and quarters and dollars, and to five- and ten-dollar bills. From merely paying for supplies, our offerings have turned to the building of missionary boats, the establishing of schools and hospitals. And lo! after many days, our Sabbath school offerings are providing over fifty per cent of our total foreign mission budget, and by the end of 1946

had totalled over 56 million dollars! (Rs. 184,100,000.)

In 1874 we sent our first missionary to a field across the waters to scatter the seeds of truth, and hundreds and thousands of young people have followed in the steps of J. N. Andrews. In 1885 the first Sabbath school report was received from England. In 1888 the first Sabbath school report came from Australia. In 1889 the first Sabbath school reports came from Central Europe. In 1890 reports came from Africa and Scandinavia. In 1895 reports came from South America. In 1902 the first reports came from China, India, and Japan. In 1906 reports came from Korea; in 1910, from the Philippines; and then from every corner of the earth they came, until today, after many days, reports

WIN THEM THROUGH THE SABBATH SCHOOL

*Hark! the many voices pleading,
Pleading for the light today;
Tell us of the loving Saviour,
Help us find the Living Way.
Long the night of sin has held us,
Truth must now its power dispel;
Send the precious Word of heaven,
Send it through the Sabbath school."*

*From the far-off western hill tribes,
From the sunny southern isle,
From the palace and the hovel,
They are calling all the while;
From unnumbered towns and hamlets
Where the waiting millions dwell—
By their urgent need they call us:
"Send, oh, send the Sabbath school."*

*Hark! the gentle voice of Jesus
Pleads today with you and me:
"For these precious souls I suffered,
Shed my blood on Calvary.
Go and find the lost and straying,
And the blessed story tell,
Share with them your precious treasure,
Bring them to the Sabbath school."*

*Soon, oh, soon, our Lord is coming;
Sound the tidings far and near,
Tell your friends and tell the stranger,
Parents, youth, and children dear;
Bring them in to study with you
Truths you've learned to love so
well—*

*You may win them to the Saviour,
Win them through the Sabbath
school."*

Selected.

come from 15,640 Sabbath school secretaries, from 334 mission and conference secretaries, from 69 union secretaries, and from 13 secretaries of the great divisions of the world, where 16,538 labourers are spending all their time fishing for men.

In 1878 somebody thought of a Sabbath school songbook and "The Song Anchor" was published. In 1895 the "Gospel Song Sheaf" was published. In 1900 "Christ in Song" appeared, and as the days have gone by "The Junior Song Book" or "Missionary Volunteer Songs," "Joyful Songs for Boys and Girls," "The Sunshine Songbook," "The Gospel in

Song" and "Gospel Melodies" have come to gladden the hearts of our Sabbath school members, not to mention the countless other hymn-books published in the many other language areas.

In 1885 somebody urged that special helps be placed in the hands of our Sabbath school teachers, so the "Sabbath School Worker" was born. Through the years it has grown, and without counting the several editions published in foreign languages, our teacher's magazine is now reaching 32,500 teachers and officers, and the idea of training our teachers has spread to a yearly Reading Course of selected books, a three-section Teachers' Training Course, and the present wave of Child Guidance Institutes that is sweeping over the country, giving promise of the fulfilment of Malachi's prophecy, "He shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers."

In 1890 somebody conceived the idea of giving a thank offering on her birthday. Across the waters it spread. The General Conference Committee dedicated these birthday offerings to the establishment of new work, and the penny for each year grew to thank offerings of a dollar or more. Mothers gave extra birthday offerings for sons and husbands who were not in the truth. The children in the jungles who "never had a birthday," made the day of their baptism their day of special thanks. And after many years, around the world, Rs. 29,48,671 has been gathered in, and new fields have been entered, literature in new languages has been printed, new hospitals, new schools, and new mission stations have been built.

In 1890 (the same year) the cry of the little children for a paper of their own was answered, and *Our Little Friend* came into being, and out into the field it went bringing joy and delight to the lambs of the flock and secret pleasure and satisfaction to the fathers and mothers, and aunts and uncles, and the grandmas and grandpas who were fortunate enough to have a "little one" close enough to give them a plausible excuse for reading it. Now after many years, into 55,000 homes it goes each week, guiding little feet toward the kingdom of God.

In 1912 somebody felt that if the special needs of some special mission field were stressed, our Sabbath school members would be glad to give a special offering on the thirteenth Sabbath. Out over the world went the plan, and our Sabbath schools began studying mission geography as they had never done before. The *Missions Quarterly* was prepared, and while the world family of Sabbath schools has joined in singing

*"From Greenland's icy mountains,
From India's coral strand,
Where Africa's sunny fountains
Roll down their golden sand,
From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain,"*

Rs. 43,06,441-11 has come flowing in, to be scattered into all the world as overflow offerings over and above their regular budgets.

Away back in 1905 Lottie Lohman had a dream. Maybe you have read all about it in the primary Reading Course book, "Five Little Pennies, and How

They Grew." It is a beautiful story of how five little children Alfred, Katherine, Alice, Faye, and Mary invested five little pennies for God, and it tells how Mahetable and Robinson Crusoe—the first two missionary chickens—and the radishes, and the onions and the tomatoes which the children grew and sold, gave to Sabbath school members another new idea, that spread to all the world. In 1925 the Investment Fund was duly dedicated as a regular Sabbath school project to assist in increasing mission offerings, and God's blessing has

been manifest in a wonderful way upon the calves, bees, potatoes, bread, cakes, time, aprons, pot-holders, gold fish, greeting cards, cats, puppies, and tigers that have helped bring in Rs. 7,458-396-12 during the past twenty years.

And so the Sabbath school continues to "cast its bread upon the waters," and as a result, the hungry are fed, the light shines in dark places, the eyes of those who were blind to the love of God are opened, thousands upon thousands of slaves of Satan are delivered and turn from darkness to be servants of God.

WHAT SHOULD BE YOUR SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERING GOAL?

MANY of our members are missing the rich spiritual blessing which God has reserved for them, and the cause is losing thousands of rupees which are needed to help finish the work, because they are not following His plan of benevolence. God desires that we be as faithful in our offerings as we are in our tithes. This combination of faithfulness in tithes and offerings brings upon the believer one of the richest blessings of all the Bible; whereas neglect or unfaithfulness in either, or both, brings from God the curse mentioned in Malachi 3. Surely no true believer desires to see the cause of God suffer, or wishes to receive the curse of God. But because of ignorance of God's claims, because of neglect, or by simply leaving their benevolence to impulse, many are guilty of robbing God in offerings. God expects us to be as systematic in the giving of offerings as we are in our tithes.

"This matter of giving is not to be left to impulse. God has given us definite instruction in regard to it. He has specified tithes and offerings as the measure of our obligation. And He desires us to give regularly and systematically. . . . After the tithe is set apart, let gifts and offerings be apportioned, 'as God hath prospered you.'"—*Review and Herald*, May 9, 1893.

This is another way of saying that God desires that we plan our offerings in advance, based on a pre-determined policy, just as we plan our tithe based on ten per cent of our income. It is a guarantee that, regardless of the vicissitudes of our whims, or desires, or needs, the cause of God will not suffer, and we shall not miss the blessing.

"The plan of systematic benevolence will prove a safeguard to every family against temptations to spend means for needless things; and especially will it prove a blessing to the rich by guarding them from indulging in extravagances."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 3, p. 412.

This plan calls for the budgeting of our offerings to God, just as we budget, or should budget, our family income to care for our necessary expenditures. Every successful business organization works on the budget system, basing its expenditures on the estimated income and allowing a certain percentage or definite amount for various necessities. Likewise, families and individuals who get ahead are the ones who systematically budget their expenditures in advance, based on the expected income. It is good business procedure.

A family budget which leaves out the claims of God on tithes and offerings, or which slights the claims of God,

surely is an unbalanced budget, even if all other things are taken care of satisfactorily. Yet it is a fact that many people completely ignore the claims of God, and many Seventh-day Adventists, through having no definite system of offerings, are actually robbing God. Though Seventh-day Adventists give more than any other people in proportion to their numbers, yet we believe that, if many of our readers will do some definite figuring, they will be surprised to see what a low percentage of the income is being given to missions; and more specifically, through the Sabbath school.

This matter of systematically budgeting our offerings and planning larger contributions is in harmony with Bible instruction. For example, "Let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." This does not leave our offerings to the uncertainties of our whims, or let them be determined by the amount which we happen to have in the pocket or feel like giving at the moment the offering is taken. If we were as careless and haphazard as this in the payment of our rent, we would be in danger of being evicted from our homes.

The Bible plan is that our offerings shall be planned, in the same way that the rent, food, fuel, light, water, and clothing expenditures are planned. As a matter of fact, offerings should come at the head of the family budget. First things should come first.

"God's requirements come first. We are not doing His will if we consecrate to Him what is left of our income after all our imaginary wants have been supplied. Before any part of our earnings is consumed, we should take out and present to Him that portion which He claims. . . . When that which God claims is rendered to Him, the remainder will be sanctified and blessed to our own use. But when a man robs God by withholding that which He requires, His curse rests upon the whole."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 4, p. 477.

What amount, or what percentage of the income shall be apportioned for Sabbath school offerings? Since this is a conscience matter, one that each individual must decide in his own mind, no one can, or should, attempt to dictate the exact amount for each member to give. We only wish to suggest. Surely we should give freely and cheerfully. Furthermore, we should give in proportion to our income, or "as God hath prospered." This will naturally vary as the income fluctuates. The Sabbath School Department recommends that we give 3 per cent of our income as Sab-

bath school offerings, and we believe this plan will prove a blessing to both the giver and the cause.

"Too little," says one. Well, we grant that it does look small, but if you should figure up the percentage of income which you individually, or your Sabbath school is giving, possibly you would be surprised to find that you have not been reaching this low standard. The fact is that the majority of our Sabbath schools and individual members are giving less.

"Too much," says another. No, it does not seem so, when we look back at the record, and see that in 1932 we in the Southern Asia Division were giving 32 per cent of the tithe, or approximately 3.2 per cent of the income. In 1936 we gave 3 per cent, and for several years 2.7 per cent, but in 1947 2.3 per cent. This shows a downward trend in offerings. What we could and did do then, we can and should do now, for we are several years nearer the end, and we have been assured that the work will be finished by sacrifice. Surely we are not yet equalling the record of Israel, who gave from one-fourth to one-third of their income to religious and benevolent causes.

This plan of systematic benevolence, or budgeted giving, is based on common sense as well as on divine instruction. Some can and should give Rs. 5 or Rs 10 while others can give As. 2, 8, or Re. 1 per member. We find some have been contributing a rupee and others annas two for years, and have continued giving the same amount in these days of prosperity when our income is considerably increased.

How does the plan work out in actual practice? Just as simply and easily as figuring the tithe. For example, let us suppose the income is Rs. 100 a month. In this case the tithe is 10 per cent, or Rs. 10, and the Sabbath school offerings would be 3 per cent, or Rs. 3. The same principle of calculation works, whether the income is Rs. 5, Rs. 50, Rs. 100, or Rs. 500. In the case of a family the amount budgeted for Sabbath school offerings will be apportioned among the various members of the family and also among the different Sabbaths in the month, when the income is monthly—all according to a plan. Adaptations of the plan can be made to fit each individual case, whether the income is weekly, yearly, irregular, or seasonal, as in the case of a rural family. Whatever the case, remember to apportion a larger sum for the thirteenth Sabbath.

We heartily recommend this plan which has proved to be a great satisfaction to many of us. We believe that you, too, will like it. It will bring blessings to your family, and thousands of extra rupees to the cause, and it will help every Sabbath school to reach its goal. Best of all, the additional thousands of rupees will mean more souls in the kingdom.

Though it may call for giving more than you are now giving, accept it, remembering that the work which began in sacrifice will close in no other way, and be happy in the knowledge that you are following the Bible plan of systematic benevolence "as God hath prospered." The Lord instituted the plan of systematic benevolence largely to combat the trait of selfishness which is present in every human being.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

A SURE WAY OF EXTENDING THE MESSAGE

OUR Sabbath schools chiefly exist for two purposes, namely, to break the bread of life to our own people and to cast the bread of life upon the waters, so that it may reach every nook and corner of the world and return in an abundant harvest of souls. Every item of our programme—songs, prayers, the review, the lesson study, the secretary's report, the missions exercise, the offerings, the birthday offerings, the Investment Fund—must be focused on these great objectives. In other words, on these two great principles of Sabbath school work, the study of the Word and the sending forth of the Word, hang all the Sabbath school plans, policies, and promotion. Eventually it could be stated that the study of the Word and the sending forth of the Word, point to the ultimate end, soul-saving, and everything we do or say in Sabbath school must point in this direction.

"The Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ."—*Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, p. 10. Soul-winning is the goal of the Sabbath school, and if we do not try to reach that standard, we fail miserably. The branch Sabbath school is a material help in increasing goals of the parent school. It does something far greater than that; it helps the Sabbath school stand in its rightful place as a soul-winning agency.

Since many converts have been brought into the truth in our Division field as a direct result of branch Sabbath schools, and since there are still vast possibilities in branch Sabbath school work, it was voted at the 1947 Division Budget Meeting that every Sabbath school plan to open as many branch Sabbath schools as possible, and that the church members be encouraged to open in their homes or neighbourhood a branch Sabbath school. Again, at the recent Division Council held at Kirkee it was recommended that a leader be appointed in each Sabbath school to promote the branch Sabbath school plan; just the same way as we appoint a leader for the kindergarten and juniors, a separate leader to promote the branch Sabbath school work. The branch Sabbath school is held for the non-Adventists, while the family Sabbath school is for the Adventists who cannot attend the regular Sabbath school. In course of time when the branch Sabbath school members are well-grounded and become baptized members of the church, and when that Sabbath school is run by believers of that school, it is organized into a regular Sabbath school. The value of branch Sabbath schools cannot be over-estimated. Some of our main churches today were once little branch Sabbath schools, conducted in the home of a believer, or a worker, by a Sabbath school member or officer.

We have today only eighty-one branch Sabbath schools, and they are distributed as follows:

Burma	5	Northwest	1
Ceylon	2	South India	45
Northeast	13	Western India	15
	Total	81	

Some of these schools have had good success. They were first started for little children who were not of our faith, where lessons were taught with the aid of Picture Rolls, and songs were taught to them. Gradually these schools developed. Sometimes the parents of the children were invited to join in, and they began to attend the meetings regularly. As a result, today we have many children and young people in our day schools and boarding schools. Some have been baptized and become members of the church, paying a faithful tithe, and thus supporting the cause. We can testify that these branch Sabbath schools have proved to be evangelizing agencies. We can enumerate a number of instances where the Lord has blessed those who have taken a little time on Sabbath to conduct a branch Sabbath school for their neighbours.

"A loyal Seventh-day Adventist woman was worried about her two young daughters. The father was not a Christian, and the girls were constantly tempted to do wrong. Sabbath afternoon was the great problem. What could she do to keep them happily engaged and at the same time spend the Sabbath hours profitably. The branch Sabbath school idea was suggested to her. Every Sabbath afternoon this sister invited the children of her neighbourhood to her house. Her two daughters enjoyed planning for, and helping to conduct, that little school. All week long they were preparing cards, cut-outs, colour sheets and many other things for the next Sabbath. What was the result? Today

those two girls are young women, the firstfruits of that branch Sabbath school. They are both in our schools, preparing to become workers for God. By working for others, their own souls were saved. None of those children, to our knowledge, have become Adventists, but we hope that the seed planted in those tender hearts will yet germinate and bring forth fruit. A neighbour, however, became interested in that little Sabbath school for children and in that Adventist family. She received literature from those two girls and their mother. Later when an evangelist came to that city, she accepted the truth and was baptized. Today she is a faithful Sabbath school member.

"In that same city another branch Sabbath school was held. Followed up by colporteurs and the 20th Century Bible Course, and finally a series of evangelistic meetings, it resulted in the erection of a new church with a membership of almost fifty."

"The Sabbath school work is important, and all who are interested in the truth should endeavour to make it prosperous."—*Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, p. 9. Do you feel that a branch Sabbath school can be held only in a city? Do you feel that you are too timid and unprepared for that work? "Every one who is added to the ranks by conversion is to be assigned his post of duty. Every one should be willing to be or to do anything in this warfare."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, p. 30.

Do you want to see your Sabbath school increase its attendance? Do you want to see it a soul-winning institution? You can help it reach this high standard by starting a branch Sabbath school.
E. D. THOMAS.

WHY THE SABBATH SCHOOL TEACHERS' MEETING?

MRS. H. M. BLUNDEN

DO WE not have a sufficient number of meetings in our churches without conducting a teachers' meeting? Are not the teachers well enough informed on the topic for the week after studying the lesson all during the week? Is the teachers' meeting held solely for the study of the Sabbath school lesson? These and many other questions might be asked in relation to the teachers' meeting.

First we may well ask, Why do we have a Sabbath school? The answer is well known, "The object of Sabbath school work should be the ingathering of souls."—*Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, p. 61.

"The Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ."—*Id.*, p. 10.

"The Sabbath school is not a place of entertainment, to amuse and divert the children, although, rightly conducted, it can be all of this; but it is a place where children and youth are educated, where the Bible is opened to the understanding, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. It is a place where the light of truth is to be imparted."—*Id.*, p. 99.

From these statements we catch a glimpse of the mighty, limitless, and sacred work that is imposed upon Sab-

bath school workers. The work of bringing souls to Christ, educating our children and youth, and searching for jewels of truth, is the *grandest and nicest* work ever committed to mankind. It is upon the church that this burden is laid.

After the church has elected the Sabbath school officers, the burden of this work rests upon them and the teachers, and they must be willing to consecrate their services to the Lord. From then on each officer and teacher should labour tenderly and earnestly for the conversion of souls. The commission is, "Go ye therefore, and teach," and in doing so you are co-labourers with God and His angels.

No person in the Sabbath school work should treat this matter lightly, or as something of little importance. The servant of the Lord says: "We shall individually be held responsible for doing one jot less than we have ability to do. The Lord measures with exactness every possibility for service. The unused capabilities are as much brought into account as are those that are improved. For all that we might become through the right use of our talents God holds us responsible. We shall be judged according to what we ought to have done, but did not accomplish because we did not use our powers to glorify God."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 363.

Should anyone feel that he is fully competent to carry on his part perfectly, and that there is no room for improvement? The answer is, "Teachers will become disqualified for their position if they are not learners. They need freshness of ideas, fresh, wise plans, life, tact, and spirit in their work. They must be apt to teach."—*Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, p. 118.

"The true teacher is not satisfied with second-rate work."—*Education*, p. 29.

"Let every teacher feel that he must know more; he must be better acquainted with those with whom he has to deal, better acquainted with the best methods of imparting knowledge."—*Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, p. 99.

"The modes of teaching which have been adopted with such success in the public schools could be employed with similar results in the Sabbath schools."—*Id.*, p. 115.

"God has committed to our hands a most sacred work, and we need to meet together to receive instruction, that we may be fitted to perform this work."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 32.

From the foregoing short statements we see the sacred character of the heavy responsibility that is placed upon Sabbath school officers and teachers. We see the great obligation that rests upon them to fit themselves to the utmost of their ability, so that they may perform their duties acceptably to the Lord. This, then, is the answer to the question, Why should we hold Sabbath school teachers' meetings?

In the Sabbath school manual we read that the first object of the teachers' meeting "to be attained is co-operation in seeking God. We have not been half earnest enough in seeking the wisdom and power that God alone can give. Teachers should pray with and for one another. Then, too, the privacy of the occasion and the mutual interest that exists, make it proper to speak of individual cases and make them subjects of special prayer. If any of the members are backslidden, or discouraged, or in trouble, there is power in the prayers of the teachers to aid them in the fight of faith. The youth may well be named in such a meeting, and prayers offered in their behalf.

"Teachers' meetings promote unity of thought and action. Reforms and improvements of all kinds may be brought about more quickly and easily through such a medium than in any other way. The meeting creates sentiment, moulds opinions, arouses efforts along right lines, and enlists supporters in behalf of needed reforms. Mountains of difficulties are removed by forces which may thus be set in operation."—*The Sabbath School*, p. 170.

Every Sabbath school should have its teachers' meeting, and no efficiency in the general work of managing or teaching can serve as a substitute. The superintendent should arrange for the conducting of a weekly teachers' meeting, preferably in the middle of the week. All officers, teachers, supply teachers, and those taking the Sabbath School Workers' Reading Course and the Teachers' Training Course should attend. A full hour can well be spent in this exercise, with this as a suggestive programme:

1. Opening exercise, with prayer for the Sabbath school and its particular needs and problems. Ten minutes.

2. Discussion of officers, and teachers' problems. Five to ten minutes.

3. Sabbath School Workers' Reading Course study. Ten to fifteen minutes.

4. Study of the lesson, and ways and means of presenting it. Twenty to thirty minutes.

Do not let the study of the Sabbath school lesson develop into a cursory review of the lesson. Everyone present knows the lesson. The object of this part of the exercise is to bring out from all present the helpful and inspiring ideas they have. All should come with

the idea of mutual help and stimulation. Illustrations to impress hearts with the lessons of truth should be presented. Teachers should meet in division groups for the study of the lesson and for the consideration of the best ways of teaching. Ideas for sandbox illustrations should be discussed.

If we are to do efficient work in the winning of souls for the kingdom, we must learn how, for it is said that "he who does things must know how." We should also remember this promise of reward, "They that be teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Daniel 12:3, margin.

THE CRADLE ROLL

FOR a number of years there has been an ever-increasing anxiety on the part of parents to have their little ones connected with the Sabbath school from the beginning of their lives. This anxiety has been so insistent and compelling that, for more than a decade, provision has been made in our organization for these tiny tots. And it is these little boys and girls, from birth to four years of age, "the infants with lisping tongue," to whom the Sabbath school opens wide its arms.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CRADLE ROLL

The object of the cradle roll is not merely to respond to sentiment. Many mothers really desire that their children from their birth shall be brought within the circle of Sabbath school influence, and they wish that a place might be made for them. Then, too, there are young mothers who for various reasons have drifted away from the church, and have had their interest renewed by a cradle roll leader's calling at the home with an enrolment card, asking for the enrolment of the baby. In this way the old love for the message has been revived, and has resulted in bringing some of these mothers again into church and Sabbath school fellowship.

The cradle roll also serves to stir up a greater interest in the Sabbath school among young mothers, for as soon as the little ones are old enough to join a class, faithfulness is usually exercised in bringing them regularly, and in teaching them the simple things suggested by the teacher in the lessons especially prepared for them.

ORGANIZING THE CRADLE ROLL

Simplicity should ever be kept in mind in organizing this work. Some may be tempted to carry out more elaborate plans than are necessary. The principal thing is to get the name, address, and birthday of each infant, and place them on the cradle roll chart, so that at a glance each week you can know the membership and be reminded of the babies' birthdays. Then show an interest in these tiny ones as you have opportunity. The one chosen to lead should be a lover of children, as well as a lover of Jesus who loved the children. In small Sabbath schools, this may be the leader of the kindergarten division or the as-

sistant. In large schools it may seem best to have some one especially appointed as leader. When the one in charge learns of the arrival of a new baby, she should call at the home as soon as possible taking with her a cradle roll enrolment card, so she can fill in the baby's name, the date of its birth, and the date of enrolment. As the leader of the cradle roll, she should sign the card and give it to the mother, to keep permanently. The information on the card may be recorded in her notebook, then transferred to the cradle roll chart.

Care should be taken to see that no baby is missed. By comparing her list with that of the home division secretary, the cradle roll leader may be assured of a complete list of the new babies. In this way no little ones will be overlooked.

*"When God doth make a lovely thing,
The finest and completest,
He makes it little, don't you know,
For little things are sweetest.
Little flowers, little birds,
Little diamonds, little pearls,
But the dearest things on earth
Are the little boys and girls."*

Selected.

BE PUNCTUAL

"It is a sad failing with many that they are always behind time on Sabbath morning. They are very particular about their own time, they cannot afford to lose an hour of that; but the Lord's time, the only day out of the seven that the Lord claims as His, and requires us to devote to Him, quite a portion of this is squandered away by sleeping late in the morning. In this they are robbing God. It causes them to be behind in everything; it makes confusion in the family; and finally results in the tardiness of the entire family at Sabbath school, and perhaps at meeting. Now why can we not rise early with the birds, and offer praise and thanksgiving to God? Try it, brethren and sisters. Have your preparations all made the day before, and come promptly to the Sabbath school and meeting, and you will thereby not only benefit others, but you will reap rich blessings for yourselves. Punctuality and decision in the work and cause of God are highly essential."—*Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, pp. 169, 170.

TEN-MINUTE SERVICES

AUGUST 7

THE SECRET OF YOUR SUCCESS IN MISSIONARY LEADERSHIP

DAILY PERSONAL CONSECRATION and devotion through prayer and Bible study—THEN God can use you.

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE in some soul-winning work each week—THEN you can talk enthusiastically to others about the thrills of doing Home Missionary work.

CAREFUL ORGANIZATION of your church so that every member, including children and young people, is in some kind of working band—THEN everyone will feel encouraged and responsible in filling his place well.

PLANS WHEREBY an attractive type of easily workable missionary endeavour is placed before each band and each individual—THEN none can honestly be idle in the work of God.

FAITHFUL FOLLOW-UP work during the year in getting good reports and maintaining an intensely interesting and vitally helpful weekly missionary period and monthly missionary service (you need *The Church Officers' Gazette* for this)—THEN success will attend your missionary efforts!

WARREN WITTENBERG.

August 14

LITERATURE CRUSADE

THERE is no way to evaluate the potential power of even a small tract. Perhaps that is the reason the servant of God gave the following instruction: "We should treat as a sacred treasure every line of printed matter that comes from our publishing houses. Even the fragments of a pamphlet or a periodical should be regarded as of value. Who can estimate the influence that a torn page containing the truths of the third angel's message, may have upon the heart of some seeker after truth?—Mrs. E. G. White, in the *Review and Herald*, November 5, 1914. From the same article we read these words, "God's truth, as it is passed out, will multiply greatly." This is a wonderful promise,

but it indicates that the important thing is to get to scattering the truth in a wider way.

"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures. Missionary work—introducing our publications into families, conversing, and praying with and for them—is a good work."—*The Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 80.

"The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals. Our publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand."—*The Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 100.

Let us scatter the seed abroad, and God will give the increase.

August 21

HOW GOD LOVES

"A TOUCHING incident occurred recently in Poland. A peasant and his wife, residing in a village near Warsaw, had gone to attend a wedding at a neighbouring village. It became very cold during the night, and they were unable to get back until morning. They had left their dwelling in the care of two little boys, one about six years of age, and his brother, two years younger. It appears that near nightfall these two boys had gone out to amuse themselves in the falling snow. During the time they were playing, the front door had become so frozen in its place that on their return they were unable to open it and gain access to their home. They could not endure the severe cold, and were frozen to death. When the bodies of the little victims were found, it was noticed that the elder had made, in tender solicitude, every effort to save the younger. He had taken off his shoes and put them over the felt shoes of his little brother, leaving himself bare-footed, and had clasped him to his bosom in a rigid embrace. All had been in vain. They both lay in the

stronger embrace of death, their cheeks covered with frozen tears.

"Of course no one could contemplate such self-sacrifice as that practised by the heroic elder brother without the most heartfelt admiration, and yet it was for his brother he was doing it, who all his little life, no doubt, had been full of comfort and sunshine to him. It was, after all, only love responding back to love again. 'But God commendeth His own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.' Was there ever love like that?"—*Paul and His Friends*, pp. 288-290.

August 28

OREGON SOUL-WINNERS

IN EUGENIA, Oregon, both men and women are active in personal work. While there are a number of veteran workers in the church, many of the workers are new members. A group of sixteen does class and field work on Sabbath afternoons.

A group of women, mothers and housekeepers, meet every Thursday morning for prayer and the practice of giving Bible studies to each other. They are now giving Bible studies to ten individuals whom they found in the distribution of the *Prediction Series*.

Another class, in which a number of employed young women participate, was formed to meet on Tuesday evenings. For a while they did their class work and gave out the literature all in one evening, but now considerably more time is spent by some of the members doing follow-up work.

Remarkable results are being seen from the efforts of these members. Two sisters found a lady in the first square block they worked who was so interested she immediately began taking Bible studies. Another sister, though in very poor health, has visited her whole neighbourhood within the past few months with literature. She has interested six families in taking Bible studies, and a number of the members of these families have either been baptized, or are now ready for baptism.

—*Church Officer's Gazette*.