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## A Greater Sabbath School



OUR General Conference at its last Spring Council adopted a series of resolutions to increase the appreciation and usefulness of our Sabbath schools. The first preamble to these resolutions reads: "The Sabbath school is the greatest influence we have in leading our people in the three-fold spiritual objective of daily study of God's Word, of personal work for the unconverted among us, and of sacrificing for and giving to missions." This statement shows the importance of the Sabbath school to the welfare of each church. It is only by a knowledge of and obedience to God's truth that we may be protected from spiritual defeat. We are in the time of trouble spoken of by Daniel the prophet. It is a time when the Word of God must be studied with great diligence and the whole of the Christian armor clothe every believer. In the 91st Psalm David describes the time in which we live and points out to us our defense. Among the precious promises in that Psalm is this: "His truth shall be thy shield and buckler." But "His truth" is revealed in "His Word." Hence, how important is the study of the Word! It is God's appointed means of converting men and holding them in His faith. The Sabbath school lessons are most excellently prepared and cover the entire Word of God. Over half the funds needed for the support of our mission endeavor come from the Sabbath schools. They must be increased, for our missions are increasing. One feature of the Sabbath school resolutions passed at the Spring Council was the setting apart of a month for the promotion of all the Sabbath school interests. The Far Eastern Division Committee has designated November as the time when special effort shall be made to bring every member of the church into the Sabbath school and to create new zeal in reaching every goal. The Sabbath school is a great soul-winning agency. We must, during this month, bring to it the unconverted children of believers, also those who know not God's truth. It is a means of making believers steadfast in the faith and of removing apostasy. It has been aptly said that our Sabbath schools are our "first line of defense" against the attacks of Satan, and it is just as true that its greatest members are leaders in the army of Christ. "A greater Sabbath school for every church" is the goal of the special November effort in the Far Eastern Division. We can reach it!

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

### INVESTMENT RESULTS IN SOONAN

Our teachers connected with the Soonan Training School went down to the food factory one day to shell peas. Their earnings were turned in to the Investment Fund. Donald and John Lee took celery plants which their mother had no need of and sold them for the Investment Fund. Their offerings amounted to three yen seventy-five sen. Others sold some of their old clothes to the Dorcas Society and then turned the money into the Investment Fund. In the South one of the young men, who cannot talk, made a pretty basket and sold it for fifty sen and turned that money into the Investment Fund. At another place some one made a very pretty inlaid table and gave the proceeds to the fund.

MRS. THEODORA WANGERIN.

### THE INVESTMENT AVOCADO TREE

Pastor Emralino, director of the Southern Luzon Mission, is an enthusiastic promoter of the Investment Plan. He not only preaches about it but he practices it as well, as may be seen by the accompanying picture. Brother Emralino is shown here standing beside his avocado tree that he dedicated to the Lord for Investment. This year the tree bore an unusually large number of avocados which Brother Emralino sold, and gave the proceeds to the Investment Fund.



Brother Emralino and his Investment Avocado Tree

Brother Emralino feels that he has been abundantly blessed because of his investment, and we are sure that others

who make similar offerings to the Lord will also receive as rich a blessing. Let us work for the Investment Plan until every Sabbath school member in the Philippine Islands is investing for the Lord.

MAY H. FIGUHR.

### WEASELS FOR INVESTMENT

We have had many calls for Investment envelopes and so have printed some and will send them out next quarter. We will also have an Investment Sabbath, and a special program for the same sometime in November. More and more of our Sabbath school members are taking hold of this plan. This morning I received an interesting letter from a place in the West Chosen Conference and will pass it on to you:

"In the fall of 1932 one of our brethren set a hen and in time she hatched five chicks that were dedicated to this fund. As it grew colder the weasels came and one night took four of these precious little investment chicks. The next morning the fifth one died and all was lost. But a weasel came along and as it was going to carry off this little dead chick our brother decided to try to catch it and sell it and give the proceeds to the Investment Fund, for was it not the weasel that had taken the investment chicks? So the weasel was caught and sold for two yen. This was more than the five little chicks would have brought and our brother joyfully turned it into the Investment Fund. Later on our brother caught another weasel and he felt that the Lord sent this one to him. He sold it for four yen (the price for weasels had gone up) and used the money for his own needs."

MRS. THEODORA WANGERIN.

### A CHILD'S WORK FOR GOD

From Ilong, Solano, Nueva Vizcaya, comes the story of a Sabbath school missionary,—a little girl,—who became interested in the truth before her parents did. The parents used to tease her and say, "Good for you, Aquilina, you are the only one who will be saved in the whole family," but this did not discourage the girl. She was very careful not to eat unclean food. She was never absent from the Sabbath school and other services and invited her playmates to church, often telling them about the destruction that would come to them if they did not turn from their evil ways. Because of this personal work her parents, some relatives, and others have been won to the truth. Much can be done by us along this line. Let us take a neighbor or friend with us when we go to Sabbath school and pretty soon we will enjoy ex-

periences similar to the one related above. Shall we not each one put forth a greater effort to help make our Sabbath schools agencies in winning souls to Christ?

JOSE BAUTISTA.



Our Investment Baby Jimmie Bradley

### OUR INVESTMENT BABY

(Concluded)

About three months ago we told you of our Investment Baby,—Jimmie Bradley,—and how each member of our Baguio Sabbath school pledged a certain amount for each pound that Jimmie would gain during the quarter,—in all ₱17.50 per pound was pledged. From the time we took on little Jimmie as our Investment he began to put on weight and as Investment day drew near we were all prepared for a five pound gain—which was one pound more than we had planned on at the beginning. But fancy our astonishment, when Jimmie was put on the scales, at seeing the pointer go up and finally stop at twenty pounds and twelve ounces just six pounds more than he had weighed three months before. We all fairly gasped, but rejoiced when we saw what a splendid offering this would bring to our Investment Fund. It made some of us dig down pretty deep into our pockets but we were happy that God had so signally blessed this another Investment for Him. It brought in over ₱100.00 this one quarter.

B. E. G.

"There is no other calling or occupation so honorable, or so beneficial to mankind as the business of selling good books."—Spurgeon.

"The greatest public benefactor is the man who sells good books."—Gladstone.

"There is no other calling or occupations than horsemen and chariots."

KOREA



JAPAN

# FAR EASTERN DIVISION

# OUTLOOK

MALAYA



PHILIPPINES

## A Personal Appeal for our Sabbath Schools

As we look back twenty or thirty years and see how the message has pushed into nearly every corner of the earth, and how the Sabbath school has been one of the chief pioneering agencies, we can but say, "God bless our Sabbath schools." The Sabbath school has not only been a strong pioneer agency, but it is also a great stabilizing influence in the church, calling its members to the daily study of God's holy Word, thus rooting and grounding new members, as well as old ones, in the fundamentals of the Third Angel's Message. It has also furnished over half of all the mission funds that have made this marvelous advance of our truth in all the world possible.

What a privilege it is to be connected with a work of which God is the leader, and that goes steadily forward in spite of lowered exchange rates and cut budgets.

In the past year fifty-three new schools and 1925 new members have been added to our Sabbath school family. This has taken place in face of a thinning of the line of our faithful workers, and comes in great part as a result of personal invitation by our people to neighbors and friends to attend church and Sabbath school. Although we face the fact that our gifts to missions are not quite equal in United States currency to what they were a year ago, we believe there is a much greater spirit of sacrifice, and God is blessing this spirit which our people are manifesting. As a result all over the world comes the word that more people are interested, more calls are coming for workers, and more people are being baptized than ever before. Also more members are coming into our Sabbath schools. Let us continue to *sacrifice* of our means to increase the Sabbath school offering.

If we should drop out of this second advent movement our Sabbath school organization with its systematic Bible study and its most interesting and helpful programs; if all the weekly gifts that are brought in faithfully every Sabbath by our members were dropped out, and all the thirteenth Sabbath readings and offerings were eliminated, how terribly it would cripple our work throughout the earth. Hundreds of missionaries would need to return to their homes. We cannot conceive what it would mean to our Seventh-day Adventist church—in fact we cannot conceive of such an awful catastrophe—as that of having our Sabbath schools with their offerings and soul-saving work eliminated from our church.

Our General Conference at this time is placing a new

By BLANCHE E. GRIGGS

and special emphasis upon the part our Sabbath schools should take and hold in the upbuilding and missionary efforts of our churches. An earnest effort is being made to have every church member an active member of the Sabbath school, studying his Bible daily. With this is coupled a strong effort to bring every member of the Sabbath school who is old enough and has sufficient understanding, into the membership of the church. Oh what a mighty power for righteousness would a church thus organized be in this sin-darkened world.

Pastor O. Montgomery writes, "There is no agency among us as a people that gives the same thorough, systematic, and continuous help in Bible study and in the upbuilding of Christian character for the whole church as does the Sabbath school."



Blanche E. Griggs, Sabbath School Secretary for the Far Eastern Division

A faithful Sabbath school secretary wrote me the other day that almost without exception the members of the Sabbath school who are the most faithful in the daily study are also the most faithful in offerings. By the daily study of the Word of God their hearts were so warmed that the privilege of being coworkers in *all* mission endeavor around the world was considered one of the greatest benefits they could ask. When this spirit is cherished there will be no lack of funds to carry forward God's work.

My soul is stirred as I think of what may be accomplished if all of us, as leaders, throw ourselves wholeheartedly into the Sabbath school work. The pastor or minister may do much to strengthen the church by faithfully teaching a class, perhaps a visitor's class and breaking to them the Bread of Life in a very personal way. One strong Mission director made the

remark to his coworkers that unless they each felt a deep burden for the Sabbath school they ought not to have responsibility in Mission work as the Sabbath school is a most vital part of the church. In fact it is often called the Heart of the Church.

Let us rally to our soul-winning Sabbath schools as we have never done before. Let every church member and especially our leaders and ministers be faithful Sabbath school members, and show by example and precept that they consider the Sabbath school one of the greatest factors in bringing souls to Christ. We cannot estimate the power of our personal example in developing a church, each member of which systematically and prayerfully studies his Bible each day. Such a church is and ever will be a soul-winning church.

This November campaign is to mark a new era in the stability of our church and the strength of its advance. Let us, each one, throw ourselves into this work with new zeal that *our example* in reaching every goal of our Sabbath school may inspire others to do *their part*. *It can be done.*

## Soul-Winning Sabbath Schools

By JOSE O. BAUTISTA

The Spirit of Prophecy tells us just what place the Sabbath school should occupy in our work. We are told that our Sabbath schools should be soul-winning agencies, but are we making them such?

It is very gratifying to know that some of our schools are fulfilling their mission in bringing souls to the feet of the Master. Among the hills of Northern Luzon in a barrio about nine kilometers from the town of Rosales, Pangasinan, lives a company of believers in the Advent message. They were very few in number at first so began inviting their neighbors and friends to the Sabbath school. These people whom they invited became interested in the truth, so our brethren began giving them Bible studies. One of our colporteurs happened to visit the place while canvassing and helped our brethren in instructing these interested ones. He was surprised to find that they already had a very good understanding of the doctrines of the Bible, and asked where they received their knowledge, and was told that it came from their study of the Sabbath school lessons. Five young people were baptized during the district meeting which was held in Rosales last year as a result of the work of this Sabbath school. But the brethren were not yet satisfied with their membership so kept on with their efforts to win others. They invited more persons to the Sabbath school, interested them also in the truth, and later it was necessary to send a worker to the place to prepare these new ones for baptism. Not long ago, our director baptized fifteen souls there. They had become a good sized company so were organized into a church of thirty-five members. They told our director that there were only five more houses in that barrio the occupants of which were not Seventh-day Adventists and these are now interested.

"Self-pity is the most exquisite form of selfishness."—Crane.

"The great tests of life reveal character; it is not until winter comes that we know the pine is an evergreen.

## Are All the Members In

By MRS. R. R. FIGUHR

In a recent Sabbath School Council in Manila the startling statement was made by one of the mission directors that nearly one-third of the church members are not in the Sabbath school. To substantiate this statement he called our attention to the fact that our Sabbath school membership is practically the same as our church membership. In most of our Sabbath schools one-third at least of the members are children who are not members of the church, hence one-third of our church members are missing from the Sabbath school. If these church members are not in the Sabbath school, where are they? This is the tremendously serious problem that we are facing, and which gives us just cause for alarm.

The Sabbath school is given to God's children as a means of helping them to hold fast their faith without wavering, and every pupil is given opportunity to express the thoughts which have come to him from the study of the lesson during the week. This stimulates the members to make a personal study of the lesson. If we are to continue strong in the faith we must receive spiritual food. The systematic study of the lesson helps us to form habits of regularity through life, and to obtain an acquaintance with the Word of God that stabilizes the character. With the daily study of the Word we shall be well armed with "the sword of the Spirit," and with the weekly recitation of the lesson we learn the use of this Word that is "sharper than any two-edged sword."

The Sabbath school has been called "the church at study." It is the greatest educating agency in the church,—the greatest because it reaches every class, and the greatest because it furnishes, year by year, a continuous, connected, systematic course of Bible study. The preacher may come, and the preacher may and does go, but in every church, company, and isolated home the Sabbath school is there exerting its silent but powerful influence in shaping the character and the life.

So often we have seen our workers go into a place, conduct a good tent effort, and lead many to accept this message. Then the workers go to another place, leaving these new believers with no knowledge of the Bible except that which the workers have taught them. They do not know how to study the wonderful truths by themselves, and soon some begin to lose their first earnestness and devotion. What is the remedy for this. The obvious answer is, "The

Sabbath school with its plan for the systematic study of the Word." The Sabbath school is the place where many of its members receive their first knowledge of the principles of present truth, and where, week by week, they are built up in the faith.

Those who attend the Sabbath school regularly, and study their lessons daily are not usually numbered with those that lack spiritual experience. When members begin to drop out of Sabbath school we see the first sign of backsliding. Soon they become discouraged and finally forsake the Lord. How essential then that we encourage all to become members of the Sabbath school, and that we heed the instruction given by inspiration: "The Sabbath school is an important branch of the missionary work, not only because it gives the young and old a knowledge of God's word, but because it awakens in them a love for its sacred truths, and teaches them to regulate their lives by its holy teachings."

It is not enough to lead souls to Christ. The drop in membership so often noticed shows the need of our members being well grounded in the faith. This work the Sabbath school can and will do for those faithful in attendance and daily study. The baptized believer must be thoroughly established in the Word of God. Again Inspiration speaks: "Only those whose minds are fortified with the Word of God will stand through the perils of the last days." In these days when the conflict is growing more and more intense, when probation's hour is fast closing, and all are being pressed into action for the speedy finishing of the work, is it not time that we were going our best to meet the Divine requirements, and preparing ourselves for the great day of the Lord? Can it be possible that, because of precious opportunities carelessly missed, there will be heard from some of us the hopeless, bitter wail,—"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved?"

Today our Sabbath schools are sending out a rallying call for all the missing members to join the Sabbath school, and get the blessing that will be theirs through the daily study of the Word. Let us consecrate ourselves and our talents this day to the Lord for the strengthening of the Sabbath school, for the winning of many souls, and to the finishing of the work.

"Let us remember that a Christlike life is the most powerful argument that can be advanced in favor of Christianity."

# How to Increase Our Sabbath School Membership

By MRS. THEODORA WANGERIN

In order to increase our Sabbath school membership the first essential is to sense the importance of the Sabbath school as a soul-winning agency. The Sabbath school, if properly conducted, is one of the greatest instrumentalities in bringing souls to Christ. If we really sense this fact we will do all that lies within our power to bring everybody under its saving influence.

The next essential is to show by personal example that we value its influence in our own lives as a soul-winning agency, and that for our own soul's salvation we attend the Sabbath school. We must realize that it is not only a soul-winning agency for the heathen, but primarily it is a soul-winning agency for us as individuals. If we want to go through to the kingdom we cannot afford the risk of remaining away from its saving influence, for it is an institution devoted to the feeding of the flock. Woe is unto us if we regard carelessly the example that we as workers set in this matter. By our love, and devotion, and zeal for the Sabbath school we should let others know that we value highly this important soul-winning organization,—a branch of the Lord's own planting.

Third, it is essential that we endeavor to make our school a soul-winning agency and so interesting that all who visit it will want to come again and join the Sabbath school. We should endeavor to make it a real interesting Bible school.

Fourth, it is essential to invite everybody with whom you come in contact to attend the Sabbath school. Begin to invite those who are in your own home, including the servants; invite your friends and neighbors, those who seem to be interested in the message and those who as yet manifest no interest in Christianity; invite the children, the young people, and the older ones. Just to give the invitation may not suffice. It may be necessary to call for them and to bring them to Sabbath school. If we really sense the fact that these dear souls are perishing without a knowledge of the Saviour and that the Sabbath school is a soul-winning agency, we will do all that lies within us to bring them under its saving influence. There may be a few who will hear about the interesting Sabbath school in some way or other and come without a special invitation, but the majority will come only by invitation. Therefore if you wish to increase your Sabbath school membership you will never do it by waiting for prospective Sabbath school members to come of



*Mrs. Theodora Wangerin, Sabbath School Secretary For Korea*

their own accord,—without an invitation.

Fifth, it is very essential, after these dear souls have been brought to the Sabbath school, that they be given a cordial welcome. Every Sabbath school should have a "visitors class" where such may receive special care and attention. Some one must take an interest in them and help them to get a Bible, a song book and a lesson quarterly. Some one must also visit them and help them to get the lesson. Perhaps they may have to be taught to read. We have many women in our Sabbath school in Korea that could not read when they first came, but

have learned to read through the use of the Sabbath school quarterly and the Bible, and today many of these persons are teaching in the Sabbath school.

Sixth, if you really want to increase your Sabbath school membership set MEMBERSHIP GOALS. Greater things are always accomplished when goals are set than when there are no goals. In Korea every Sabbath school has its membership goal and every school that reaches its goal is given credit for it in the quarterly Sabbath school report that appears in the church paper. So every school knows whether or not it is making its goal.

At the time of our union meeting we had a long Honor Roll on display on which were recorded the names of the schools that had reached their membership goal. At the end of the quarter we also issue cards to those who have won a new Sabbath school member. These are on the order of the Honor Cards.

Seventh, have a Sabbath School Rally once a year. In Korea we endeavor to have a rally every year, generally during the month of May. Interesting and helpful programs are prepared which set forth the importance of this work, and large numbers always attend these Sabbath School Rallies, and as a result many new members are enrolled.

In order to increase the Sabbath school membership there must be very  
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*Delegates from eight Sabbath Schools who met at Choong Choo for a Bible Institute*

## "They That Be Teachers"

By FRANCIS R. MILLARD

Have you ever stopped to think that the great commission of Christ to His followers made teachers of them all? Jesus Himself, as the "Teacher sent from God," came to seek and save the lost and when He turned the work over to His disciples He prayed, "As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them."

The day that you chose to be a follower of Christ you received a teacher's commission, and your work is to seek and save the lost. Some of us are called teachers because we spend most of our time in a classroom dealing with books and students, but this is too limited a conception of the "nicest and most critical work ever given to mortals." It makes no difference whether you are showing a servant how to perform some menial task or seeking to lead a soul to God, you are doing the work of a teacher.

The teacher is a stirrer-up, an inspirer, a helper of the learning process of another individual. In this sense all teachers must be "efficient teachers" for "efficient" simply means getting results and if the teacher does not get results he is not a teacher.

Giving instruction is not difficult but that is only a part of the teaching. If you have given *proper* instruction to a pupil he remembers what you say, he wants to do it, he says, "I can do it." That is teaching. In other words when the teaching of a man and the influence that goes with it, produces in another man a desire for that which is being taught, makes him able to grasp it, and then makes sure that he has learned it; that is real teaching. With such significance teaching in any line is a great art, but from the standpoint of our work in the Sabbath school it assumes far greater importance, for its results will be measured by eternal life or death.

The fact that the majority of the teachers in the Sabbath school are without special training for teaching, and many of them even without a common education, does not change either the importance of the work or the standard set by God for those who handle His Word. Considered again from the standpoint of the learner, think of the needs of the thousands of converts who are depending upon the Sabbath school for learning, not only the way of their own soul's salvation, but also the training for discharging their responsibility as followers of Christ. With the end near, and with comparative peace in which to work, inefficiency here will be a serious charge against us whom God has called to lead out in the work.

Other phases of the Sabbath school work are important for they create

the atmosphere,—the organization,—under which the teaching is done and so are a part of it, but the very heart of the work is the study of the lesson. Here the teacher comes closer to the pupils. Here are the biggest problems as well as the greatest possibilities. In our fields where the opportunities of the people are few, the work of the Sabbath school will determine to a great extent the spiritual experience of the church. Sabbath school teachers must make up for a shortage of regular workers. In fact they must consider themselves workers seven days in the week. They must carry a burden

for the souls of their class and for their training as soul-winners.

There is an abundance of help in our training courses, books, and papers. When we see those whom we are directing in the Sabbath school get a full realization of the value of a soul, the teacher's meeting, the training course, the "Worker" and all available teaching helps will not need to be urged upon us. Following in the steps of the "Teacher sent from God" we will not be content until we know that our teaching is resulting in the salvation of souls.

## How We Keep Up Our Attendance

By W. H. BERGHERM

Keeping up a regular attendance in our Sabbath schools is one of the superintendent's major responsibilities and, in some cases, his problem. I believe that the securing and holding of a regular attendance in any Sabbath school are best accomplished by holding the main purpose for which the Sabbath school has been organized. The Sabbath school is not a machine with wheels that we must set going in all places where there is a church. It is a divinely appointed plan for winning souls.

The picture accompanying this article shows a school in the South-Central Luzon Mission which is a good illustration of the point before us. During the last six months this school brought to the Master not less than sixteen souls, most of whom have already been baptized. The superintendent is himself an ardent soul-winner who strives to make his school a continual harvest field for Christ. Children are invited to bring their playmates and brethren are urged to bring their neighbors. Naturally, the



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joy of seeing souls pressing in warms the hearts of all and creates an atmosphere of enthusiasm which makes the school a living reality, and holds attendance to a high mark.

It is true that honest toil creates keen appetites, and so it is true that spiritual service creates a spiritual appetite for the Word. This hunger for the Word is best provided for by the systematic study of the Sabbath school lessons. A man who studies his lesson every day is quite apt to be present every Sabbath. This matter is important to the building up of a good attendance. Let our superintendents frequently call attention to the

new device now appearing in the quarterlies to assist in the daily lesson plan. We should educate our people to use this device by placing on it a check each day as the lesson is studied.

Our superintendents and teachers really hold the key to the door of a more perfect attendance. If in their hearts burns a warm fire for souls, the flames from this fire will spread to others in the school. Neither will their love for souls permit them to overlook those already in the fold. A splendid practice which is sometimes followed is to see that every missing member is visited immediately. If the

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## How Lutucan Became a "AA" Sabbath School

By GIL DE GUZMAN

Not long ago I had the privilege of taking the class "A" banner to the Lutucan Sabbath school. As I handed it to the secretary, Brother Lagabonb, who is their church elder, significantly said: "We are glad to have this banner with us for three months, but we are not satisfied with this only. We want to have a "AA" banner, and

we will make that our objective this quarter."

The next quarter I was privileged to present them with the coveted "AA" banner. The reason why they were entitled to a "AA" banner was that they were not satisfied to remain where they were. Their ambition was to reach the top and that



The Lutucan Sabbath School

was coupled with a determination firm and undaunted.

The brethren of the Lutucan church are very poor. But in spite of this their offerings showed such an increase over the preceding quarter that their average per capita now is thirteen centavos per week per member. "How was this done?" you may ask. They planned, and worked their plan. They figured out what their weekly individual goals would be if they were to become a "AA" Sabbath school; namely, 90% in attendance, 85% in daily study, and an average per capita of ten centavos per week for offerings. They taught the children to save their centavos for the Sabbath school offering. They are not blessed with material means but are rich in love for

God and have united to make their Sabbath school a "AA" school. The head of every home religiously conducts family worship for the study of the Sabbath school lessons and makes it a habit for the entire household to meet with God in His church every Sabbath with a liberal offering. What is the result of this? Their attendance and daily study were 100% and the offerings have greatly increased. Now they are asking if they will receive another banner for a higher attainment. God is blessing them and the Lutucan Sabbath school is an illustration of what every Sabbath school in the Philippine Union Mission could do if they but earnestly and prayerfully tried. We want many such schools as the Lutucan Sabbath school, for we want "AA" schools.

## Let Us Insure for Eternity

By DOROTHY J. WHEELER

Very frequently as we pick up a magazine and look over the advertisements we see Insurance Companies urging everyone to protect themselves and their property by insuring against accident, fire, windstorm, burglary, and such hazards. This is done by investing money at stated times. But no Insurance Company can insure us or our property against the destruc-

tion that is soon to overtake the world. Yet we can insure ourselves against this destruction by being diligent to make our calling and election sure.

Now we have no property that we can take with us to that better land, but we can invest our means in human souls and help to save them, and throughout all eternity these precious

ones will be a source of joy to us. We may invest now of our time and our means, and there is no limit to the number of souls we may help to save, and in whose salvation we shall rejoice with Christ and the holy angels forever. Here is something enduring and permanent. Let us Insure for Eternity.

The Sabbath school offering is one of the best ways to invest for eternity, as follows:

1. Let us plan for and lay aside a certain amount each week for the Sabbath school offering for missions.

2. Let us plan to lay aside an amount not less than two and if possible three times or more the amount of our regular weekly offering for the *Thirteenth Sabbath Offering*.

3. As each birthday rolls around let us thank God for His blessings to us. Let us think them over carefully, and then make a real Birthday Thank Offering to God for His love and kindness to us.

4. Let us plan to work for the Investment Fund, and see how much we can thus earn for God. God has signally blessed whatever has been invested for Him, and blessed the investor also. These are four splendid ways to invest, and Insure for Eternity. If we do not see how we are to give, or know what we can invest for God, let us make this matter of giving a subject of sincere, earnest prayer, and God, who has a thousand ways of accomplishing things that we know not of, will show us ways and means if we sincerely wish to give, and invest, and work for Him.

As we give to the Sabbath school offering we invest in souls all over the earth, and souls are worth more than diamonds, silver and gold. LET US INVEST FOR ETERNITY IN THE SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERINGS!

## How to Increase . . .

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close co-operation between the Sabbath school and the Home Missionary Society. This great task should not be left entirely to the Sabbath school. It is the work of the entire church.

Ah, let us pray for our Sabbath schools that indeed they may become real soul-winning agencies, and let us also pray that God may make each of us a soul-winner. Winning new Sabbath school members cannot be done by proxy, it can only be accomplished by the Holy Spirit working through willing workers.

"We may keep so near to God that in every unexpected trial our thoughts will turn to him as naturally as the flower turns to the sun."

## Far Eastern Division Outlook

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### News Notes

Elder J. H. McEachern writes from Malaya concerning the Harvest Ingathering work as follows: "Really I have never seen such a spirit of zeal and willingness on the part of everybody as can be felt everywhere this year. The English church in Singapore is over the goal, the Chinese church is over, and the Seminary church will be over in a day or two. The British North Borneo Mission reports its goal reached. It has come by hard, persistent effort. One Malay sister has gathered in more than \$100 from Mohammedans, all in small amounts."

We are glad to get the following good word regarding our book work in Korea. This comes from Brother E. Bahr: "The hottest time is now past and our colporteurs are beginning now to go out into the field. The sales for July are small comparatively, but in comparison to July, 1932 we have a gain of Yen 600. We thank the Lord that the book work is still climbing upward."

From Brother Bergherm comes this word concerning the Harvest Ingathering work in the Philippines, "You will be glad to know that the Lord is continuing His blessing upon us in a remarkable way in the Ingathering work. Business houses are telling us that, although they have orders to cut off all contributions to everything because of the depression, they will make an exception of us and will give us something. Even out in the provinces our workers are writing in that the people recognize us as different from the world, and that they are willing to give to us year by year. One man told one of our workers, 'Enlist me as one of the yearly supporters of this good work. I am glad that there are people who care to work for the good of humanity. Do not fail to visit me next year and I will prepare P5.00 for you.'"

Elder W. A. Spicer who has so recently spent much time in our Division says: "Having been so royally handled in all the Far East, I feel I owe it to the division to report my wife and myself snugly settled at home again. My wife came on from England after a few weeks' rest there. The homeward voyage was pretty hard on her. But she is picking up well now. She has made a garden on one side

of our lot which was before a wilderness, and has put a fish pond in it. So you can see she is pretty hardy.

"Hope all is well up at Baguio. Give our greetings to everybody. My wife and I will never forget the joyful days spent there. Nor will I forget the happy times with good companionship as I traveled about the Philippines visiting the brethren and sisters. I shall never forget the earnest workers and believers in Japan, Korea, the Philippines and Malaya. It gives one new confidence to see how the Lord is leading the work forward in that Far Eastern field even in times of shortage.

"I spent some time in Poland and Germany and found the work moving forward there encouragingly. They baptized more souls in Germany last year than ever before. Greetings to all."

Brother R. H. Wentland from Cochinchina has this good word for us: "God is blessing our work only there is far more to do than I can attend to. At the time of the union meeting we had three outstations and now we have five. We have but three workers but the work is on. We just had another baptism the other day and now our membership stands at 36. We expect to have two more baptisms in the next week or so, which will bring our membership to over fifty."

"And truly," says Brother Ritz of Bangkok, Siam, "very encouraging events are showing themselves. I hope soon to take on another Siamese worker as a result of the effort, and two other young men are definitely planning to go to our school in Singapore to prepare themselves further, and we are studying with others."

### Finishers

"I have finished my course," said Paul. Throughout the Scriptures there are continual exhortations to complete every good work which we undertake. We are to set goals. We are to undertake worthy enterprises. But we must reach the goal, we must finish the enterprise.

The Ministerial Reading Course is in keeping with God's instruction that we should advance intellectually. It is a right and proper undertaking, the goal of which is a careful reading of the books selected by the General Conference Ministerial Association—this reading to be completed within a prescribed time.

The prescribed time for the completion of the books recommended is the year in which the reading work is begun. The year 1933 is rapidly drawing to its close. Every member of the Ministerial Association of the Far Eastern Division should complete

a careful reading of the books before December 31. We are beginning to receive word of the completion of the course from different members. Just at hand is this word from Pastor R. H. Wentland, in charge of the Cochinchina Mission:

"Just this line to tell you that I have completed the 1933 Ministerial Reading Course, and can say that it was done with much pleasure and benefit. This year has been the busiest year of any since we have come to the Far East, and because of this I have had to use every spare moment possible. I did about ninety per cent of this reading while riding on these native auto busses, and you know what sort of rough riding things they are. We are of good courage and pray that God will bless our work in Cochinchina for His name's sake. We baptized ten souls this quarter, and perhaps we will have about twenty to baptize next quarter. This growing work brings with it many, many needs and it certainly is taxing to know how to get along and yet push the work with so little money. We pray God to give us wisdom that we may know how to develop the work in this trying day."

Let us finish our course.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

### How We Keep Up . . .

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school is not too large the superintendent usually knows every member. As he looks over the flock on the Sabbath day, and as his eye discerns that one is missing, his heart will immediately reach out for that soul for whom Christ died, and he will see that plans are made for that missing member to be visited at once. The teacher of course should know every member of his class and be as deeply concerned over an absence as the superintendent. He, himself should make it a point to visit the absent one. No delay should ever be countenanced in this matter of prompt visitation. Surely, nothing is more cheering to a despondent one than to be promptly told that he was missed. In some Sabbath schools this is considered so important that a post card is written immediately to an absent member. Surely the time has come when we should go at this in earnest and work for the recruiting of every missing member, and the holding of all our flock in the Sabbath school classes.

"The knowledge of God as revealed in His word is the knowledge to be given to our children. From the earliest dawn of reason they should be made familiar with the name and the life of Jesus."—Mrs. E. G. White.