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## Onward In His Strength

By W. E. Nelson

THE gospel commission of Christ to His followers, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel," is being carried out in the Far Eastern Division. The message which we all love is being given with increasing power to the people in this part of the Lord's vineyard. There are now approximately thirty thousand believers in the Far Eastern Division of the General Conference; and God's Spirit is going before the faithful messengers as they endeavor to do service for Him.

But there is a great work yet to be done before the 213,000,000 souls within this great island Division have heard the gospel message that is due the world in this generation. This task is far too great for us to compass in our own might, but this is God's work, and He has promised power for its accomplishment after the gift of the Holy Ghost has come upon the church in the fullness of the latter rain.

We are told by the servant of God that "the Holy Spirit awaits our demand and reception." Not that we are to use the Holy Spirit, but that we are to let the Holy Spirit come in and use us for His glory, and for the finishing of God's work in all the world. The combined resources of God's people can never finish the work except as we dedicate ourselves wholly to Him,

to be fully His, and to be used of Him in the finishing of the work in just the place to which He has called us.

Many times we do not immediately see the large results that we would like to see accomplished in our work; but we must remember that we are to faithfully sow the seed, working in faith, and watering the seed, with our prayers; and then leave the results with God. His promise is that those who "sow in tears, shall reap in joy;" and that "he that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

We are further told that it is "not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

With liberty to labor, and with comparatively peaceful times in the Far Eastern Division, we must do our utmost by entering into the open doors that the Lord is placing before His people, that we may make the very most of the opportunities and privileges in labor that are ours in these last days. These privileges for service in God's work are surely a challenge to all who believe this message; and we should pray that the year 1938 will be a very fruitful one in souls gathered into the kingdom of God.



Pastor W. E. Nelson,  
General Conference Treasurer

"One soul saved in the kingdom of God is of more value than all earthly riches. . . . We have not one moment to lose."—*Christian Experience and Teachings of Ellen G. White;* pp. 214, 215.

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**GENERAL ARTICLES**


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**ADDRESS TO THE WORKERS**

*By Pastor W. E. Nelson,  
General Conference Treasurer*

*(Editor's Note.—The following paragraphs are selected from Pastor Nelson's initial address to the members of the Far Eastern Division Committee and workers assembled, on the occasion of the opening of the annual committee sessions, which were held in Singapore January 23 to February 2, inclusive.)*

It is a real pleasure to me to be with you here tonight, at the beginning of your annual meeting. You are situated down here on the equator, in peace and quietness, in many ways quite apart from the world that is torn by war and trouble. But we know that each field has its difficulties and its perplexities, and that you are facing serious problems as you meet in this annual session for the study of the work in the Far Eastern Division. And I want you to know that at the General Conference office in Washington, as we meet for daily worship, we think of you in the Far East very frequently, and remember you in our prayers, that God may bless your labors and give you a great harvest of souls.

I am very happy to bring to you the greetings of the General Conference brethren at this time. Not in a perfunctory way, nor in a merely formal manner, but with heartfelt interest in your work, and in each of you as individual workers. In fact, the General Conference voted to ask me to carry the greetings of the General Conference family to you who are our personal friends here in the Far East. And then Elder J. L. McElhany sent his greetings to you in particular; and just as I was leaving Washington, Elder I. H. Evans came to my office and said that he wanted to be remembered to the workers in the Far East. I am sure that your hearts will be cheered by this personal message from Brother Evans, for most of you have worked with him here in the Orient for many years, and you will readily recognize in this brief message his loving interest and thoughtfulness which have prompted it. I am sure also that you will remember much of his wise counsel and many of his kindly messages to like gatherings, as we unite in the earnest study of the problems of this great field.

Our trip out to the Far East has been a pleasant one, and we have greatly enjoyed our contacts with the workers as we havestopped at various points along the way. At Hong Kong, where we spent nearly three weeks with the China Division Committee in earn-

est study of their many problems, we found the workers of good courage, and every one of them appears to be determined to do his utmost to further the interests of the cause in that war-torn territory.

Professor and Mrs. Griggs wished in a special way to be remembered to the workers here in the Far Eastern Division, and it is a pleasure to convey their greetings to you at the very beginning of your annual meeting here in Singapore. I wish you might have heard some of the reports that came to us from various parts of the China field. The brethren told how God in a very signal manner protected the lives of our workers. Not one of our foreign workers has been lost, and the Lord has in a marvelous manner protected the lives of our dear national workers and church members. Many reports were given at the Hong Kong meeting, wherein were revealed some remarkable deliverances, and I believe that all of our workers realize as they have never done before, the power of our God to help in times of distress and trouble. And as I listened to this recital of God's goodness to His people, I was deeply impressed with the necessity of constant, and earnest devotion of our lives to the service of the Master.

We must have an experience day by day, that keeps us close to the Lord, that we may confidently seek His blessing and protection in all of our work. We know not what a day or a week may bring forth, and it behooves us to keep the channel between heaven and our own souls ever open, that our efforts may be blessed of God, and that we may be ready in any crisis that may overtake us.

I have been forcefully reminded, in the troubles that have come to our sister Division in recent months, of the statement in the testimonies to the effect that what the church has failed to do in times of peace and prosperity, must be done in times of distress, and under discouraging conditions and circumstances. When comparative peace and prosperity is taking its flight from nearly every land, should not this be a challenge to us, dear workers, to push forward the work in this field, humbly and yet earnestly, seeking daily to know God's will in all that we do?

I am thankful for the note of courage and for the earnest appeal that have been expressed in the report of your Division president for stronger evangelism throughout the field during the coming year, for I believe this is the greatest need in all our mission work. I believe that we have been so busy in the past few years in establishing organizations and

institutions, that we have spent practically all of our time in such work until we are using altogether too much of our energy, and time, and money in keeping these features of the work in operation.

I believe with all my heart that we need to get back to the way that Paul worked in his gospel ministry. I do not know very much about your detail methods of labor in this field, and therefore what I say is not at all in the way of criticism; but I believe that in many of our fields we have spent too much time in moving about, and not taking sufficient time to build strongly the foundations of our work, especially in new places where our work has taken root.

It may sometimes appear that when Paul and Silas went out on their missionary journeys they did more traveling about than anything else. But if you will study carefully, you will find that Paul would spend not a week-end in a place, and then go on, but he would "take up his abode" in one place, and would remain sometimes three months, and sometimes as long as two or three years laboring in a single district. In so doing he was establishing a church to become a strong center for the preaching of the gospel in the surrounding territory. Not for a short distance only, but for hundreds of miles around. I believe that this should be more generally our method of labor.

You might say, "If we had more men, and more money, and more equipment, we could do more in building up the churches, and adding to the membership of our church." But do you know that the depression helped our work in America more than anything else we know of? When the depression came upon us in the United States, it served as a challenge to the people of God. As the months went by, and there was much less money with which to carry on the work, it became necessary to lay off many of the workers. I suppose this was perhaps the most serious situation that has arisen in all the history of our work. In many of the conferences the work was operated on very meager income; and sometimes there was not sufficient means with which to pay the workers. In such times, the brethren would take whatever came in, and divide it up between them, and go on with their work as best they could.

But in that time of great shortage of funds, and greatly reduced working force, did the work languish and die? No, indeed! It continued to grow and expand; and as a result of the spirit of earnestness that came in at that time, we have added to the church more than 50,000 people in the

past six years! And so the time of depression in the United States became a great time of prosperity in God's work, perhaps the greatest of any period in our history as a people. And I believe it was because our people realized during that time the vital importance of evangelism.

You perhaps remember the story of the little steamboat on the Hudson River, which, when it was put to the necessity of blowing the whistle, had soon exhausted its power; for it required all the steam which that small vessel could produce to blow the whistle, and navigation ceased. Similarly, there is the possibility that we may consume our time and our funds merely in the mechanical part of the work, so that there will be little time for active evangelism and soul-winning. But that is not God's plan.

Again, I believe that as a people it is our duty, no matter whether we are working in the mission field or in the homeland, to do all we possibly can to keep the work going. The gospel commission does not apply merely to a few, but to all who claim to be followers of Christ. And the responsibility is that of each individual in our organization, and not merely the burden of a few who are leaders. Your very presence here tonight testifies that you believe in the cause of missions. But it is so easy to become accustomed to the very routine of our work that we really forget the true objective of all our activities. And it is very easy to be so taken up with detail that we lose sight of our one great objective,—the preaching of the gospel message and the winning of souls. So let us not find ourselves so taken up with details of the organization that we are like the man in a dense forest who said that he could not see the forest for looking at the trees.

Our watchword, and our message, and our marching orders are summed up in this one great objective: "The advent message to all the world in this generation." This is our greatest motto, for it embraces the entire scope of all our work in all the earth; and it is the great goal toward the accomplishment of which every effort of our organization is directed.

The task before us is a tremendous responsibility, and a gigantic undertaking. But let us not become discouraged in our mission work because of the enormity of the task, as measured by our limited resources. I sometimes hear people say that there are more heathen in the world now, than there were when we began to proclaim this message in the days of the pioneers of this movement. That may be true; but during all these

years of labor since we first started as a denomination on this great foreign mission program, we have been sowing the seeds of truth in all parts of the world. God has promised to give the increase; and in these last days we are seeing companies of believers springing up in many parts of the world, who are living witnesses of the fulfillment of His promise to His people.

So let us not become discouraged. The seed has been sown, and is still being sown. It takes time for the seed to germinate, to grow, and to bring forth a harvest of precious fruit. God has said that some will sow, some are to water the seed, but that God Himself will give the increase; and thus is His word being fulfilled in many parts of the earth in these times.

Again, when we think of the possibilities of modern inventions and transportation, in the light of the finishing of God's work in the earth, the task is seen to be by no means impossible; and I believe that when the Holy Spirit descends upon the remnant people this work can be finished much more quickly than any of us realize. Why, there are enough radios at the present time in operation to provide communication to every part of the earth's surface in a very little while.

Some ten years ago, when I was on my way from Singapore to Batavia, one morning we saw a bulletin announcing that Colonel Charles Lindbergh had flown across the Atlantic Ocean and had safely landed in Paris. In a very short time all the world had received that interesting and marvelous, and thrilling piece of news. And I believe that when God's Spirit comes upon this people in its fullness, in the form of the latter rain, that fact will be news of worldwide interest and concern, and that it will be heralded to the very ends of the earth. I thank God for the part He has graciously given us to act, for the work He has given us to do, in these last days; and my great desire is that I may be true to God, that I may be a fit vessel to do the work He has for me to do, in such a way that He will say to me, as we hope to hear Him say to many of His children, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matt. 25:21.

I am very happy to be with you at this meeting, and to have the privilege of studying with you the future plans for the work in this field. I know that with 213,000-000 people, it is a herculean task. But let us remember that it is not our task but God's task, and that He will help us in the completion

of it, and bring success to our human efforts if we will only let Him guide and control in all of our affairs. This is my prayer for the work in this great field. (Amen!)

## ATTENTION SISTERS!

By C. E. Weaks

"Women as well as men can engage in the work of hiding the truth where it can work out and be made manifest. They can take their place in the work at this crisis, and the Lord will work through them. If they are imbued with a sense of their duty, and labor under the influence of the Spirit of God, they will have just the self-possession required for this time. The Saviour will reflect upon these self-sacrificing women the light of His countenance, and this will give them a power that will exceed that of men. They can do in families a work that men cannot do, a work that reaches the inner life. They can come close to the hearts of those whom men cannot reach. Their work is needed."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 128.

One of the most effective ways in which our sisters can do a work for God in the homes is by carrying the message contained in our literature. A sister who for the past eight years has done a great work not only in selling books, but in winning souls, writes:

"It was eight years ago September 17 that I first started out in the colporteur work. The time has been short and full of many wonderful experiences. No one ever asked me to go into the canvassing work. Seven weeks after I heard the Adventist message I sold my first book.

"When I read 'The Great Controversy' I wanted to broadcast it to the world. Not being able to do that, I wanted to sell it. I wonder how any one can read 'The Great Controversy' and not want to sell it.

"Being close to fifty years of age I wondered how I would get on in a new work. But God took care of all that. He is looking only for some one to say, 'Here am I, send me.'

"Every cent I have earned in the past eight years has been through the colporteur work, and I have had need of nothing. I do not have the actual figures, but my sales have been near \$18,000 during this time, and to God I give all the glory. The colporteur work is a great teacher. It builds character, keeps us in love with the message, and places on our hearts a burden for souls. Besides, it gives us tithes and offer-

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## NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE PHILIPPINE UNION

By Edward J. Urquhart

### Literature Work

Pastors G. A. Campbell and F. A. Mote have just finished a ten days colporteur institute for the Central Luzon Mission. This meeting was held at the college. Forty-five colporteurs were present and a fine spirit of co-operation was manifest all the way through. Steps were taken to strengthen the magazine work and a goodly number of men and women dedicated themselves to the task of taking subscriptions for our monthly missionary magazine.

With only a one-day intervention Pastors Campbell and Mote passed on to hold another colporteur institute in the South Central Luzon Mission at Lucena.

The literature work, which has shown a marked advance during the past year, gives promise of going forward with "increasing success."

### Philippine Union College

The Philippine Union College is adding a much needed library and reading room to the main college building. The new addition will be of cut stone to harmonize with the present building, and is a forward step in the carrying out of the original plans for the institution. Work has already begun on this addition and it will be pushed forward to an early completion.

During the past year the carpentry department of the college enlarged its working quarters thus enabling this department to employ more students. Orders are coming in for furniture faster than they can be filled and the outlook for the future is very promising indeed.

### Harvest Ingathering

The Philippine Union has now secured more than thirty-four thousand pesos in Harvest Ingathering endeavor. This is more than six thousand pesos above our mission goal, and money is still coming in. All this is happening when mining stocks are away down, and when the Chinese merchants of the country, who control about sixty percent of the retail business, are sending thousands and tens of thousands of pesos to China to help swell her war funds. We can only exclaim, "Behold, what God hath wrought!"

### Loss By Fire

The Northern Luzon Academy suffered the loss of the boys' dormitory through fire. The building burned at night and the fire was well under way before it was discovered. Thus very little was saved from the flames. The personal loss of the students is about one thousand pesos. School supplies stored in the building were of the same value, while the building itself was worth around one thousand pesos. No fire insurance was carried.

### Week of Prayer

The Week of Prayer at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital will be held from February 6 to 12. Daily meetings will be arranged and the regular Week of Prayer readings as prepared by the General Conference will be used.

### Visit to Palau

It has been voted by the Union that Pastors A. N. Anderson and A. M. Ragsdale visit Brother and Sister J. O. Bautista on the island of Palau sometime in July. This should be a time of great rejoicing to our missionaries there and should point our Filipino believers to the foreign missionary work which we have begun and which we hope will expand unto wider fields and greater accomplishments.

### "Magazine Day"

At the time of our annual committee meeting it was voted to set aside Sabbath March 12, as "Magazine Day." This is an attempt to make our own people magazine conscious, and thus increase our subscriptions both in the church and without. We believe that every Adventist home should be reading our missionary magazines.

### Another Institute

The colporteur institute for the Southern Luzon Mission was held from February 3 to 12. Pastor F. A. Mote conducted this meeting with the help of local workers only.

### Medical Advance

Doctor H. C. Honor comes to the field to find the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital well filled with patients. The receipts of the institution are very good and everything presages a successful future.

## A TWOFOLD BLESSING

By J. O. Bautista

The varied experiences of our members in their soul-winning endeavors bear witness to the fact that "he that watereth shall be watered also himself." It is of this all-important work that it can truly be said, "It blesseth him that gives and also him that takes." It brings soul health to the soul-winner and keeps him near to the Master; it means untold blessings to the one who accepts the truth for this time. Observation has shown that those who abound in the work of the Lord, generally have the deeper Christian experience.



Manila Sanitarium

The story is told of the great evangelist, Moody, who was at one time called upon by a young woman who was ill, and was about to leave her work in the Sunday school and go to California in search of health. She had called upon Mr. Moody in the interests of her class. "Are your pupils won to Christ?" he asked. It appeared that in all her work she had not won any of them to the Saviour. Conscience-stricken she visited all her members, talked with them, prayed with them, and was successful in bringing every one to Christ.

Taken out of herself in this work for the souls of her pupils, she regained her health, and

found that she need not go to California. This incident plainly illustrates the great truth that in helping others we are indirectly helping ourselves. In our efforts to save others, we save our own souls. This truth is well expressed by the poet Whittier in the couplet:

*"Heaven's gate is shut to him  
who comes alone;  
Save thou a soul, and it shall  
save thine own."*

The advent people have been blessed in having been committed God's saving truth for this time. But let us remember that God never intended that this truth which has brought such great blessings to our souls should be



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merely cherished and treasured by us. It is to be imparted to those who know it not. If not shared with others, it loses its life-giving power in our own lives. "Truth that is not lived, that is not imparted, loses its life-giving power, its healing virtue. Its blessing can be retained only as it is shared."—*"Ministry of Healing," pp. 148, 149.* "Where there is no active labor for others, love wanes, and faith grows dim."—*"Desire of Ages," p. 825.*

Said Jesus, "No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light." Luke 11:33. Some one

has well observed that a light under a bushel, besides being hid, will go out in a short time for the very want of air. Unless our lights shine for others, they will soon perish in ourselves. Like the manna in the wilderness of Israel's wanderings, heaven's spiritual blessings if hoarded will cease to be of value to the soul. We are definitely told that "our capacity for receiving is preserved only by imparting. We cannot continue to receive heavenly treasure without communicating to those around us."—*"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 143.*

Let us then be about our Father's business of working for the unsaved within our reach, ever bearing in mind that we are never so truly enriched as when we are trying to enrich others. The more we enlighten others, the brighter our light will shine. And then, if faithful, how it will thrill our hearts when, in the hereafter, those we have won to the Master will come to us and say "It was you who invited us here."

*"Oh, what joy it will be  
when His face I behold,  
Living gems at His feet  
to lay down;  
It would sweeten my bliss  
in the city of gold,  
Should there be any stars  
in my crown."*

NIPPON SAN-IKU JO-GAKUIN

By C. E. Thurston

It is a pleasure to be able to report good progress in the Girls' School here in Tokyo. We do not have much in the line of buildings and equipment, but we do have a fine student body and a capable faculty, and the prospects for the future of the work are good.

Some two years ago the board laid plans to offer junior college work in this institution. At that time Mr. Yamagata joined the faculty and one of the graduates remained for this advanced work. Some of the senior girls also took college work. Later, three of the graduates returned for further study, and some other former students returned, bringing the enrollment in the college department up to eight. We are now offering a two-year college course, and Miss Yamagata has also joined the faculty.

The present teaching staff may seem rather large for so small a student body, but there are only three teachers besides the preceptress who devote their full time to the school, so the faculty is really not so large after all. Considerable teaching is carried by resident, part-time instructors who are doing strong work in specialized lines.

I should like to call attention to the fact that while the location of the school may have certain disadvantages, it does have this advantage, that we are enabled to have expert teachers in many lines. At least nine of the faculty are connected with the school because of its locality here at the union headquarters. If the school were moved to some other location the places of these part-time instructors would have to be supplied by others. Therefore, if, and when, the matter of moving the school is considered, this fact should certainly be kept in mind, and given careful consideration.

Industrially the school owes much of its success to its location at mission headquarters. The Sanitarium and the Publishing House co-operate in the matter of providing work for the students. Of course it is a well-known fact that student labor is not always one hundred per cent efficient, but these institutions generously overlook this handicap and are willing to co-operate to the best of their ability, thus giving employment to our young people who are endeavoring to gain an education. The school management greatly appreciates this helpful attitude on the part of our institutional leaders, for it means much in strengthening our school, and in helping our students in the matter of their expenses.

Since the college department was opened and older girls have remained in the school, the union offices have begun employing them also, and this gives our more advanced students an opportunity to get practical experience while still in school.

The best industries for girls are of course cooking and sewing. In the kitchen the girls get experience in preparing their own meals under the direction of the preceptress. Last year the school operated both a foreign and a Japanese sewing department. When the older girls went to the union offices we had to close down the foreign sewing department temporarily, or until we could train other students in that line of service.

If the interest in the school continues, and the enrollment increases accordingly, something will have to be done to increase the dormitory accommodations, for our present dormitory is already filled to capacity, including eight nurses who are sharing the accommodations with our school girls. But if we should ask these nurses to leave, we could accommodate more students. This, of course, we dislike to do, as the nurses have nowhere else to go. Since we look for continued growth in the school, it is clear that plans

will need to be laid for increasing our housing facilities at an early date.

We are earnestly endeavoring to conscientiously fulfill the real purpose of the school in preparing students not only for this life, but also for the life to come. A spirit of deep earnestness pervades the school, and our hearts rejoice as we see student groups going forward in baptism from time to time.

We appreciate the hearty support of the school by its patrons, and solicit a continuance of this helpful attitude for the future. We shall always be pleased to receive the names and addresses of those young women who should have the privilege of attending this training school. Pray for the success of our work here in the Tokyo Girls' School.

#### *Some Other Needs*

This school, like nearly every other institution in our ranks, is sadly in need of increased funds and facilities. We have very little as an operating fund, and it is very difficult to carry on industries without a working capital. The appropriation from the mission is barely sufficient to cover operating expenses. The building is old, and requires frequent repairs, which must be paid for out of operating funds.

We are trying to operate a junior college, but we have very limited equipment; so while we are not discouraged, we are working under many handicaps. We need books for the library, and some laboratory equipment; and we sincerely trust that when the needs of the other institutions are considered that the girls' school in Tokyo will not be overlooked.

There is a good spiritual tone to our work in this institution, and we are praying that our efforts may be rewarded, under the blessing of God, to the winning of many of these bright young people for a share in the earth made new.

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ings for the work, and wins many souls for Jesus. I know God called me to this work. I know that He is calling now for many more to help finish the work. What a blessing we lose if we do not hear the call.

"I wish I might say something to encourage more and still more of our dear sisters and brothers to come and join the colporteur band while it is still day. When night comes it will be too late. I trust I may be found in the colporteur field when Jesus finishes the work."

Another devoted worker testifies to the interest she feels in this line of service in these words:

"I just love the colporteur work. I have worked the same territory since October 1930, and how I have learned to love these people only God and myself know. The joys and sorrows you share, the happy looks that greet you from the children, the welcome extended to you from those with whom you have knelt in prayer in times of sorrow and grief, and the souls who have been buried in the watery grave as a result of your efforts, make it worthwhile.

"I am fifty-five years old and have the cares of a home and family. I have to walk twenty minutes to a street car. Bears prowl around where I live, but do not stop my coming and going. I carry the printed page to people for miles and miles around where I live. I am a strict vegetarian and feel stronger and more able than when I joined the church in 1923. He who has commanded us to go and do His work is able to supply every need."

Doubtless there are scores of our sisters who have thought sometime they would do just the type of work that the above-mentioned sisters are doing, but somehow it is hard to get started. But there are many rich blessings in store for those who will engage in this type of soul-winning endeavor.

Do you want your spiritual experience deepened?

Visit your neighbors with our literature.

Do you want to win souls to this message?

Go forth with our message-filled books and magazines.

Do you want to learn how to meet people and develop tact?

There is no better experience for this than the colporteur ministry.

Do you need extra funds for the church school, for mission offerings, for personal expenses?

Try devoting some time each week to the sale of our good literature.

Do you hear you ask, "How am I to get started in this work?"

Write to your Field Missionary or Tract Society Secretary. He will tell you all about it and how easy it is to get started.

#### REQUEST FROM INTERIOR BORNEO

*By W. P. Bradley*

A letter has just come from Brother L. S. Sibarani, one of our pioneer workers in British North Borneo, telling of a visit he had at the Kayangat church. Kayangat is a little village perched on the top of a mountain, affording

one of the most beautiful views that I have seen in my travels in that interesting country of Borneo. From this village one can look across the valley and see in the distance Mt. Kinabalu, the highest of Borneo's mountains, and one which is a landmark for many miles in every direction.

Brother Sibarani says that while he was at Kayangat the people came from afar to visit him,—people who lived close to Mt. Kinabalu. Their request was that a worker be sent to their village where the people, they reported, are ready to receive the truth. These visitors from afar enjoyed the meetings at Kayangat, and went back to their homes hoping that very soon some one would come to them to teach them and their friends of the advent message.

It is a most remarkable thing to realize how rapidly the message can go in that land where there are no newspapers, and where if there were, the people could not read them. The tidings go from mouth to mouth, principally at the markets where the people gather to sell their goods and also to pass along the latest news. Let us pray that these people who are waiting for the message will not be disappointed in having to wait too long.

#### A GOOD LETTER

Writing from Tourane, French Indo-China, under date of February 5, Pastor R. H. Wentland says:

"Your letter was written November 30. One cannot say that I spend too much on postage stamps. I have been waiting to answer until I had something really worth while to write about; but it seems that all we have here is hard work, and things just happen in a very ordinary way as they do elsewhere.

"I fear that some have a wrong impression of the work in Indo-China, and especially in Annam, feeling that it just bursts forth like a natural oil well with potent pressure which cannot be checked. I wish that were true, even in the smallest sense. In reality, things happen only when we give ourselves to God with hard work, and then He blesses our efforts.

"We are just getting nicely started with a large lay workers' class. It is encouraging. Twenty have enrolled, and we have some good timber with which to build. We should therefore reap good results in strengthening the work, though the training of our church members for improved service in the days to come.

"Our Sabbath school offering devices have almost doubled our

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## Winter Council Recommendations — Sabbath School Department.

### SABBATH SCHOOL RECOMMENDATIONS, 1938

The following Sabbath School Recommendations were passed at the recent Winter Council of the Far Eastern Division. Please take particular notice of the Sabbath school recruiting and revival campaign, that is to be launched April 9, by a day of special prayer in behalf of the unconverted in our Sabbath schools, and concluded with the Sabbath School Rally on June 18. The campaign really continues to Sabbath, June 25, 1938.

#### *Sabbath School Teachers' Training Course*

WHEREAS, We are instructed that "the Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ;" and that "the influence growing out of the Sabbath school work should improve and enlarge the church;" and that "the Sabbath school should be the place where, through a living connection with God, men and women, youth and children, may be so fitted up that they shall be a strength and blessing to the church," (*Testimonies on Sabbath School Work*, pp. 20, 29, 92); and,

WHEREAS, There is need for greatly increasing the efficiency of our Sabbath schools in order that they may more fully accomplish these God-given tasks and contribute their part in our program of evangelistic advance; therefore,

*Voted*, (a) That union and local missions continue to strongly promote the Sabbath School Officers' and Teachers' Training Course, by organizing training classes in each Sabbath school, insofar as possible, for the purpose of developing capable officers and teachers who will improve the work done in our regular Sabbath schools, and who will be qualified to lead out and direct in the conduct of many branch Sabbath schools of a higher order, as an evangelizing agency.

(b) That as a means of stimulating enrollments in this valuable course the various unions set goals proportionate to the size of their constituencies, the Philippine Union having already set their goal at 1,000 enrollments for 1938.

#### *Sixtieth Anniversary Membership Campaign*

Recognizing the importance of bringing every missing member into the Sabbath school, as well as working for the conversion of the unsaved already in our Sab-

bath schools, and desiring to take full advantage of the opportunity offered in the world-wide membership campaign that is being promoted this year in commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the organization of the General Conference Sabbath school work,

*Voted*, (a) That in the Far Eastern Division the dates for this campaign be April 9 to June 25, 1938.

(b) That Sabbath, April 9, be set apart as a special day of prayer in behalf of our missing members and for the conversion of souls, keeping in mind the fact that 11,000 attending our Sabbath schools in the Far Eastern Division are not yet baptized.

(c) That the vernacular church papers be used as a means of awakening our faithful believers to the importance of visiting our missing members, and winning them back to the fold of the Sabbath school.

(d) That the General Conference Sabbath School Leaflet, No. 27, "Are You a Member of the Sabbath School?" be abridged and adapted, and where the size of the constituency justifies its publication, it be furnished to our Sabbath schools as an aid to making this campaign effective.

(e) That a colored two-page insert in behalf of this soul-winning campaign appear in the April issue of the *OUTLOOK*.

(f) That in every church a careful check be made of the church and Sabbath school membership lists, and that all names not found on the latter constitute a special list to be made the subject of prayer and personal work on the part of officers, teachers, and consecrated members; and that a thorough search be made for every missing member and for the children of our believers and learners, with the definite object of bringing every one into the Sabbath school and into the enjoyment of a definite Christian experience.

(g) That during this campaign each Sabbath school superintendent report monthly concerning its progress in his school, to his local mission Sabbath school secretary, who will report to the union secretary, and he in turn to the Division.

(h) That the Sabbath School Department provide material for a special Sabbath School Jubilee program for June 18, as a climax to this campaign.

#### *Thirteenth Sabbath Offering Promotion*

WHEREAS, The thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow for the second quarter of 1938 will go to

advance the work in the Far Eastern Division, and of necessity the promotion material which we provided for the Missions Quarterly will be more than a year old; and,

WHEREAS, Within this Division we have workers from many different unions in America and other homelands;

*Voted*, That the workers throughout the Far Eastern Division be encouraged to write stories of recent experiences as appeals for a generous offering, to be used in their home and Division and union papers. Also that special letters be sent to the home churches and to institutions where the workers are well known.

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offerings, for the people are much impressed by these features which encourage interest in giving. But it takes much effort to get them started.

"We have started a Sabbath school for the children, and they do not come into the church at all until after the Sabbath school. We find this plan works very well. You will understand that it is a children's division, and not a second Sabbath school.

"Mrs. Wentland is the secretary of the Mothers' Society, and we are having an interesting and very profitable time. These mothers certainly need help, and the society is really a Godsend to many of the mothers in Annam. Of course we find it difficult to carry on this work, since we have so little material to place in their hands which they can study. But perhaps that, too, will come as time goes on.

"And now I must prepare for the evening meeting, so will close this letter. Many thanks for your letter. We sometimes feel that we are forgotten by everyone, and that but few are interested in what we try so hard to accomplish. But on the other hand we know that all the workers are very busy with their own work, just as we are with ours, and that every one of them is interested in the progress of the work, no matter what the location may be. Nevertheless we do appreciate the letters that come. So, many thanks, and we shall hope to hear from you again.

"We are of good courage in the work, and Mrs. Wentland joins me in wishing you health, happiness, and God's continued blessings in your life and work."

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### DIVISION NOTES

The Winter Council is over, and the members of the Committee have departed to their respective fields. Like the early messengers of the gospel, they withdrew for the most part two by two, into the union missions of their adoption, for future service in very needy lands.

It was a real inspiration to see the brethren at work here at the Division office, steadily and untiringly working on the mutual problems of this widely-scattered territory, unselfishly and sincerely studying the needs of the Lord's work, and endeavoring to distribute equal assistance to all parts of the field.

As they return to their work they carry with them the keen interest of the Division staff, and the prayers of those who remain in Singapore will follow them through the weeks and months of 1938, to the end that their labors may be richly blessed of Heaven to the salvation of many precious souls.

No sooner had the brethren of the Union missions departed than the leadership members of the Division staff withdrew also, for work in the field. The first visit of the Division brethren takes them into the Netherlands East Indies, for study of the problems in that field. There will be the regular union mission annual committee meeting, necessary auditing, in which Miss Jennie L. Carrier of the Division office will

assist Pastor Torrey; and the department secretaries will spend some days in the new union, following the annual meeting, assisting in their respective lines of activity.

The next issue of the FAR EASTERN DIVISION OUTLOOK, April 1, will be the regular Annual Council Number, and will contain such of the reports and resolutions as it may be deemed advisable to publish in this special issue. It is hoped that the May 1 issue will be the Annual Statistical Number.

Brother Moon has kindly called our attention to the fact that the picture on page four of the February 1 issue of the OUTLOOK should be marked "Chapel at Omon, Cochin China," rather than the meeting place at Longxuyen. We regret inaccuracies of any type, and can only appeal to our contributors to be very careful in submitting material, whether written or illustrated, to have the facts definitely stated. It is difficult to check many details relating to local fields here in the Division office. Thank you.

Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Bergman and two children, returning on furlough to the United States from Ethiopia, East Africa, stopped off a few hours in Singapore on January 6; and while their ship was in port made use of the time in visiting the interests of our work in various parts of the city. Former friends of the Bergmans, as well as new acquaintances in mission service, were very happy to greet these associates in labor, as they return to the homeland with courage in their hearts, and with a keen enthusiasm for the cause of foreign missions.

By vote of the Division Committee in annual session, it is planned that the OUTLOOK is to appear but once each month, from this time onward; and it is hoped that by united co-operation from the five unions now comprising our Division, we can make the official organ of our field perhaps even more representative of the work in this great world field than it has been heretofore. We of the OUTLOOK staff shall endeavor to give as nearly equal representation to all parts of the

field as the material submitted enables us to do; and to this end we particularly invite the continued co-operation of those who have items of general interest to furnish for publication.

Sprue is one of the diseases to be guarded against by the missionary in the Orient. This condition is caused by a yeast-like germ, and shows itself when a person is in a lowered state of vitality from any cause,—disease, exposure, overwork, etc., It is avoided by giving attention to all the factors which help to keep one in good health. One should also be careful not to eat bread which is underdone, or which has become slightly molded in hot weather. The sprue is found in such bread. Well toasted bread or zwieback is excellent, and especially safe in hot weather.

In speaking of the hazards of the Orient we must not omit the possibility of over-exposure to the sun. Although there may be old residents who do not find it necessary to wear the sun helmet, the new arrival should take care always on long trips out of doors, to use this protection. Some find it best to protect even for short exposures. We should remember that one attack of "sun" makes the individual more susceptible thereafter, and should therefore endeavor to avoid the first attack.—*Selected.*

The first edition of eight thousand copies of the book, "Tuberculosis, the Hidden Enemy," which was prepared especially for the East Visayan Mission, has been sold; and a second edition of ten thousand is now being printed.

The same book is being rapidly prepared for printing in six of the dialects of the Philippine Union. The book has also been printed in English to meet the demands of those who prefer to read in this language. "Tuberculosis, the Hidden Enemy," promises large sales during the current year.

This issue of the OUTLOOK contains the last of the colored Supplements containing the first Sabbath and 15-Minute programs. Hereafter this material will be sent out in mimeographed form from the Division office.

*Remember the Sabbath School Recruiting and Revival Campaign;  
Appointed for April 9 to June 25, 1938.*

# MISSIONARY SERVICES OF THE CHURCH

Notes to Leaders

## FIRST SABBATH MISSIONARY PROGRAM

April 2, 1938

Three months of 1938 have passed into eternity. Three quarters of the year still remains before us. It will be well today to ascertain what progress the church has made in the winning of souls. How many new candidates are ready, or nearly ready, for baptism?

It should be constantly impressed upon our people that they should expect definite results from their missionary endeavors. The Win One Movement has but one objective; namely, that each believer shall bring at least one soul to a knowledge and acceptance of the truth during the year.

The program this Sabbath is upon the subject of the use of literature in soul-winning. Here is a work in which all, both young and old, can engage. In every congregation there are timid members who long to do some missionary work, but who lack courage to do lay preaching, give Bible readings, or even to visit people concerning the truth. Encourage these timid ones to use the silent messengers. Tracts, papers and books, put into people's hands, or placed in libraries and reading racks, or judiciously left on the seats of public conveyances, will preach the message of salvation to thousands who cannot be reached in any other way!

There are three outstanding methods of distributing literature. The first is general distribution; that is, the plan of always having tracts in one's pocket or hand-bag, thus enabling us to live up to the euphonious watch word of the members of the King's Pocket League.—"A TRACT A DAY GIVEN AWAY."

The second method is the systematic giving and lending of literature to families in an assigned district; and the third is the mailing of literature to relatives and friends, or to lists of names that may be furnished to our churches by colporteurs and other missionary workers. All these methods are good and fruitful means of bringing the truth to many who are honest in heart.

As a conclusion to today's program try to get every believer to engage in the active distribution of literature in whichever one of these three ways is most adapted to his particular situation.

TOPIC: *Winning Souls By Gospel Literature*

OPENING SONG: "I Love to Tell the Story," "Christ in Song,"  
No. 476.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: *Psalms 126:1-6.*

OFFERING: *For local missionary work.*

SONG: "Bread on the Waters," "Christ in Song," No. 639.

READING NO. 1: "God's Plan for Finishing the Work."

READING NO. 2: "A Work of First Importance."

READING NO. 3: "Are You the Voice of the Angel?"

CLOSING SONG: "Here Am I, Send Me," "Christ in Song," No.  
641.

BENEDICTION.

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The church should provide itself with a liberal supply of tracts and papers to use freely in its missionary work. The collection taken on each first Sabbath is for this very purpose.—HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT FAR EASTERN DIVISION.

(Reading No. 1)

### GOD'S PLAN FOR FINISHING THE WORK

By W. P. Elliott

(Reading time 12 minutes)

"Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice; for the Lord will do great things." Joel 2:21.

"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory." Rev. 18:1.

The infinite mind of God was at work! He was forming a plan for terminating a 6,000-year

effort for the salvation of lost mankind. "He will finish the work," said the apostle, "and cut it short in righteousness: . . . a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." Rom. 9:28. It is reasonable to suppose that with His limitless powers and resources God might have undertaken to finish the work for mankind in any way He chose. This last great movement might have begun, for example, in a great youth's movement or, perhaps, by hundreds or thousands of preachers throughout the country breaking out simultaneously in a presentation of the last great message.

But, this evidently was not God's choice; for, with all wisdom and knowledge and with all power in heaven and earth at His command, He chose to begin with a small group of men and women little known and with little equipment and few resources to undertake the task. Upon them He laid the burden! Upon them He poured out His Holy Spirit! Through its ministration, He directed their hearts and minds in a constantly enlarging vision of the task and of the message to be given. With unerring guidance, He said, "You must begin to print." And it was made clear that although the beginning would be small, the work was to grow

and increase until the printed pages sent forth would "be like streams of light" encircling the world. (See "Life Sketches," By Mrs. E. G. White p. 125.)

Thus, with a masterly stroke, God drew a great fundamental line in His blueprint for the finishing of His work. So definitely did He establish His intention in this regard, that He declared openly, through the messages of the Spirit of prophecy, that as long as probation should last, the work of the faithful colporteur, or messenger of the printed page, would not cease. In fact, it seems His design that the importance of literature to the movement will constantly increase as the message swells into the "loud cry." Speaking of the powerful assistance to be rendered by the angel of Revelation 18, which is to "come down from heaven, having great power;" and will lighten "the earth . . . with His glory," the Spirit of the Lord declared that in a large measure the work of this angel is to be accomplished through our publishing work.

That the pioneers of the movement clearly understood the importance of this fundamental line in God's great blueprint is evidenced by such words as the following from James White:

"In my relations to this cause I have been longest and most closely connected with the publishing work. Three times have I fallen, stricken with paralysis, through my devotion to this branch of the cause. Now that God has given me renewed physical and mental strength, I feel that I can serve His cause as I have never been able to serve it before. I must see the publishing work prosper. It is interwoven with my very existence. If I forget the interests of this work, let my right hand forget her cunning."  
—*"Life Sketches," pp. 248, 249.*

The power of literature among men is unquestioned. The part that it has played in the advance of all classes of knowledge and understanding is undisputed. It is indispensable to the success of any great undertaking today. The radio wields great influence, but it is significant to note that at the close of nearly every presentation is some such remark as, "Now we have a little booklet," or, "You may get this address in print," or, "Send for your copy" of this or that. Literature is the channel through which all the activities and plans and aspirations of men are carried from mind to mind and from heart to heart.

How farseeing, how wise was the great God in guiding this peo-

ple to become the great printers of gospel literature which we are today! The *International Review of Missions*, printed in Edinburgh, Scotland, says, "Of the denominations, the Seventh-day Adventists are making the largest use of the press as a means for propagating their own views of truth. They have established their own printing works and have at present a larger output than any other denomination." A leading Presbyterian minister in Korea, made the following editorial statements in his periodical: "Wisely and well have Seventh-day Adventists seen beyond the more limited horizon that bounds most of us and have put their emphasis on giving their messages in printed form. I propose that we take off our hats to Seventh-day Adventists and make a deep bow. They have had more sense and vision in regard to missionary work than the rest of us." Much more might be presented here from the sayings of others who marvel at the rapid advance of the advent message. Because of our publishing activity, they ascribe to us wisdom, foresight, understanding which they regret has not been evidenced in their own organizations.

How marvelously God's plans fit together! All are to bear witness; yet all cannot preach, all cannot sing nor hold cottage meetings, all cannot go to mission lands afar. But all can scatter the printed page. Thus, God has provided for His children to advance His cause with power. He has guided and empowered them in establishing great publishing houses. He has placed in their hands the most potent influence on earth today and has added the assurance of His special blessing. There can be no question about His design in all this. Over and over He has urged His followers to scatter literature. He declares, "Precious light will be given in the publications you scatter through the towns and cities. Your humble prayers, your unselfish activity, will be blessed of God, and the truth as it is in Jesus will come to those who need it. The words that Christ spoke to men while He was in the world, He will speak again through His humble, faithful followers. Through them He will give to men the bread of life and the waters of salvation. Brethren, take up this work in humility of heart. The simplicity of true godliness will cause you to be respected and will lead men and women to seek the Source of your power."—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

Through His guidance, literature has been provided for every circumstance. There are books and

periodicals to sell at prices that meet every purse. For those who wish to give freely, there is an almost unlimited assortment of periodicals and attractive tracts. A few pennies will provide a comprehensive variety of literature.

How many times a soul has been turned to Christ through a single tract! Brethren, sisters, if you have only a few cents to sacrifice for God, do not let them lie idle. Invest them now in tracts and periodicals and place them in the hands of judgment-bound creatures.

There is, perhaps, no reason for dwelling longer on the great value of the printed page and the power which accompanies it. What is needed now more than anything else is united action. Shall we not rise to do this work which God so wisely planned for His last great appeal to mankind? We urge every member of the church to take up this work and to scatter the printed page to the very limit of his possibilities.

(Reading No. 2)

#### A WORK OF FIRST IMPORTANCE

Arranged by J. H. McEachern

(Reading time 8 minutes)

There is upon the heart of every loyal Seventh-day Adventist a burning passion to win souls to a knowledge of the truth. The question arises, What can a humble believer do that will be most effective in bringing light and salvation to the people. The following quotations from the Spirit of prophecy answer your question and constitute a mighty appeal from God to every church member to engage in some phase of the literature ministry.

"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. . . . Let every Seventh-day Adventist ask himself, 'What can I do to proclaim the third angel's message?' Christ came to this world to give this message to His servant to give to the churches. It is to be proclaimed to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. How are we to give it? The distribution of our literature is one means by which the message is to be proclaimed. Let every believer scatter broadcast tracts and leaflets and books containing the message for this time.

"Papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people. In enlightening and confirming souls in the truth, the publications will do a far greater work than can be accomplished by the ministry of the word alone. . . . Our publications are now sowing the gospel seed, and are instrumental in bringing as many souls to Christ as the preached word. Whole churches have been raised up as the result of their circulation. In this work every disciple of Christ can act a part.

"The night of trial is nearly spent. Satan is bringing in his masterly power because he knoweth that his time is short. The chastisement of God is upon the world, to call all who know the truth to hide in the cleft of the Rock, and view the glory of God. The truth must not be muffled now. Plain statements must be made. Unvarnished truth must be spoken, in leaflets and pamphlets, and these must be scattered like the leaves of autumn."

"Let literature be distributed judiciously on the trains, in the street, on the great ships that ply the sea, and through the mails. . . . Let the leaflets and tracts, the papers and books, go in every direction. Carry with you, wherever you go, a package of select tracts, which you can hand out as you have opportunity. Sell what you can, and lend or give them away as the case may seem to require. Important results will follow.

"I have been shown that we are not doing our duty in the gratuitous circulation of small publications. There are many honest souls who might be brought to embrace the truth by this means alone. . . . These small tracts of four, eight, or sixteen pages, can be furnished for a trifle, from a fund raised by the donations of those who have the cause at heart. When you write to a friend, you can enclose one or more without increasing postage. When you meet persons in cars, on the boat, or in the railway train, who seem to have an ear to hear, you can hand them a tract."

Our literature is to be distributed everywhere. The truth is to be sown beside all waters; for we know not which shall prosper, this or that. In our erring judgment we may think it unwise to give literature to the very ones who would accept the truth most readily. We know not what may be the good results of giving away a leaflet containing present truth.—"*Christian Service*," pp. 145-153.

### An Impressive Scene

"In the visions of the night a very impressive scene passed before me. I saw an immense ball of fire fall among some beautiful mansions, causing their instant destruction. I heard some one say, 'We knew that the judgments of God were coming upon the earth, but we did not know that they would come so soon.' Others, with agonized voices, said, 'You knew! Why then did you not tell us? We did not know.' On every side I heard similar words of reproach spoken."—"*Testimonies*," Vol. IX, p. 28.

These solemn statements from the Spirit of prophecy have surely stirred our hearts. Brethren and sisters, shall we not resolve here and now not to let a day pass that we do not give a tract or paper to some eternity-bound soul? Let us district our territory and place literature in every hand that will receive it. Let no family in this town or city say in that awful day of calamity "You knew? Why then did not you tell us?"

(Reading No. 3)

### ARE YOU THE VOICE OF THE ANGEL?

By J. H. McEachern

(Reading time 5 minutes)

Seventh-day Adventists are a people of prophecy. As John the Baptist declared himself to be the "voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord," in like manner we are the voice of the three angels of Revelation 14, saying with a loud voice to them that dwell on the earth and to every nation, kindred, tongue and people: "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship Him that made heaven and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

There is also another angel,—the angel of Revelation 18:1,—who in the very closing scenes of heralding the gospel to the world is to join with the three angels of Revelation 14 to give added power to the third angel's message. The Spirit of prophecy plainly tells us: "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."—"*Testimonies*," Vol. VII, p. 140.

Solemn indeed is the responsibility resting upon every one who through the mercy of God has been

brought to a knowledge of the truth. To be a part of the movement we must individually act a part in being the voice of the angels that represent the movement. It is impossible to be a genuine member of the remnant church without being an active worker in the giving of the message. "Every soul that is born into the kingdom of God is born a missionary." Again we are informed through the Spirit of prophecy: "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of the ministers and church officers. . . . So vast is the field, so comprehensive the design, that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power."

The angel with the everlasting gospel is represented as flying, indicating the speed with which the work must be finished. Brother, Sister, do you have the evidence in your own heart that you are the voice if that angel? Can it be said of your experience, "There shall be delay no longer?" Make a firm resolution that you will not let a day pass without doing some act of missionary work to help win some dear soul from darkness to light.

Key Thought for Sabbath, April 30.  
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of salvation is being proclaimed throughout the world and that the Saviour will soon appear, and recognizing my personal responsibility to tell the 'good news' to those with whom I come in contact, I hereby promise, as a member of the King's Pocket League, to carry with me wherever I go a package of select tracts, and to endeavor to distribute this literature on the basis of at least one tract a day."

Members of the League find it an advantage to provide themselves with a small leather tract case, which can be easily slipped into the pocket or handbag, and thus be sure of having a supply of tracts always in readiness.

Through the Tract Society it is possible to obtain the necessary supplies. Think what it would mean if every Seventh-day Adventist believer in all the world would be faithful in distributing at least one tract each day of each year. The result would be more than 20,000,000 tracts scattered over the world "like the leaves of autumn,"—each tract a sermon in itself to the "one-soul audience," and often extending its message on and on as it passes from one person to another.

## THE FIFTEEN-MINUTE MISSIONARY SERVICE

April 1938

## Order of Service

Silent prayer (Audience with bowed heads)	..	½	minute.
Band Leaders Gather Reports	..	5	minutes.
Leader's remarks	..	5	minutes.
Song (One stanza only)	..	2	minutes.
Benediction	..	½	minute.
Announce meeting to follow			

*Key Thought for Sabbath, April 2.*

TOPIC: Always Prepared to Hand Out Literature

TEXT: Ezekiel 38:7.

"Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them."

*The King's Pocket League*

Even in our everyday living, we frequently come in contact with many persons whom we shall never meet again. Members of the King's Pocket League are always prepared for such occasions. They have a pocket dedicated to the carrying of tracts, and are ready to pass out reading matter at a moment's notice. You are earnestly invited today, to join this league.

*Key Thought for Sabbath, April 9.*

TOPIC: The Home Tract Rack

TEXT: 2 Kings 20:15.

"And he said, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All the things that are in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them." 2 Kings 20:15.

*Our Greatest Treasure*

The greatest treasure possessed by a Seventh-day Adventist is the truth which God has given us for these last days. This treasure we should show to every soul that comes to our homes. It can be shared with others through the books we have in our libraries, or by tracts being given to them.

*In the Home—A Tract Rack Inside the Front Door*

How many earnest, Christian housewives have lamented the fact that home duties seem to prevent their engaging in active missionary endeavor. Here is the solution to this problem,—a tract rack, small and neat, to hang on the wall near the front door. Then, when visitors or sales people come, the housewife can have a tract ready for any one who calls. Every Seventh-day Adventist home should have one of these racks.

*Key Thought for Sabbath, April 16.*

TOPIC: Literature in Public Places

TEXT: Daniel 12:4.

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Dan. 12:4.

The apostle Paul tells us that "all things are for your sakes." 2 Cor. 4:15. The purpose, therefore, of modern means of transportation by which men "run to and fro," is to make it more convenient for us to reach them with the truth. We should therefore place literature in reading racks in bus terminals, railroad stations, waiting rooms, and hotels, where travelers spend many hours of enforced idleness. During these long waiting periods they welcome the opportunity to read. Here is where the public reading rack fulfills its mission.

A few persons donating small amounts, can easily pay for one or more of these racks, or perhaps some brother who is handy with tools can make a neat tract rack and donate it to the Tract Rack Band.

*Key Thought for Sabbath, April 23.*

TOPIC: Results of Tract Distribution

TEXT: "Tracts upon the important points of truth for the present time should be handed out freely to all who will accept them." —"Life Sketches," p. 216.

*Just One Tract*

The influence of one tract picked up and read by a young physician of New York in 1819, has changed the history of India. While waiting to see a patient, he read a little tract on missions, which lay in the room where he sat. On reaching home, he spoke to his wife of a question that had arisen in his mind. The tract was a personal call to preach the gospel to the heathen. Ere long they set out for Ceylon, and later for India, as foreign missionaries. Side by side for thirty years they labored for the heathen, and then Mrs. Scudder was laid to rest. Six years later Dr. Scudder, too, laid down his work. But they left behind them seven sons and two daughters. These sons married, and, with their wives and sisters, gave themselves to the same mission work. Several grandchildren of the first missionary are now missionaries in India. And thus far thirty of that family have given their lives to the promulgation of the gospel in that dark land.

*Key Thought for Sabbath, April 30.*

TOPIC: The King's Pocket League

TEXT: Eccl. 11:1.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." Eccl. 11:1.

In the Scriptures the symbol "waters" is used to signify or represent multitudes. And from the reading of our text we may conclude that we are to sow the seed among the people.

It was for this purpose that the King's Pocket League was brought into existence. There are many churches where the organization does not yet exist, and an earnest call is again made for the promotion of this good work. Every church member is a potential candidate for membership in the league, and the pledge subscribed to on admission reads as follows: "Believing that the last message

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