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## Home Missions Department

### Church Missionary Programme

#### First Week

Opening Exercises and Reports.

"My Neighbours Are Not Interested."

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"Many Catholics Will Embrace the Truth."

"Won from Catholicism."

**LEADER'S NOTE.**—Sometimes home missionary workers are inclined to feel that if a person is a Catholic, nothing can be done for him. We trust that this week's programme will encourage our members to "sow beside all waters," and to try especially to help the Catholics they meet. Have the incidents under "Won from Catholicism," related by different ones, and invite others who are present to tell about any instances they may know of people coming into the truth from Catholicism.

### "My Neighbours Are Not Interested"

FREQUENTLY when presenting some plan whereby the members of a church may labour for those living around them, we are met with this objection, "My neighbours are not interested in this truth. I cannot get them to listen or to read."

The objection is not without foundation. The neighbours really do not manifest any disposition to investigate the truth. But shall we therefore cease to labour for them, or shall we devise ways whereby we may create an interest?

At one of our camp-meetings recently a man found the secret of the whole matter. He said he had argued with his neighbours about the truth until they were all so angry that they would not listen any more. He realized he had made a mistake, and he was going home to love them.

If we thus work for our neighbours, showing that we do truly love them; and if we show by our lives that we are followers of Jesus, we shall find ways of introducing the truth that will interest them. They will begin to ask us questions as their curiosity is aroused to learn more of the religion that makes us so unlike others. Then we can lend them tracts, papers, and books, and hold Bible readings with them. Love is the key that will unlock the doors of the neighbours' hearts which are now closed to us.

### Home Missionary Work for Our Catholic Neighbours

THE Roman Catholic friend cannot be approached in the same manner as the Protestant neighbour. First, Catholics believe more in the Virgin Mary and the priesthood than in our Saviour and His

holy Word; secondly, they are prejudiced against Seventh-day Adventists because we teach the message contained in the books of Daniel and the Revelation. This message is not aimed against the Catholic people,—all of whom we should love as brethren—but against the deception that is drawing them from and not toward Christ.

One of the things that they cannot deny or avoid noticing, is the change in a person after he takes his stand for Christ. Here is one way in which all, even the most timid, can do missionary work. In Volume IX of "Testimonies for the Church," page 30, we read:

"There are many ways in which church members may give the message to those around them. One of the *most successful* is by living helpful, unselfish, Christian lives."

There are many acts of kindness that may be shown our Catholic friends that will awaken in them a kindly feeling for God's people, and ultimately for the message they bear.

We must be friends to our Roman Catholic neighbours, and improve every opportunity to remind them of our Saviour's love. A book not dealing with the Sabbath question,—almost any one of the small books put out by our denomination—would make a very appropriate Christmas or birthday gift. This would not be refused or be considered Adventist literature, as a tract might be. After these books are in the hands of the people, there is little doubt but they will be read.

We must have faith. No man can convince another of a thing in which he does not have implicit faith.

We must pray much, and do all in our power to awaken an interest in the Bible; then slowly kindle that interest into a burning desire to know God and His Son Jesus Christ.

### Many Catholics Will Embrace the Truth

SHOULD we condemn the adherents of Rome because they do not believe as we do?

From "Testimonies for the Church," Volume IX, we read: "Among the Catholics there are many who are most conscientious Christians, and who walk in all the light that shines upon them, and God will work in their behalf. Those who have had great privileges and opportunities, and who have failed to improve their physical, mental, and moral powers, but who have lived to please themselves, and have refused to bear their responsibility, are in greater danger and in greater condemnation before God than those who are in error upon doctrinal points, yet who seek to live to do good to others. Do not censure others; do not condemn them."

What precious encouragement is given those who labour for their Catholic neighbours, or the people in priest-ridden countries?

"It is true that there are real Christians in the Roman Catholic communion. Thousands in that church are serving God according to the best light they have. They are not allowed access to His Word, and therefore they do not discern the truth. They have never seen the contrast between a living heart-service and a round of mere forms and ceremonies. God looks with pitying tenderness upon these souls, educated as they are in a faith that is elusive and unsatisfying. He will cause rays of light to penetrate the dense darkness that surrounds them. He will reveal to them the truth, as it is in Jesus, and many will yet take their position with His people."—"Great Controversy," page 565.

### Won from Catholicism

A FEW years ago a young man who had been reared in the Catholic faith, called upon Adventists living in Hornsby and Wahroonga for their grocery orders each week. From them he received literature and a knowledge of the truth, and was led later on to attend our college at Avondale. Devoting himself to the service of the Lord, he was sent to the island mission field, and has since laboured for some years both there and in the home field.

"A few weeks ago we found a man and his wife who had been baptized two weeks before. They had been Roman Catholics. A Seventh-day Adventist neighbour, after some tactful effort, persuaded them to accept the loan of some of our books. They read "Bible Readings," "Daniel and the Revelation," and "Bible Footlights," and are now rejoicing in the truth."

A colporteur writes: "A few days ago, a young lady came to my door and introduced herself as Miss —. Upon learning my name, she asked if I were in the book work, and if I had canvassed for "Great Controversy" several years ago. Then she said: 'You sold my mother a copy of "Great Controversy," and she accepted the truth from reading it. She was then a Roman Catholic. Shortly after placing her order for the book, she learned that it was an Adventist work and tried to avoid taking it when you came to deliver the book. Finally she took it, and began reading to find some contradictions, but she found the truth and soon began keeping the Sabbath. The next autumn she went to the camp-meeting, where she heard more of the message and was baptized a short time after. Mother died about a year later, but she died an Adventist. I still have that book in my possession, and your card which you gave mother at that time.' Dear reader, the above information has been worth to me all the time I have ever spent in the book work. It means a soul saved in God's kingdom who might never have known the truth had I not taken that heaven-sent book to her door."

**Church Missionary Programme****Second Week**

Opening Exercises and Reports.  
"Who Did It?"  
"Four Questions with Myself."  
Plans for Work.

**Who Did It?**

At a certain railway station a gentleman found a copy of the *Signs of the Times* in the waiting room, and was convinced of the Sabbath truth by reading that single copy, and later became one of our number. Who put the paper in the waiting room? I wonder if it was the work of one of your church members.

Two young men in a military prison read one of our periodicals regularly, and seeing the truth, decided to obey God. One was released some months ago, and is now in touch with our people. Who sent the papers to that prison? Are you doing something to cheer the lives of those who "sit in darkness" behind prison bars?

While on a train two years ago, a lady gave a paper to a man. He took it home, read it with his wife, and they accepted the message. Now he is an officer in one of our Western churches. Who was the sister on the train, "instant in season," and prepared to pass out some literature? Have you formed the blessed habit of carrying some present-truth literature to give out when travelling on trains and boats and cars?

For ten long years a woman had been living in the mountains, away from any church. Some one passing her place on an outing trip left a copy of the *Signs of the Times*. She became interested, read other literature sent to her later, and finally joined the church. Who was it that remembered to carry along a few papers on that trip, knowing that people living in the lonely places are especially glad to read new things that come their way? Let us make the trips, by train, boat, motor, or wagon, count for the kingdom.

"A young man came to our door with the *Signs of the Times*, and offered to leave a copy for examination," says a man. "My wife accepted it. When I came home she showed it to me, and I said, 'Wife, I believe this is just what we have been looking for.' We subscribed for the paper, and in a few months Pastor — opened a series of tent meetings. We attended, and as a result accepted the message." Who is that young man giving some time to this house-to-house ministry, placing the silent messengers in the hands of the people? Why can't more of us engage in such splendid service, say on Sabbath afternoons or Sundays? *Let's do it.*

A brother had occasion to call upon a Baptist estate-agent. In the brief conversation that followed business, our brother spoke of certain world events, and alluded to the light thrown upon these things by the Scriptures. The Baptist mentioned the fact that he had been receiving copies of a certain weekly that discussed world problems in that way, and that he had been greatly impressed by certain articles. He offered one to our brother, who was very agreeably surprised when the gentleman opened his desk and brought out a copy of the *Signs of the Times*. We wonder who sends the paper

to that business man. Are you sending out these silent heralds through the mails? If you wish to secure names and addresses of interested persons, communicate with your Tract Society office.

**Four Questions with Myself**

1. How long would it take to make my community really Christian if every other follower of Christ worked for it and prayed about it just as I do?

2. How long would it take to make my whole nation really Christian if all Christians gave their prayers and efforts and money toward it just as I am doing?

3. How long would it take to make disciples of all the nations if all other Christians were to give this programme of Christ the place in their lives that it has in mine?

4. Have I any right to expect or demand of other Christians or even of preachers or missionaries, any service or sacrifice for Christ that I am unwilling to give myself?

The work of winning the world to Christ is my work as really and as fully as it is the work of anyone else. Let me not avoid it nor shirk it.—J. Campbell White,

**Church Missionary Programme****Third Week**

Opening Exercises and Reports.  
Study: "Missionary Work."  
Plans for Work.

**Missionary Work**

A MISSIONARY is "one who is sent on a mission."

Jesus Christ was the greatest missionary the world has ever known. He says: "I came down from heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me." John 6:38.

"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work." John 4:34.

The object of His mission is stated thus:

"The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10.

To communicate the light and blessings of the gospel to our friends and neighbours, as suggested by the inspired apostle, is a sacrifice most pleasing to God:

"To do good and to communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." Heb. 13:16.

The fact that we do not know what may be the results of even the smallest efforts along missionary lines, should prompt us to diligence and faithfulness:

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11:6.

An illustration to the point: A few days ago a sister, herself feeble in health and at the time somewhat discouraged, after giving a tramp something to eat, handed him a little tract, entitled "We Would See Jesus." The tramp cared nothing for the tract, and handed it to a man he met on the street. At our next Sunday evening lecture in the church, this man and his wife attended the service. At the close of the service he

mentioned that some one gave him the little tract above referred to, which was the first he had ever heard of Seventh-day Adventists. He purchased a copy of "A World in Perplexity," and the following Wednesday evening came to the prayer meeting. At the close of the meeting he told us that he had been reading from the little book at noontime to his fellow workmen in the shop where he worked; and so many wanted the book that he purchased twelve more copies to supply the demand. This much we were permitted to see of the results that came in three days' time, of a feeble sister's handing out a little tract to a poor tramp. Who can imagine what the judgment may reveal as the full fruition of that small missionary effort, or how much could never have been told if that little tract had not been handed out!

What blessed assurance is given to the one who faithfully sows the gospel seed?

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126:6.

Here is a timely admonition to every missionary worker, and should apply to every church member, because when the Master went away He "gave to every man his work!"

"Let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9.

The Master said, "The harvest is the end of the world." The nearer we come to the time of harvest, the closer together the sowing and the reaping time will come:

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the ploughman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed." Amos 9:13.

When the time of harvest comes, the bountifulness or scantiness of the reaping will depend upon the amount of gospel seed that has been scattered:

"This I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." 2 Cor. 9:6.

To whom did the greatest of all missionaries turn over His begun, but unfinished work?

"Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you." John 20:21.

The greatest of all missionaries was made perfect, as a soul-winner, through suffering:

"It became Him for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons into glory, to make the Captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings." Heb. 2:10.

His all-consuming zeal led Christ to leave the comfort and bliss of His heavenly home and come to this dark, unfriendly world to bear reproach and shame for us:

"The reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon Me. . . Thou hast known My reproach, and My shame, and My dishonour. . . Reproach hath broken My heart; and I am full of heaviness; and I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none." Ps. 69:9-20.

Only those who share in His spirit of sacrifice and labour for others here and now, will share in His glory hereafter. Matt. 25:34-46.

A. T. ROBINSON,

### Church Missionary Programme Fourth Week

**LEADER'S NOTE.**—This week is left open for the missionary leaders to prepare their own programmes. We are giving, however, a recent incident in our home mission work that will bring as much inspiration and encouragement into the missionary meeting as a longer study.

### A Paper That Brought Forth a Millionfold

A FEW months ago some one posted three copies of our *Present Truth* to a gentleman residing in Texas, United States of America. One of these papers presented the Sabbath truth so forcibly to this man that he not only accepted it himself but wished that thousands of other people could have an opportunity to read the same paper.

Accordingly, he wrote to the Review and Herald office, and asked if the house would guarantee a judicious, free circulation of 200,000 copies of Number 38, and accept as full payment for this number of papers a \$1,000 Liberty Bond he held. Being assured that this work could and would be done upon receipt of the bond, a registered letter containing the bond immediately followed.

No one solicited this money before it was offered. The reading of *Present Truth* alone caused his decision, thus demonstrating its influence and power upon the minds of strong men.

The Review office circulated printed order forms among all our church members, which read as follows: "I hereby pledge to personally place free of charge ..... copies of *Present Truth* No. 38 in as many carefully selected homes; and that these copies will not be handed out in a promiscuous, indifferent way. Name ..... Address .....

The gentleman who gave the \$1,000 was so well pleased with the promptness and the thoroughness of the work done, and felt so keenly the need of a much larger circulation of this Sabbath number, that he has since sent \$5,500 more, making the magnificent sum of \$6,500 (£1,300) invested in copies of this paper for free circulation. This man received three papers himself at first, and now he has purchased one million three hundred thousand copies for our people to send on to others. The one who sent the first three, costing only 2½d. including postage, will never know the full extent of their influence till life's records are all made up. Like the small barley loaves, they were blessed by the Master, and multiplied for the feeding of a very great multitude. We never know how the Lord will use the papers we prayerfully distribute.

### Missionary Volunteer Department

#### Missionary Volunteer Programme

##### First Week

##### Service

###### Opening Exercises.

"Service." (Questions and Answers from "Christ's Object Lessons.")

Poem: "A Child's Talent."

Reading: "Who Will Be the First?"  
Reading: "Preparation for the Work."  
Closing Exercises.

**LEADER'S NOTE.**—This interesting programme has been prepared by the South Australian Missionary Volunteer Department and forwarded to the Union Conference. Coming from the field, it is most practical and timely. Request someone beforehand to ask the questions and another to answer them in the reading entitled "Service."

### Service

(Taken from "Christ's Object Lessons.")

**Ques.** How are we to show our praise to God?

**Ans.** "We are to praise God by tangible service, by doing all in our power to advance the glory of His name. God imparts His gifts to us that we may give, and thus make known His character to the world."

**Ques.** What is the field for our service?

**Ans.** "God claims the whole earth as His vineyard. Though now in the hands of the usurper, it belongs to God."

**Ques.** How many are called to service?

**Ans.** "By pouring the whole treasury of heaven into this world, by giving us in Christ all heaven, God has purchased the will, the affections, the mind, the soul, of every human being. Whether believers or not, all men are the Lord's property. All are called to do service for Him, and for the manner in which we have met this claim, all will be required to render an account at the great Judgment-day."

**Ques.** What does service to God include?

**Ans.** "Service to God includes personal ministry. By personal effort we are to co-operate with Him in the saving of the world. Christ's commission: 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature,' is spoken to every one of His followers. All who are ordained to the life of Christ are ordained to work for the salvation of their fellow-men."

**Ques.** Whose example are we following in service?

**Ans.** "Christ's followers have been redeemed for service. Christ Himself was a worker, and to all His followers He gives the law of service,—service to God and to their fellow-men."

**Ques.** With whom does it bind us?

**Ans.** "The law of service becomes the connecting link which binds us to God and to our fellow-men."

**Ques.** Can we excuse ourselves on account of inability?

**Ans.** "Many who excuse themselves from Christian effort plead their inability for the work. But did God make them so incapable? No! never. This inability has been produced by their own inactivity, and perpetuated by their deliberate choice."

**Ques.** Are only the clever and wealthy called to service?

**Ans.** "God works by whom He will. He sometimes selects the humblest instrument to do the greatest work."

**Ques.** How does God judge us for our work?

**Ans.** "To every man God has given 'according to his several ability.' God expects returns according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not."

**Ques.** For how much will we be held responsible?

**Ans.** "We shall individually be held responsible for doing one jot less than we have ability to do. We shall be judged according to what we ought to have done, but did not accomplish because we did not use our powers to glorify God."

**Ques.** How sure are we that there is a place for us in the service of God?

**Ans.** "Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is a special place designated on earth where we are to work for God."

**Ques.** Can those who do not work expect an inheritance with the saints?

**Ans.** "In the great Judgment-day those who have not worked for Christ, those who have drifted along, carrying no responsibility, thinking of themselves, pleasing themselves, will be placed by the Judge of all the earth with those who did evil. They receive the same condemnation."

**Ques.** Should we set an aim?

**Ans.** "God will accept only those who are determined to aim high."

**Ques.** In what spirit should we work?

**Ans.** "Whatever our work, God is honoured by cheerful, whole-hearted service. He is pleased when we take up our duties with gratitude, rejoicing that we are accounted worthy to be co-labourers with Him."

**Ques.** What must prompt every action?

**Ans.** "Love must be the principle of action. If we love Jesus we shall love to live for Him, to labour for Him."

**Ques.** Who will help us in our work?

**Ans.** "The humble worker who obediently responds to the call of God may be sure of receiving divine assistance."

**Ques.** Do we receive any reward here for service?

**Ans.** "Every effort made for Christ will react in blessing upon ourselves."

### A Child's Talent

God entrusts to all  
    Talents, few or many ;  
None so young or small  
    That they have not any.

Though the great and wise  
    Have a greater number,  
Yet my one I prize,  
    And it must not slumber.

God will surely ask,  
    Ere I enter heaven,  
Have I done the task  
    Which to me was given ?

Little drops of rain  
    Bring the springing flowers,  
And I may attain  
    Much by little powers.

Every little mite,  
    Every little measure,  
Helps to spread the light,  
    Helps to swell the treasure.

—Selected.

### Who Will Be the First?

IN an English country town a building lot was given to a struggling little church that met in a hall in a dingy street. None of the members had any money to amount to anything, and instead of being glad of the gift, some even began to grumble. "We can't ever build a church on it,"

they said; "What is the use of trying? Where ever shall we get the money?"

Well, nothing was done, until one day one of the members, passing the lot, saw a little boy with a toy spade and a toy wheelbarrow busily engaged in digging in it.

"What are you doing here?" inquired the man.

"I am wheeling bricks for the new church," answered the boy, pointing proudly to a little heap of bricks in a corner. "When I find one," he continued, "I get my barrow and wheel it here. By and by we shall build."

The man was amused at first and then he thought, "If all of us got to hauling bricks to the church, or doing what we could, the building would soon be completed." So one evening he took his spade and measuring-tape and set out for the vacant church lot, and when he arrived there, he began to measure and to dig.

"What are you doing?" asked a neighbour, passing.

"Digging for the foundation for the church," he answered. And that set the neighbour a-thinking, too, and he resolved that he would do what he could; and thus in a short time a number of persons were working on that lot, and the church walls began to rise, and everybody was pleased and happy because everybody had something to do and a spirit to do it.

This is not the first time that a child has led out in some good work, and by so doing has encouraged older people to take hold and accomplish a work for God which they would not otherwise have done.

Our Father has told us to sow the seeds of truth, and He will water them, and see that they bear fruit. Just one paper has often brought several people into the truth. Who will go to work and do something now?

## Preparation for the Work

GOD does not call men to work for Him without fitting them for His work if they will allow Him to do it. They may refuse to be benefitted by His effort to instruct them, but it is nevertheless true that He does give them an opportunity and means of preparation to fit themselves for His work. It is not for the honour of God that men should enter His work till they are prepared to do it in a manner that He can approve.

God gave to Isaiah a vision of heavenly glory. When he had seen it, he cried out, "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." Isa. 6: 5. Upon this, one of the seraphim took a live coal from off the altar and laid it upon his lips, and said, "Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged."

Then he heard the Lord make this inquiry, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And thus he records his response: "Then said I, Here am I; send me." And the Lord then bade him go and fulfil his solemn commission. This teaches us a great lesson. Before one goes out to work for God, he must have God's work first wrought within himself. When the live coal from the altar had been laid upon the lips of Isaiah, his iniquity was purged. Then he could speak

for God, for he had something to say, and he was fitted to say it in a way the Lord would accept.

God does not want men to go out and labour for Him till they have had their iniquity taken away. No man can lead others to Christ till he has first become personally acquainted with Him. Whencever self exists the work will be marred.

Before we can work for God, we must be soundly converted. When our hearts are right in His sight, our motives will be pure before Him.

It is no light thing to work for God. The sacredness of the work cannot be over estimated. God will not be trifled with. Those who name the name of Christ must depart from all iniquity. They must not bear the vessels of the Lord without being clean in His sight. "Who then is sufficient for these things?"

J. N. ANDREWS.

## Missionary Volunteer Programme

### Second Week

#### Opening Exercises.

Study: "Our Duty to Others."

Reading: "The Ark versus the *Titanic*."

**LEADER'S NOTE.**—Again this week remind the members of last week's appeal for the Attainment Course and speak to those who had not decided before. Also make mention of its importance before or after the readings to-day. Divide the reading, "The Ark versus the *Titanic*," asking several good readers to take a part each.

## Bible Study

### Our Duty to Others

1. Eph. 4: 32. Be kind to others.
2. 1 Thess. 3: 12. Kindness leads to love for others.
3. Jas. 5: 16. Love for others causes us to pray for others.
4. Eph. 5: 21. Prayer leads us to seek the other's good.
5. Heb. 10: 24. Consideration for others follows.
6. 1 Thess. 4: 18. Comfort one another.
7. Gal. 6: 2. Help carry another's load.

## The Ark versus the "Titanic"

THE steamship *Titanic*, of 45,000 tons, sailing from Southampton to New York, collided with an iceberg in mid-ocean, and sank in the early morning hours of April 15, 1912. Nearly sixteen hundred persons were drowned.

The writer of this article was a passenger on the steamer *Carrathia*, which came to the rescue of the *Titanic*, and which picked up the survivors who were in the life-boats.

This is a short story of two big boats. One of these boats was the first ever built in the world. The other was the latest and the greatest that has been built up to this time.

One was the Ark, built by Noah in Asia

about 2,500 years before Christ. The other was the *Titanic*, built in England and completed in the year 1911 after Christ.

The Ark was made according to plans and directions given by God. The *Titanic* was built according to plans and directions furnished by skilled naval architects.

The Ark made only one voyage. Its first voyage was its last. The *Titanic* likewise made only one voyage. Its first voyage was also its last.

The Ark carried all who remained in it to the top of a high mountain. The *Titanic* carried those who remained in it to the bottom of the deep ocean.

The Ark was built by faith unto salvation. The *Titanic* was built apart from faith unto destruction.

When Noah was warned of danger ahead he took heed thereto and was saved, and those who were with him. When the captain of the *Titanic* was warned of danger ahead he paid no heed to the warnings, and was destroyed, and those who were with him.

The Ark was built to fulfil the purpose of God. The *Titanic* was built to satisfy the pride of man and the vainglory of life.

## Live Faith

It is written in Hebrews 11: 7 that "By faith Noah, being warned of God, . . . prepared an ark to the SAVING of his house." So, then, the Ark was "a work of faith"; for the Scripture says it was built "by faith."

What is faith? Faith is simply believing what God says; and a "work of faith" is what a man does in consequence of believing what God has said. For when a man really believes what God says, he will do what God has told him to do. Thus faith shows itself in obedience. God told Noah just the size and shape the Ark was to be; how long it was to be, and how deep, and how wide; and where the window was to be placed, and the door. And the Bible says, "Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him; so did he" (Gen. 6: 14-22). Noah's obedience to all that God told him to do proved that his faith was real faith, or live faith, for faith without works is dead" (James 2: 20).

Thus it was that Noah built the Ark "by faith"; and he and all his family were saved—saved by faith. And so it is now; when any man, woman, or child, believes what God says, and obeys His command (which he will do if his faith is real), God saves that person; for "it pleased God . . . to save them that believe" (1 Cor. 1: 21).

## The True Ark

But God does not, in our day, command men to build an ark for their salvation. There is now no need to do that, for Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God is the True Ark of God, whom God has given for the salvation of believing sinners.

It required faith indeed for Noah to build that great boat on the dry land, where there was not even any water to float it, and where no water had ever been. God had told Noah that a flood was coming. Noah believed God. No one else believed God's warnings. Therefore they all perished. So it is now; few believe the warnings of God concerning the "wrath to come." Those who do not

believe will perish. But every believer in Jesus Christ can say, "Who delivered us from the wrath to come" (I Thess. 1:10).

#### "The Loftiness of Man Shall Be Bow'd Down"

The Ark was a very large boat. So large was it, in fact, that its size was never exceeded until, in very recent times, men began to build ships of enormous dimensions. And of these the *Titanic* was the greatest. The *Titanic* was truly a magnificent vessel. No expense and no pains were spared to make it the most luxurious and sumptuous structure in existence. Everybody was interested in the *Titanic*; and in the eyes of the whole world it was regarded as the greatest of all the creations of men. Its size was so great that, if it were stood up on its stern end, its bow would reach up to more than twice the height of St. Paul's Cathedral. So we may take the *Titanic* as being the most striking expression in the world of the *pride of man*. The whole world was proud of the *Titanic*. The Bible tells us that human pride is a hateful thing in God's sight. Man is a fallen creature, therefore he has nothing to be proud of. On the contrary he should regard himself and his condition with shame and humiliation; for man cannot keep himself from doing wrong, and cannot by any means save himself from the power of sin and sickness and death. God hates pride in men because it is just the opposite of what is appropriate in a sinful, perishing creature, whose life is as a vapour that passes quickly away. Hence it is written that "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble."

Again God says, "I will dwell with him that is of a contrite and *humble* spirit, to revive the spirit of the *humble*" (Isa. 57:15). On the other hand, God has declared that "The loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low; and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day" (Isa. 2:17). The "day" referred to in this prophecy is the day of the Lord that will soon come upon the world.

The great vessel, while rushing on in her pride and strength, came into sudden contact with an iceberg. It was not a very violent shock, for some who were awake did not feel it. But the ice grazed the side of the ship, and opened a long slit in her steel hull. The water poured in, and the vessel slowly sank. Presently the water entered the place where the huge boiler furnaces were. The heat of a score of furnaces turned the sea-water suddenly into steam. A terrible explosion resulted, rending the great ship into two parts. It then quickly sank with nearly 1,600 people who had not found places in the life-boats.

It is important to note that what caused the destruction of the *Titanic* was her great size and the power of her engines—the very things that men boasted of. The iceberg did not rush upon her and tear a hole in her hull. The iceberg was quite innocent. It was scarcely moving at all, but standing almost still in its proper home; for icebergs belong in the water.

#### Warnings

Moreover, the captain of the *Titanic* had received from other vessels many

warnings that there were icebergs directly ahead in the course he was sailing. But he paid no heed to those warnings. He went ahead on the same course, and at the same high speed. This is precisely the way the people of this world are acting.

#### Time to Escape

After the *Titanic* had collided with the iceberg, she did not immediately sink. There was a period of several hours during which opportunity was given to escape by means of the life-boats. From this feature of the case we may also draw lessons of the greatest importance. The collision had inflicted a death wound. The vessel was doomed. *But there did not at first seem to be anything amiss.* It was a beautiful night. The sky was perfectly clear. The great massive vessel rested quietly upon the surface of the smooth water; and the stars were shining brightly overhead. Many who were startled by the jar when the vessel collided with the mass of ice, dismissed their fears, exchanged jesting remarks, and returned, some to the card tables and others to their beds.

The majority of the people in the world do not believe they are in danger, or vainly suppose they can be saved in some way and so they make a jest of the warning, and turn again to their amusements or their comforts.

#### "The Foolishness of Preaching"

On the *Titanic* many people who were told of the danger would not believe it. Moreover, the life-boat was a frail, insecure-looking thing to trust in. The *Titanic* seemed to be very strong, the life-boat seemed very weak.

So the preaching of Christ crucified as the Saviour of sinners seems to be very "foolish" and "weak." Nevertheless, "the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. . . . And God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the mighty."

#### Only One Way

On the *Titanic* there were passengers of different classes—first, second, and third; and there were officers of various ranks, and workers of different sorts—sailors, carpenters, stewards, stokers, machinists, and others. But there was only one way of salvation for all. The first-class passenger had to be saved, if he was to be saved at all, in precisely the same way as the poorest steerage passenger.

So in this perishing world, the rich and the noble must be saved, if they are saved at all, in precisely the same way as the poorest sinner in the slums of a great city.

There were many millionaires on the *Titanic*; but their riches did not help in the hour of danger. There were people of noble birth; but their nobility was of no advantage. Nothing availed in the least in that hour of danger but *being in the life-boat*.

So it is in the world. So long as the world is going on as usual, men of wealth, high birth, learning, and reputation enjoy many worldly advantages. But none of these are of any use to save them from eternal judgment. Nothing is of any avail for salvation except to be "*in Christ*."

#### The Only Thing of Real Value

Furthermore we may learn from the fate of the *Titanic* how things which are counted to be of immense value in the eyes of the world may become utterly worthless in a moment; whereas that which was of little worth may become suddenly of priceless value. The *Titanic* is said to have cost about three million pounds sterling—a fabulous sum of money—and the cargo she carried, including gold and costly jewels and merchandise, amounted to another great sum. In one hour all that great riches came to naught.

Before the collision, the life-boats that were on the *Titanic* were not deemed of any importance. The passengers took no interest in them. All the rich decorations, the luxurious furnishings and appointments, the many special and costly features that had been provided for the comfort and pleasures of the passengers, were inspected with pride, and evoked boundless adoration. Those things flattened the pride and vanity of the human heart. There were probably few on that vessel who did not feel an increase of self-importance from the mere fact of being a passenger on that wonderful "floating palace." But the life-boats attracted no attention and excited no admiration. There was no elegance, no costliness, no luxury about them. Nevertheless the same event that brought the wealth of the *Titanic* to nothing placed an incalculable value upon the life-boats. The things that formerly were deemed to be of no account became "in one hour" of priceless worth. Just so it is in this great magnificent world of wealth, and fashion, and luxury.

Many wise men of the world had reached the conclusion that no harm could come to such a boat as the *Titanic*. Therefore, the old-fashioned life-boats were no longer considered necessary.

#### The Last Lesson of the "Titanic"

God has waited long for perishing sinners to heed and respond to the invitation of the gospel. As the apostle Peter has said, "The longsuffering of our Lord is salvation" (2 Pet. 3:15). But the sinking of the mighty *Titanic* has at least one more solemn lesson to teach, namely, that "the end of all things is AT HAND." This warning is *urgent*. It calls for an instant response. You who hear it may never hear another. Therefore "choose life!" Accept AT ONCE the salvation of God! Turn to Him NOW in your heart, confessing yourself a perishing sinner in need of a Divine Saviour! For He is saying to you again, and it may be for the *last time*: "Look unto Me, and be ye SAVED, all the ends of the earth: for I AM GOD, and there is NONE ELSE" (Isa. 45:22). —Philip Mauro.

#### Missionary Volunteer Programme

##### Third Week

#### With Our Missionaries in South America

##### Opening Exercises.

Reading : "Messages from South America."

Reading : "The Children of the Andes."

Reading : "Steadfast Amid Persecution."

**LEADER'S NOTE.**—Get better acquainted with the fascinating story of our work in South America. Use the map in showing the fields spoken of.

## Messages from South America

**Peru.** E. F. Peterson: "Recently a man came to our office in Lima, stating that a leading senator of the republic of Peru wished to interview us. This senator is chairman of a committee who has in charge the framing of a bill providing for the establishment of schools among the several millions of Indians of Peru. He asked us to tell him how our work was conducted. On leaving he said: 'I am very much in favour of the work you are doing for the Indians, and wish to see your work progress as rapidly and as extensively as possible among them.' The man who took us to the senator's office is a lawyer, and has written several themes on our work among the Indians to be read before some of the leading educators of Peru."

**Chile.** Mrs. J. C. Brower: "Our union committee just met in Argentina, and laid broader plans for carrying on the work here. We desire to do our part of it well. We are happy in our work here in Chile. The Lord is calling out a people, and He is proving and testing them, and some must be polished a good deal; but they will doubtless shine the brighter by and by."

**Brazil.** F. W. Spies: "In a recent visit to this mission field, at Recife about eighty believers gathered together. In the interior of Pernambuco the truth has gained a foothold in several new places. A new company was recently baptized in the southern part of the state of Bahia. Here is this vast North Brazil Union Mission, including more than half of the Brazilian Republic in its territory, with approximately ten million souls waiting for the message, with only one minister and one Bible worker to look after its interests. Remember this needy field in your prayers."

**Pomato Mission, Peru.** Orley Ford: "We have been very busy since coming to this mission six months ago. For a time we had to live in an Indian hut of two small rooms. A very interesting part of the service is medical missionary work. The other day I received a letter saying a priest was very ill. He was the one who led an Indian mob about two years ago to attack Brother Stahl. At first I thought there might be treachery, but decided to take the chances. I found the man very ill. I was heartily welcomed, and treated loyally. After a few hours of vigorous treatment, he was much better. There are many evidences here that God is working in a miraculous way for us."

**Ecuador.** C. Diaz: "Ecuador was the first of the South American republics to free herself from Spain. She now is trying to free herself from fanaticism and superstition, and offers liberty to all. In many places the Bible has been sold, and very much liked. But, sad to say, its circulation has almost been stopped, owing to the many threats of excommunication made against those who read this good Book."

**Punta Arenas.** F. H. Westphal: "March 31 I came to Punta Arenas to present the truth for this time. This is the southernmost point in the world where we have believers. The last of April we organized

a Sabbath school. I baptized six believers in the Strait of Magellan. These converts were the first, so far as any one knows, to be baptized in this strait in the name of the Lord."

**Bolivia.** L. G. Beans: "Our colporteurs this year will work all the available cities and towns in the republic that can be reached by rail."

**Moho Mission, Peru.** Ellis P. Howard: "Recently twelve Indians and myself were summoned to court to answer charges made against us by a certain priest concerning alleged desecration of a church near us. The black-robed friar and I took seats in the courtroom by each other. We represented the very opposites in belief. From the very first it went against him. He tried to quibble out of his written accusations which were in the possession of the judge, but the judge would take no quibbling from him. He fell back upon ecclesiastical law, but found his way hedged up by a judge who would heed only the laws of Peru. I never saw one more beaten than this priest who some time before had tried to take the lives of Brother and Sister Stahl. The judge made his verbal and written sentence. He declared unequivocally the free exercise of all religions, whether opposed to Catholicism and teaching in direct contradiction to its dogmas or not."

## The Children of the Andes

DIFFERENT surroundings produce different customs, and so it happens that the children of the Andes live and grow up very differently from children in other parts of the world.

From the mighty snow-crowned crests of the Cordillera Mountains, small streams fed by the melting snows, run bounding down over the boulders to reach the great, deep, blue Pacific only a few miles away. These mountain streams furnish all the water to be had for irrigating the steep, narrow valleys that hang like hammocks between the buttress-like cross ridges that seem to keep the great range from falling into the ocean.

There are no wagon roads,—only footpaths zigzagging up the steep, scarred mountain sides. Over these roads the long trains of ore-laden llamas, burros, and mules must travel.

Sheep and goats are pastured on the steep mountain sides, and the children are early set to herding them. They must frighten away the wolves, pumas, and condors that come to destroy the little lambs in the flocks.

Early in the morning the children set out with a little bag of parched corn for food. They go without shoes, with a small poncho, or blanket, to protect them from the cold, and with a sling, perhaps much like that of David, with which to drive away the wild animals or birds that might seek to attack their flocks.

Far up on the mountain sides they go, sometimes even on to the frozen *punas*, as the high table-lands are called, usually remaining out several days, before returning for another supply of parched corn.

They live on the milk of the goats, on the *tuno*, or cactus fruit, and on such other wild fruits and tubers as the country affords.

When they are ten or twelve years old, they begin to help on the little terraced farms. They plant corn, barley, beans,

potatoes, and such seeds as will grow. They have dozens of varieties of corn, many kinds of potatoes, and other plants unknown to us.

They do not use ploughs, but stir up the soil with a sharp stick. There is no rainfall, so little streams of water are led along the mountain side till they reach the little patches of land called *chocaras*, or farms.

As the children grow older, they learn to drive the burros and llamas with their loads of mineral or farm products to the cities on the coast. On these trips every one carries a large roll of wool and a spindle in the form of a long-stemmed thumb top. As they go strolling along, they spin the wool into yarn, from which they weave their blankets and clothing.

A few of these children of the Andes go down to the coast cities, and receive a fair education, but most of them remain in the mountains. Some day a mission school may be established in their valley.

Theirs is a very different life from ours, and yet, I dare say, they are happy when guarding their sheep, or hunting wild fruits, or listening to the stories around the fire in their straw-roofed homes. But they are waiting for the message of Jesus' coming, and are looking this way for us.

E. L. MAXWELL.

## Steadfast Amid Persecution

AFTER the Indians belonging to our mission accepted the truth, they became known on the roads because they were cleaner than the rest of the people,—they wore clean clothes, and had clean teeth and clean hands.

One of our teachers was met by the priest and four men on the plains. They immediately took him, and wanted him to promise that he would come to the village on the Sunday morning following, to attend their religious feast. He said he could not promise; that he was now a believer in the true religion, which forbids drunkenness and attendance at those drunken feasts. They took clubs and beat this teacher, and tried to make him promise. He said, "I never will promise; you may kill the body, but you cannot kill the soul." This teacher was ill for two months after that experience. I went to see him and found him of good courage, ready to suffer for Christ. This is the kind of Indians who belong to our mission.

Our schools have been torn down during the night. One of them near the main mission was destroyed one night by a crowd of people; and houses where we have lodged—where we have been befriended on the plains—have been torn down by the priests just because the people have lodged us. F. A. STAHL.

## Missionary Volunteer Programme

### Fourth Week

#### Opening Exercises.

Bible Study: "A Word in Season."

Object Talk: "Helping Others."

Poem: "Work for Jesus."

**LEADER'S NOTE.**—In giving the Bible Study, do not make it too lengthy by over commenting, but rather ask the question say twice and then call upon someone to read the text and show the answer in the

text read. Use an article on the need of missionary work from the *Record* or *Review*.

### A Word in Season

1. THERE are too many hypocrites in the church. Rom. 2:1; 14:12.

2. Some people who profess to be Christians have mistreated me. Rom. 12:19.

3. No one is influenced by my course. Rom. 14:7.

4. I am troubled with doubts. John 8:12; 7:17.

5. I've tried and failed - it seems useless to try again. Micah 7:8; Isa. 55:7.

6. I will wait for a more convenient time. Heb. 3:7, 8.

7. I am just as good as many Christians. Rom. 3:23.

8. But I must have a good time, I cannot give up my pleasures. Eccl. 11:9, 10.

9. I could never hold out against strong temptation. Jude 24.

10. There is too much to give up. Matt. 16:26, 25.

11. It would hinder my getting rich. Prov. 23:4, 5; 10:22.

12. How can I be saved? Rom. 10:13.

13. How can I know my sins are forgiven? 1 John 1:9; Ps. 32:5.

14. Will it be worth all that it will cost me? 1 Cor. 2:9.

### Object Talk : Helping Others

[Have one small and several large candles. While giving the talk, light the small candle, and then use it for lighting the large ones.]

THE little tallow candle that lay on the table in the lighthouse keeper's house, if it had been a Junior, might have grumbled and said: "O, but I am so small there isn't really anything that I can do. I can't give out a strong light like the lamps up in the tower."

But I imagine the lighthouse keeper who needed the little candle would say, "No, you cannot; but I am going to use your little flickering flame to *light the lamps* that throw their strong beams across the water. You are not big, but you are big enough to be of use to me."

Sometimes boys and girls feel that there is nothing they can do, but as the lighthouse keeper needed the little candle, so Jesus needs every boy and girl to help Him to light other lights.

How can they be His lights? By being good, and by doing good to others every day. But as the lighthouse keeper must light the candle before it can light the lamps, so we must go to Jesus and let Him teach us how to live to bless others as He did.

### Work for Jesus

Are you winning souls for Jesus?  
Are you working day by day  
To point some weary wanderers  
To the straight and narrow way?

Is your love now growing warmer  
From the study of His Word?  
Do you find the strength and sweetness  
Of abiding in the Lord?

Has your heart grown warm and tender  
From beholding other's woe,  
And to lift their heavy burdens  
Do most willingly you go?

If you have not found this sweetness,  
If you do not love the lost,  
If you do not stop to tell them  
What their souls to Christ have cost

Are you following the Master?  
Do you think He will approve?  
Do you think that He will welcome  
All your spoken words of love?

No! ah, no! the Lord can never  
From His shining throne look down  
And award you life eternal,  
For there is no starless crown.

—Selected.

### Sabbath School Missionary Exercises

(September 6)

[DEAR Superintendent: Please explain to the school before the missionary exercise is rendered that during the month of September we are to learn about our work in Japan and Korea, the fields to which our offerings are to be given on September 27. It is estimated that the amount required to carry on the work in these two fields during the year is \$9,300, and the General Conference is asking our Sabbath schools throughout the world to raise this entire amount in our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. The success that has attended the Sabbath schools in the past in raising funds on the thirteenth Sabbath has prompted the asking of this amount.]

Kindly notice the poem given under September 27, to be given as a recitation on that day, and assign now to some one who can commit it to memory and render it well on that day.]

### Our Work in Japan: A Letter from a Native Convert

See "Missions Quarterly," Third Quarter, 1919, pages 4-6, 9, 10.

(September 13)

### Korea: A Sabbath School that Trains Workers

See "Missions Quarterly," Third Quarter, 1919, pages 10, 11, 16, 17.

[Omit from paragraph 3, page 10, "or about the size of the State of Minnesota" as this would not be understood here; also omit paragraph 5.]

(September 20)

### Children's Work in Korea

See "Missions Quarterly," Third Quarter, 1919, pages 18-21.

[Six sen, or three cents gold, referred to on page 19 is equivalent to 1*ld.* in our money. Five dollars gold used in last paragraph of page 21 is equal to one pound in our currency. On page 20 instead of "American children" say "children in the homeland."]

(September 27)

See "Missions Quarterly," Third Quarter, 1919.

[Dear Superintendent: Call attention to the fact that this is the day of the special Thirteenth Sabbath Offering before the missionary exercise, and at the close of the exercise have the poem "The Gates of the East," recited instead of the second song, if there is not time for both. We would suggest that the offering be taken at this time in the programme, while the needs of these fields are fresh in mind.]

### A Little Child Shall Lead Them: Fuchida San, A Young Japanese Convert

"Missions Quarterly," Third Quarter, 1919, pages 23-25, 28, 29.

### The Gates of the East

The gates of the East are open.  
Invitingly they stand,  
Challenging Christ's followers  
In every Christian land.

Too long have we passed these portals,  
Too few have passed within  
To declare the gospel story  
That rescues souls from sin.

We've known the precious story,  
But failed to speed its light:  
The heathen still unknowing,  
Walk on in deepest night.

Can you blame them for the darkness,  
When we who know the way  
Withhold the gospel story  
That turneth night to day?

How long shall we pass the gateway,  
Nor cast a glance within,  
Where ignorance holds fortress,  
And men are slaves to sin?

The gates of the East stand open,  
Look through them, friends, and see  
The nations bound by thraldom,  
That God would have you free.

Press on through a thousand portals—  
The gateways of the East—  
And bid their tens of thousands  
Unto the gospel feast.

All the trouble, all the money  
Spent in saving souls to God,  
Equal not the gift of Jesus,—  
Sink to naught beside His blood.

O how small our gifts will measure,  
When we weigh them over there  
'Gainst these souls from sin delivered,  
Rescued from the devil's snare!

Then give of your choicest treasures,  
And pay a righteous toll;  
Why wait till the endless morning,  
To know the worth of a soul?

Cast your bread upon the waters,  
You will find it by and by,  
When you meet the ransomed heathen  
With the Saviour in the sky.  
Seoul, Korea. E. J. URQUHART.

### Foreign Mission Day

(September 13)

#### The Holy Spirit

##### The Promise

1. A BIRTHRIGHT privilege. Gal. 4:6, 7.
2. A definite promise. Luke 24:49.
3. Foretold by prophets. Hosea 6:3 10:12.

##### Hindrances to Reception

1. Disobedience. "Given to them that obey Him." Acts 5:32.
2. Can be grieved away. Eph. 8:30.

##### Work

1. Gives power to accomplish God's work. Acts 1:8.
2. Enables us to teach sinners. Ps. 51:12, 13.
3. Will accompany the message in last days. Rev. 18:1, 2.

**Pray for Spirit**

1. God is willing to bestow. Luke II: 13.
2. We are told to ask. Zech. 10: 1.
3. Pentecostal power came after earnest prayer. Acts 1: 14; 2: 1-4.

**The Holy Spirit in Mission Movements**

THE programme of this denomination is well typified by an angel flying in the midst of heaven with the everlasting gospel to preach "to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." While other mission societies have restricted their efforts in foreign mission endeavours, our extended programme leads us to all nations in all lands.

Believing and teaching a message for all people, our pioneers little realized the vast movement they were instrumental in founding. They did not conceive of an organized movement belting the globe. It was their expectant hope that foreigners coming to a free America in great numbers would receive the living message and return with it. Many have done this, but they have proved only the advanced guard, sending back increasing Macedonian calls until workers going forth have established the message at all corners of the earth.

The sun never sets upon the messengers of the good tidings. While some are sleeping, others are toiling away as each morning brings them renewed energy for service. The promised Spirit has been given to the Lord's servants. Statistics now show more than six hundred foreign mission stations in nearly a hundred different countries. Evangelistic work is conducted either through the living preacher or through publications in one hundred and twenty-three different languages.

And yet we can have but little conception of this world-wide task. Think of Asia. Of every two babes born into the world, one is born in Asia; of every two deaths, one is in that continent. Within the confines of that great continent dwell 800,000,000 people—one-half of the human race.

There is China. So immense is its population that if the country were projected on the map in proportion to its population, it would embrace North America; reach south, and compass South America; eastward, and encircle the whole of Africa; and yet there would be room within its borders for Australia, New Zealand, Portugal, and Sweden.

India has a population somewhat less, yet with her diversity of tongues, the multiplicity of religious faiths, and the binding caste system, we face a missionary task for the millions of that land as great as that of China. India is well called the cradle of false religions. Within her narrow confines, dwells one-fifth of the human race, representing many languages and dialects, where the gospel has made only a beginning.

We find that after a century of mission work by all denominations in non-Christian lands, converts and their families do not exceed 5,000,000. The Rev. James Johnston, in his "Century of Missions," states that upon investigation "the heathen and Mohammedan world is more by 200,000,000 than it was a hundred years ago."

Is this programme before us like a wide,

extended sea without bounds? Is it a mountain peak whose summit we shall never reach? Are we dreaming, as did Zerubbabel, who was called to rebuild the temple after the Babylonish captivity? The temple of Solomon's day, with all its beauty and grandeur, had been destroyed. Most of the children of Israel were in Babylon. "The people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building," "and made them cease by force and power." Ezra 4: 4, 23. Where should Zerubbabel find material? Where could he get cunning workmen for so great a task? How should he procure an army able to check his enemies and protect his people while the building was going on? The project rose before him as a mountain. He was looking at it from the material side, and could see only failure:

But an angel wakened him out of his sleep, and said: "Not by army [margin], nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain." Zech. 4: 6, 7. In his zeal for God and his desire to build the temple, Zerubbabel had to learn that human forces, material agencies manifested in armies of men, are secondary to the Spirit of God. The mountain before him became a plain. The headstone was brought forth with shoutings of "Grace, grace unto it." Verse 7.

We have before us in this world-task a mountain higher than Mt. Everest, whose lofty, snow-clad sides ascend into the heavens, while at the base and even upon the sunny slopes, our fellow comrades have advanced even to the snow line. Their cheering words of advance thrill our hearts as we press on. But can they reach the top? Is it possible? Time is passing. The noontime of this generation is past. Grey hairs are creeping in. Old standard bearers are falling. The day is far spent. Can the winged messengers of truth reach the top? That is the burning question, fellow comrades in the common hope.

Are we safe in trusting to ordinary means for the finishing of the work? or have we come to extraordinary times, calling for more than ordinary means? True, we are living in an age when arts and inventions are reaching marked achievements. The missionary of to-day has advantages in the way of steamship, railway, telegraph, printing press, and many other agencies which the pioneers in modern missions never dreamed of. The world has consequently become greatly reduced in size. Securing missionaries, obtaining permission for them to enter the fields, and placing them there bears no comparison to the same undertaking a hundred years ago. The little printing plant of Carey, Marshman, and Ward of a century ago at Serampore, India, was a toy compared with the publishing houses of to-day, with all their modern equipment and present-day methods of organization.

But are all these adequate to the task in hand? or are we to look to another agency for the completion of the work? For years our ministry has preached of a time when the Holy Spirit would fall upon God's people in large measure, and the work be quickly finished. Has not that time arrived?

"I saw that God had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have

not rejected the light upon it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully. . . . 'The commencement of the time of trouble,' here mentioned, does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out, but to a short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is in the sanctuary. At that time while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. At that time the 'latter rain,' or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out."—"Early Writings," pp. 85, 86.

The promise of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit should bring great courage and hope to the advent people, for upon the reception of this hangs the hope of carrying this message to all lands in this generation.

JOHN L. SHAW.

**Miraculous Deliverances**

I AM glad to say that we have additional evidences of the Lord's interposition throughout this field. At one of our mission stations near Lake Titicaca, [South America] where the enemies of our work threatened to attack the station, we were told that at night those who were planning to make the attack saw twenty donkeys loaded with rifles and ammunition which went to the station, thus causing them to feel the station was well protected. And no contradiction can make them believe otherwise than that the mission station was protected by this large supply of arms and ammunition.

At our Plateria station, our enemies gathered on the near-by hills, planning to make an attack to secure food, of which there was a scarcity, thinking that the mission had a large supply, or that we were the cause of the food scarcity. However, when they gathered on the hills to make the attack in the dark, upon advancing, they say that the mission station was surrounded by a large force of men to protect it. The facts are that there were only three men at the station, and they were inside the house. However, they insist on having seen the large number present to protect the station against their attack.

At another time, upon gathering for an attack upon one of the stations, a heavy storm came up, and down the road where the attackers must pass, the lightning seemed to flash almost continuously, running along the ground in long streaks, thus frightening the attackers, and frustrating their evil purposes. It is wonderful how the Lord protects our work against all the efforts of the enemy to destroy it. Amidst these difficulties, our workers press on, and, while we do not have complete statistics at hand, from figures available we know that more than five hundred have been added to our churches the past year, and the greater part of these in the Lake Titicaca field.

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