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Ministry for Others

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

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

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

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

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

— C. D. Meigs.

Every Believer an Active Witness

BY J. A. STEVENS

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Home Missionary Department

ONE glorious fact above every other blazes in the sky of the Christian's faith, the reality of which is set forth in the Saviour's own words, "As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." John 17:18.

There is no more prominent doctrine in the New Testament than fellowship with Christ in service. He epitomized the gospel commission when He said, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19); and the Gospel by Luke gives an illustration of the manner in which the first disciples responded to the call to surrender and service: "Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed Him." Luke 5:10, 11.

In laying the foundation for the work of the church, the Lord built on the principle that every believer should be an active witness to the saving power of the gospel, a veritable "fisher" of men. First, the Lord called the twelve and ordained them apostles, to be the responsible leaders of His church. They were also "to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick." Luke 9:1, 2. Secondly, He "appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before His face into every city and place, whither He Himself would come." "And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you." Luke 10:1, 9. These laymen were called to unite their efforts with those of the Lord and the apostles, and they were given power to do a wonderful work.

Again, before Pentecost was come, the Lord outlined the program to be followed by the whole church: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place." "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:1, 4. Commenting on this experience of the church, Mrs. E. G. White says:

"What was the result of the outpouring of the Spirit upon the day of Pentecost? The glad tidings of a risen Saviour were carried to the utmost bounds of the inhabited world. The hearts of the disciples

were surcharged with a benevolence so full, so deep, so far-reaching, that it impelled them to go to the ends of the earth, testifying, 'God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.' Gal. 6:14. As they proclaimed the truth as it is in Jesus, hearts yielded to the power of the message. The church beheld converts flocking to her from all directions. The only ambition of the believers was to reveal the likeness of Christ's character and to labor for the enlargement of His kingdom.

"With great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus; and great grace was upon them." Acts 4:33. Under their labors there were added to the church



Elder J. A. Stevens

chosen men, who, receiving the word of life, consecrated their lives to the work of giving to others the hope that had filled their hearts with peace and joy. Hundreds proclaimed the message, 'The kingdom of God is at hand.' They could not be restrained or intimidated by threatenings. The Lord spoke through them; and wherever they went, the sick were healed, and the poor had the gospel preached unto them."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VIII, pp. 19, 20.

Rapid Spread of the Gospel

This plan of the Lord's own devising resulted in giving the gospel to the then known world before the death of the first apostles, and one historian declares there were more than one hundred thousand believers in the city of Antioch alone. "The commission given to the disciples is given also to us. Today, as then, a crucified and risen Saviour is to be

uplifted before those who are without God and without hope in the world."—*Id.*, Vol. VIII, pp. 15, 16.

"The words, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature' (Mark 16:15), are spoken to each of Christ's followers. All who are ordained unto the life of Christ are ordained to work for the salvation of their fellow men. The same longing of soul that He felt for the saving of the lost is to be manifest in them. Not all can fill the same place, but for all there is a place and a work. All upon whom God's blessings have been bestowed are to respond by actual service; every gift is to be employed for the advancement of His kingdom."—*Id.*, p. 16.

"The world is redeemed, but it does not know it.' And it never will know until the church publishes the good news everywhere through living witnesses. Christ will never change His plan." But there needs to be a mighty change of attitude on the part of the church toward the divine plan. Many professed followers of Christ are putting forth no personal effort to win men and women to Him, and people are being born faster than they are being warned. "It is an eternal law of Jehovah that he who accepts the truth that the world needs is to make it his first work to proclaim this truth."—*Id.*, Vol. VII, p. 13. "Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 195.

The Lord's plan to enlist every believer as an active soul winner is simple, and vital to the salvation of every one who professes to be a follower of Christ. "There will be no idler, no slothful one, found inside the kingdom of heaven."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VI, p. 434. But a great revival is to come to the church in these last days, and it is overdue. The latter rain will fall on the consecrated representatives of the Christ, and the earth will be lightened with the glorious truths of God's last gospel message.

"The love of Christ, revealed to us, makes us debtors to all who know Him not."—*Steps to Christ*, p. 85. Fellow believer, what are you doing to discharge this sacred obligation? Are you praying for wisdom and power to witness for your Lord? Are you studying how best to win men and women to your Saviour? Are you putting to work even your one lone talent in the Master's service? The Lord commands you, "GO." May it be that you will give glad-some obedience, assured that in due season you will reap a blessed fruitage for your labor, and a just "Well done" when your Saviour comes to "reward every man according to his works." Matt. 16:27.

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The Laymen's Place in Finishing the Work

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ONE of the finest things in the whole General Conference session of 1926 was that chart hung up in the auditorium, reading something like this:

**During the Last Four Years
the
Lay Members in Our Churches
Won 9,203 Souls
Making 28,248 People Won to
Christ and the Truth in the
Last Three Terms by the Rank
and File of Our Church
Membership**

It was an inspiring thing to look at, in itself one of the tokens that we have reached the time of the latter rain: Well we know that even these figures do not tell it all. The whole story of the life and influence of the members of our churches is known only to the angels of heaven who keep the record.

But that chart seemed like a comment on Christ's parable of the closing days of service. The Saviour's picture of this waiting time and of our part in it, is as follows:

"Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.

"For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

"Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockerowing, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.

"And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." Mark 13: 33-37.

The words come straight to us and at us in this waiting time. Watch and pray and work; that is the command. And the Saviour's plan for the rank and file of believers stands out in the very center of the picture:

"To every man his work."

Every man, every woman, every child, that means, has been given some particular part to act in this time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. He is depending on every one. I do not know of another verse like this in all Scripture, with such a personal appeal from the Master.

Over in the book of Nehemiah, telling of the rebuilding of Jerusalem, the word is that the walls went up because "the people had a mind to work." But there the Scripture seems to include all the people. Here, in His parable for our time, Jesus seems not only to be thinking of us all together, as a church, but also to be thinking of us one by one; and He is assigning now "to every man his work;" for it is a parable of this very hour of waiting. Every one has something to do. We know what that task is. It is to win some soul to Christ, to help somebody on toward the kingdom.

When we look at our statistical report for 1928, it is interesting to note that it shows more than nine thousand workers in the field, and more than nine thousand workers in our schools, publishing houses, sanitariums, etc. It is a splendid picture to look at,—the more than eighteen thousand full-time laborers at the task of finishing the work.

But there is another remarkable

picture on the same page of that report. It is the record of our church membership—285,293. Behind this figure lie what wondrous possibilities of service! Beyond we seem to catch a vision of rank on rank of believers from many nations and kindreds and tongues, all speaking the one language of the advent message in Revelation 14, and all rising every morning to face a new day of opportunity to do something for the Master before the set of sun.

What a great work such an army as that may accomplish in the winning of souls and the spreading of the light if only "every man" may find the task which the Saviour sets for him to do. Now and then, as the reports come in, we marvel at what some believer has been able to accomplish, working away all alone at some needy point. We can account for the results only in the light of this word from the Spirit of prophecy:

"Invisible armies of light and power attend the meek and lowly ones who believe and claim the promises of God. Cherubim and seraphim, and angels that excel in strength, stand at God's right hand, 'all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation.'"—"Acts of the Apostles," page 154.

May the Lord Himself move the world-wide ranks forward, every one doing his part, in faith and trust in God, to bring some heart to surrender to Christ.

"To every man his work" is the message of the hour.

Winning Souls by Mail

BY E. F. HACKMAN

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ONE of the most successful ways of winning souls is to send the message to interested people through the mail. Starting with some simple topic, such as "The Inspiration of the Bible," the individual is supplied with a dif-

ferent subject each week until all the fundamentals of our message have been covered in much the same way as the minister covers them in his evangelical sermons. At the conclusion of the course a special question-

naire is sent, with the request that it be answered and returned, the object being to ascertain whether or not an interest has been created in the message. If the questionnaire reveals that the individual desires further reading matter, the *Signs of the Times* or other literature is sent for a period of six months or a year; if it states that the Sabbath is being kept, the name is immediately turned over to the local conference, and a worker visits the individual, giving further instruction.

This whole plan is known as the Home Bible Study League, and since its introduction in 1925, has received world-wide attention by our churches. Through it we are able to follow up systematically every interested person, and every one to whom our colporteurs have sold books. It seems very strange that through the years we have failed to keep in touch with many of those who have been interested enough in religion to part with their hard-earned money for our publications. Surely such names are worth something, and we are glad that we now have a plan by which every interest created, whether small or great, may be carefully followed up.

In the Saskatchewan Conference (Western Canada) the Home Bible Study League has operated very successfully. Fifteen of their twenty-nine churches are actively engaged in sending literature through the mails. E. J. Westman, home missionary secretary in that field, and a very enthusiastic supporter of the plan, writes as follows regarding results to date:

"Under separate cover I am sending you a picture of the Home Bible Study League chart used at our last camp meeting, which speaks for itself of the success we have had. You will notice that eighty-four souls have been won, twenty-five of whom have already been baptized. Last year we circulated with the Harvest Ingathering paper the little tract, 'What Do These Things Mean?' which carried a Home Bible Study League imprint, and names will soon be pouring in. [The imprint mentioned invites those interested in our literature to send in their request for more, at which time they are placed on the regular mailing list.] During the winter of 1928-1929 we followed up 500 names in our conference that came as a result of this plan, and twenty-five of this number accepted the truth."

The Saskatchewan Conference carries on Home Bible Study League work in four other languages besides English,—German, Ukrainian, Rumanian, and Russian,—and the following paragraphs are just a few

statements from interested readers which clearly reveal the wonderful soul-winning possibilities of this plan:

Extracts From Letters

"Now about keeping the Sabbath, I have been trying with the Lord's help to do so since September, 1927, and am enjoying a wonderful feeling of peace. I also regard the doctrines taught and explained by Seventh-day Adventists as divine revelations, and love them with all my heart."

"I must write a few lines and express my thanks to the one who has given our name to you dear people, and for what *Present Truth* has done for us. Through it we have learned the truth. We are so thankful, we cannot sufficiently express our gratitude. We read the papers every day."

"The truth was revealed so plainly to me last winter through the little

see a larger number than ever before take their stand.

This article would not be complete without a word regarding the Home Bible Study League in Florida, for the plan originated in the city of Orlando in that State, and was for a long time earnestly promoted by L. T. Crisler, who was chaplain of the Florida Sanitarium. The idea first occurred to this busy worker while he was trying to find some line of missionary endeavor for his church, which was so situated, as a number of our institutional churches are, that it had no missionary territory. Since that time the Orlando branch of the Home Bible Study League has won many souls. Recently we received this good word from G. I. Butzer, the present missionary secretary of the sanitarium church:

"To date during 1929 we have fifteen that we know of, who are keeping the Sabbath. With some of these we have not had the opportunity of coming in personal contact, and with some we have. All of them, however, requested more literature, and some are taking Bible studies. One woman has been baptized, and another will soon be ready for this sacred rite. As the work of our Home Bible Study League has grown, we have found it necessary to divide our church into bands to carry it forward. We have organized a literature band, a correspondence band, and a Bible study band, each of which has its definite line of activity. As church members see the work the Home Bible Study League is doing, they become interested and want to join."

No Longer an Experiment

These illustrations of how the plan is operating are only a few of the many that come to our attention from Maine to California, and for that matter, from around the world. The Home Bible Study League is in active operation in England, where a number have already accepted the truth, also in India, the Far East, and many other places. In North America a large number of local conferences are on fire with the idea. Eight souls in British Columbia have accepted the truth through this plan, and scores have been won in Michigan, South Dakota, Oregon, California, and other States. The Home Bible Study League is no longer an experiment, but a demonstrated success. If conference workers or missionary leaders desire further information regarding this plan, they should get in touch with their conference home missionary secretary, or with the General Conference Home Missionary Department.

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16 STAMPED ENVELOPES	.24
1 RETURN ENVELOPE	.00
TOTAL	.35
TO ONE PERSON	

papers that I could not help accepting it."

"I have enjoyed the Bible course very much, and would rather read and study God's word than eat my meals. I have accepted your teachings because they are the plain truths of the Bible. Never before have the Scriptures been made so clear to me." This woman is now keeping the Sabbath.

The readers of the REVIEW will be interested to know that in the Takoma Park church a strong Home Bible Study League work is going on that has been in continuous operation since 1924. In 1928 they handled 1,500 names, and the questionnaire revealed 67 people who had accepted the truth. Surely that is a splendid record for one church. In 1929 they mailed literature to 2,500 names, and hope to

Heaven-Born Activities

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THAT our annual Harvest Ingathering and Missions Extension campaigns are two of the mightiest soul-winning agencies we have, is not to be questioned. Through the consecrated efforts of workers and laity, thousands of homes have been visited,

have been established; native workers have been trained in these institutions, and sent out to carry the message to their people; and God's expectant followers have been brought nearer the dawn of the perfect day.

While we have seen the divine hand of God guiding this endeavor to triumph from year to year, we are convinced that we have touched only with the tips of our fingers its possibilities, and that before probation's door closes, God will use this people in carrying the message to men of influence in the world, who will respond with their wealth to carry it to the regions beyond.

Big Week

"God has qualified His people to enlighten the world. He has in-

trusted them with faculties by which they are to extend His work until it shall encircle the globe. In all parts of the earth, they are to establish sanitariums, schools, publishing houses, and kindred facilities for the accomplishing of His work."—"Testimonies," Vol. VII, p. 51.

The Missions Extension Fund, or Big Week, as it is commonly called, has literally fulfilled the above prophecy. Since 1921, when the plan was first launched, almost a million dollars has been raised by workers and lay members through the sale of thousands of small books and magazines, which has provided working capital for 179 projects, representing sixty-eight publishing houses and depositories, fifty-one mission training schools, and sixty medical dispensaries, hospitals, and homes for workers.

The success that has attended these two agencies through the years is evidence that they are heaven born, and vital factors among our denominational activities to bring to a glorious triumph the work that God has intrusted to our care.

Work Women Can Do and Are Doing

BY RUTH TYRRELL

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Missionary Department



L. E. Christman

millions of dollars passed on to the mission fields, and our people have received rich blessings in soul-winning endeavor. Experience teaches us that when these efforts are properly presented to our churches as a part of God's great scheme for finishing His work, success is realized, and our people esteem it a privilege to adopt them into their yearly program.

Harvest Ingathering

We can appreciate the important place this annual effort occupies in our denominational activity when word comes to us from the General Conference Treasury Department that the 1928 campaign provided approximately one third of our Sixty-cent-a-week Fund. Harvest Ingathering was first launched in 1908, with receipts totaling a little more than \$14,000. Each year the amount raised has increased until up to the close of 1929, a period of twenty-two years, more than \$10,000,000 has been turned in as a result of this missionary endeavor on the part of our people throughout the world field.

Think what this large sum has meant in mission lands. Workers have been sent to dark, unentered corners of the world; new languages have been added to the vocabulary of the message; new mission stations, dispensaries, schools, hospitals, etc.,

"THE woman then left her water-pot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come, see a Man, that told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? Then they went out of the city, and came unto Him." "And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on Him for the saying of the woman." John 4:28-30, 39.

The woman of Samaria who talked with Jesus recognized Him as the Christ, and having found Him, immediately went forth as His witness to others. At once she became a woman with a message, going into the city and bringing many from their employment to the Stranger at Jacob's well; they, too, to accept His explanation of many things that had been dark to their understanding; they, too, to receive rays of light that would penetrate the night of their hearts and bring glorious day.

Are the women within our ranks today *women with a message*? Are they eager to tell others of the Saviour? They have found Him? Yes! They need Him? Yes! And others need Him, also! Are they enthusiastic witnesses for Him? There is no excuse for their not being so. The avenues of service for women in our work are many and well defined. Note the following words from the

Spirit of prophecy on this subject:

"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



Miss Ruth Tyrrell

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."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, pp. 128, 129.

The Dorcas Society and Christian help band, with their primary objective the assistance of the poor, the sick, and the suffering; the Bible workers' class, with its training for the "joyful" work of opening the word of God to neighbors and friends; the correspondence band, where missionary letters may be written; the home nursing class, making possible an entry into homes that might otherwise be closed; the literature band, with its distribution of papers, tracts, magazines, and small books; our missionary campaigns, Harvest Ingathering and Big Week,—all provide Seventh-day Adventist women abundant opportunity for the use of their God-given talents.

And many of our women are successful workers for the Master along these various lines. Constantly the General Conference Home Mission-

ary Department is receiving word of souls' being won to this cause as the result of their faithful missionary endeavor. Just one incident will suffice to emphasize this point:

Early in 1929 the *Columbia Union Visitor* contained an account of how a man picked up a copy of *Present Truth* on a boat, and through reading it was led to accept the message. Shortly after the appearance of this article a woman in a wheel chair called at the union office and inquired the name of the boat on which the literature had been found. On learning that it was the "City of Richmond," she immediately began correspondence with the man, and discovered that as a result of her diligent missionary endeavor in placing papers thereon, three persons had accepted the truth.

Yes, our women are witnessing for Christ! There is a place of service for all. God bless them as they thus go forth around the world to win souls for Him!

baby, but he got up, went over to her bedside, and pressed his lips to hers. Then she said, 'Papa, won't you pray for me?' He did not know the girl prayed, but got down and stammered out a few words. I knew that she prayed and that God answered her prayers, but he did not even know whether she was a Christian.

Some years ago there was a Christian family living in my home town—a father, mother, and children. One daughter, who was married and lived on a farm, suddenly disappeared. After a few months the parents learned that she had gone down to a mining region and fallen to the lowest depths. Later they heard she was dying, and brought her home to receive their loving care. One day, as I was passing the house, they called me in, and never have I seen such grief as the mother manifested. She wept over her child and prayed, but the daughter was as hard as adamant, until one day when that mother read a text in John and claimed the promise, saying, "I am going to lay hold of that assurance." She went into the sick room, and getting down on her knees, put her arms around her daughter's neck and cried to God, who answered her prayer, changing the daughter's heart before she died.

God wants us to exercise faith. "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." James 5: 19, 20. So much depends upon the personal touch of belief with our brethren and sisters if we would save them when they go astray!

One time I was in a certain sanitarium talking with one of our nurses who told me she had lost the way. She had been a Christian, but now her spiritual experience was gone. I was glad at that time to be able to reach out by faith and claim the power from heaven that brought that girl to her knees. I have often said that I loved adventure, and I do, but the most thrilling experience one can have is to sit down beside a person bound by something greater than human power, and see that soul delivered from the influence of the devil and brought into contact with God. What would Christian service be apart from this personal contact?

Many times people say to me, "I have been praying a long time for my folks, and it seems to do no good." Praying from a sense of duty does not bring results. We must be in dead earnest about this matter. The Lord did not send me to save the world,

The Personal Touch in Soul Winning

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SOME one has said that while we are all interested in sinners, not many of us are interested in the sinner. The tendency is toward generalities, but I wish to consider this matter of soul winning from the standpoint of the personal touch in dealing with relatives, friends, and strangers.

We are told in the word of God that Andrew first found his own brother. A great many people discover that it is harder to work for their relatives and friends than for strangers. When one gets a true passion for souls in his heart, however, the most intense longing will be felt for the salvation of those bound by the ties of blood. Andrew "findeth his own brother" first, and brought him to Jesus.

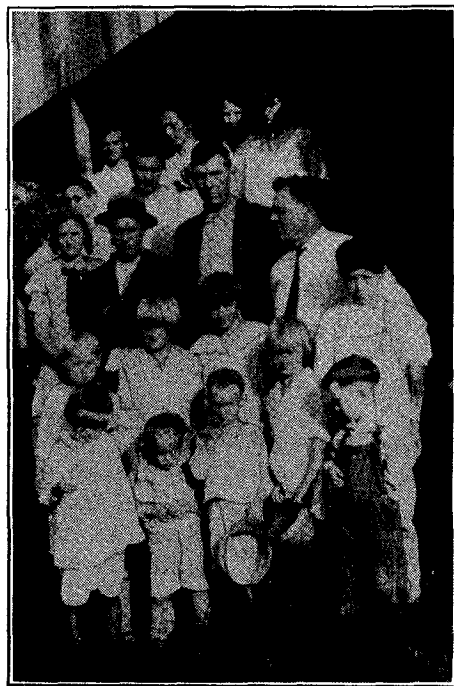
Years ago, when I was teaching public school, I used to talk with one of my pupils, a girl about fourteen years of age, about the Christian life, and sometimes we prayed together. One day there was to be an examination. When questions were put on the board, I saw another girl, not a Christian, shut her lips tight and sit back in her seat.

"What is the matter, Carrie," I said.

"I cannot write on that," she replied. The fourteen-year-old girl, who was a Christian, put her head down on her desk, and I soon discovered she was praying for Carrie, who, shortly

after, picked up her pencil, wrote on the examination, and passed.

Soon after this incident the girl who had thus prayed contracted tuberculosis and died. In telling about the experience, her father said: "A few days before the end, when my daughters



A Country Sabbath School Near
Turtletown, Tenn.

ter was dying, I was sitting in the room alone, and she said, 'Papa, won't you kiss me?'" That father had not kissed his daughter since she was a

not even to save the United States. He sent me to save a soul. It doesn't take very long to do that, then I can go and save another one. The first

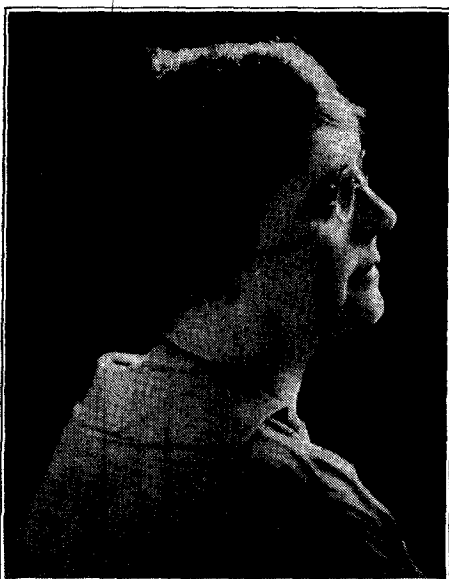
person who surrendered as a result of my ministry so revolutionized my life that I said, "Lord, I shall never be satisfied until I win others."

In the Philippine Union

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OUR literature ministry is creating demands for evangelical work beyond what we seem able to supply. In one



Sister J. P. McGee, of Johnson City, Tenn.

of our missions some time ago, during one month, calls came in from nine different places for instruction in our faith. The people in these localities had learned of the message through reading, and in some instances had already started to keep the Sabbath.

This great demand for evangelical work is leading us to hold a series of institutes for our church officers in order that they may be instructed so fully in the important work of shepherding the flock that it will be unnecessary for evangelists to spend any time caring for the churches already established. We have held several of these institutes already, and it is our plan to conduct a sufficient number to make it possible for every church elder, leader, and deacon throughout the union to attend at least one.

During the first six months of last year 856 persons were baptized in this field. Our church members are at work. In one of the local mission meetings held in May it was reported that during two years one member had brought thirteen persons into the truth. I asked one of our mission directors at that time if there were any church troubles in his field, and he replied that they had no time for trouble, for all the people were busy bringing a knowledge of the truth to their neighbors and friends.

Surely the Lord is blessing His work here in the Philippines, the workers are of good courage, and the message is extending.

Sister McGee is a busy woman, with a large home to look after; yet as the holiday season came on last year, she found time to go out and sell books. During the latter part of 1928 she put in two weeks, and sold \$185 worth.

While doing this, she found a lady who was very much interested in the message, and gave her Bible studies. The woman seemed to be convinced of the truth, but before making her decision something interfered with her having more readings. Recently she was taken to the hospital to undergo a serious operation, and Sister McGee was called to pray for her. At this time she seems to be making a satisfactory recovery, and Sister McGee feels confident she will soon take a definite stand for the message.

Early last year we organized a church of nine members in the country a short distance from Turtletown, Tenn., the result of work done by J. R. Wilbur and his wife. In addition to those taken into the church, there is a large family who thoroughly believe the message and attend Sabbath services regularly. Others are interested, and in a recent letter Brother Wilbur writes that they expect to have a church of twenty-five members there by the end of 1930.

As the Lord has said, "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 ministers and church officers." It seems evident that the "revival and reformation" that is so

Lay Members Can Win Souls

BY R. I. KEATE

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It has been demonstrated again and again that consecrated lay members can bring people into the truth and even raise up churches. I was brought into this message primarily through the efforts of a lay member. A. F. Prieger and his mother's family moved into the neighborhood where my father lived. Brother Prieger was not then a member of this denomination, but he believed its doctrines, and worked zealously in passing them on to his neighbors and friends, on every possible occasion giving out literature and talking the third angel's message to those who would listen. After he had a number keeping the Sabbath and others deeply interested, the conference president, in response to his urgent request, spent one week in that neighborhood, holding meetings, and then

organized a church of fifteen adults, Brother Prieger, his family, and I becoming charter members. We all caught Brother Prieger's spirit, and went zealously to work distributing literature, visiting, holding Bible studies, even conducting meetings, and our membership grew from fifteen to fifty-four, with most of the men taking up colporteur evangelism.

A short time ago V. B. Watts baptized four adults in the Johnson City, Tenn., church. These believers were the result of missionary effort put forth by Sister J. P. McGee, who, in response to an invitation from a lady who attended services, went to Piney Flats, nine miles away, to give Bible readings. This lady gathered in her neighbors and friends so that there was quite a group who listened to the studies.



Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilbur, Who Have Raised Up a Church of Nine Members a Short Distance From Turtletown, Tenn.

much needed, is a revival which will inspire our lay members to a realization that their principal business in this world is to give the message, and a reform that will lead them to a consecration for the finishing of the work the Lord has given us to do. Then

we shall see the great "reformatory movement" spoken of in the Spirit of prophecy,—the earth lightened with the glory of the message, and the work finished. Let us never forget this solemn fact.

Harvest Ingathering Fruitage in South America

BY HENRY F. BROWN

*Home Missionary Secretary,
Austral Union*

AWAY down in the tiny republic of Uruguay are many thousands of Waldensians who have emigrated from Italy and become citizens of South America. Although in practice they have largely abandoned the qualities for which their forefathers are noted, they are firm for their traditional faith.

Luis Ernst, the first graduate of our college in Argentina, has been doing Harvest Ingathering work among these people for several years. He called several times on a family by the name of Mallan, who had seen the

growing worldliness in the church of their fathers and longed for something better. The Harvest Ingathering paper left at the home each year, deepened the interest created by Elder Ernst's first visit, and their offerings grew larger accordingly. After some time Bible studies were given, and today Brother and Sister Mallan are baptized members of our church in Nueva Helvetia, Uruguay, doing their utmost to interest other Waldensians. Without the visits of the ingatherer they might never have been found.

Laymen Activities in South Africa

BY J. F. WRIGHT

President, South African Union

THE Layman's Missionary Movement is coming more and more into its own in the South African Union. It has been encouraging indeed to note the growth in reporting membership from quarter to quarter during the last two or three years. With the present enthusiasm on the part of all, we hope, ere long, to see our entire constituency engaged in some line of Christian endeavor, thus helping to complete the unfinished task committed to the church.

The fifteen-minute missionary service on the Sabbath is being adopted by all our larger churches, with good success. In addition to this, practically all our churches have introduced, and are following, the band organization, which enables them to render far more efficient service. It was a little difficult at first to secure the co-operation of all the leaders in perfecting this phase of our work; but by keeping the matter before our annual church elders' conventions, as well as laying stress upon it in the monthly church officers' meetings, we obtained an almost 100-per-cent response during the past year.

Surely the strength of such organization has been demonstrated in the success attending our Harvest Ingathering campaign the last three years, during each one of which South Africa has achieved a good record, until this year our union takes its place among the leading unions of the world field in results obtained. For ex-

ample, the Cape Conference, with its twenty-three churches, came to the end of the six weeks' Ingathering for 1929, with every church over its goal, four that had doubled it, and one that had trebled it. God has blessed the excellent organization of this field and the results have been very gratifying.

Another feature of our laymen's work is worthy of mention in this connection. The Johannesburg church (European) has a membership of more than 200. About one year ago the pastor felt that this church was well able to launch and carry forward a strong city effort, without the help of the conference, so he set out to lead his flock into such soul-winning endeavor, forming both a Bible workers' band and a medical missionary class. From the beginning to the close the attendance was remarkable. After some weeks of intensive training and instruction in the best meth-

ods of procedure, a strong effort was started. Practically no help was rendered by the conference, all the Bible readings, visitation, etc., being done by the members. Even the necessary funds were raised by the church. And the result? More than thirty new converts came into the truth!

This city pastor has, therefore, become fully convinced that the "church of God on earth" will work, when given proper instruction and leadership. Now others are carrying out the plan, and we fully believe, with all confidence, that a greater and more glorious day is ahead of our layman's movement in South Africa.

"In Blessing Others"

BY W. P. MCLENNAN

Pastor, Memphis, Tennessee, Church

THREE prominent words in the ministry of Christ were "come," "abide," "go." We are not only to come to Christ, and abide in Christ, but we are also to go for Christ to those who are in need of His wonderful salvation. Who can truly abide in Christ and not feel the impelling power that results from going to work for Him? God's people are never happier than when engaged in His service.

The Lord has made ample provision for all to have some part in His blessed work, but of the varied means for missionary endeavor by our laity, nothing should be stressed more than the distribution of literature, for we know that the work is to be finished largely through the ministry of the printed page.

As an illustration of how God works in this way, let me relate a Big Week experience:

In company with several members of my flock, I was working from house to house, when one of the sisters said she was going to sell a set of eight books to her brother-in-law whose place of business was near by. Away she went, and returned shortly with a smile which bespoke the fact that she had been successful. Her relative had purchased the books just to please her, and then put them aside. A little later, when a customer came in and mentioned the fact that she had been called to the bedside of her mother in Canada, he gave them to her to read on the train.

This woman became deeply interested in the message they contained, and it so happened there was a Seventh-day Adventist sitting in the same coach who engaged her in conversation, explaining that the books she was reading were published by this denomination. Returning to her home some weeks later, she was in-



Mr. and Mrs. Mallan and their three children (at right), who were brought into this truth through the work of Elder and Mrs. Luis Ernst (at left).

formed that tent meetings were being held in the town, and attended night after night with her husband and children. It was my privilege to baptize the five of them into this precious truth, and they are now at Southern Junior College, where the children are in school. Later the mother, who had made her home in Canada, came to live with them and was also baptized.

Surely we should be thankful for the blessed privilege of service!

"The Honest Vakil"

BY L. C. SHEPARD

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Southern Asia Division*

THE following report represents missionary work which A. W. Stevens, of Meiktila, Burma, has done during the twenty years since he became a Seventh-day Adventist:

Letters written, 320; letters received, 279; missionary visits made, 171; periodical subscriptions taken, 114; Bible readings given, 447; periodicals posted and distributed, 136,909; books sold, 602; Bibles and Bible portions distributed, 5,521; tracts sold, 331; tracts distributed, 175,690.

Brother Stevens is a vakil (lawyer) who accepted the truth some years ago, and is known all over Upper Burma as "the honest vakil." He makes a practice of giving some literature to every client who comes to him for counsel, and has distributed an average of forty-four pieces of printed matter for every day he has been a member of the church. Early last year he had a list of forty interested persons as the result of his literature distribution, including Hindus, Buddhists, Mohammedans, Catholics, and Protestants of all denominations.

Recently this earnest worker went to the town of Panaing, a stronghold of Buddhism about twenty-five miles from Meiktila. He was there in festival time, and was giving out his literature. His servant, thinking to secure merit for his master, took some of the tracts to distribute, placing a copy of the ten commandments on the four doors of the pagoda in that place. This attracted a large crowd of pilgrims, monks, and abbots, who had come there for the feast. The commandments provoked a good deal of discussion, but were not torn down during the entire festival. Shortly after this incident there was a call from that place for some one to come and teach the truth.

With the exception of a few copies of the *Signs of the Times* which he receives from others, Brother Stevens

pays personally for all the literature he distributes.

Refreshing Experiences

BY G. A. ROBERTS

President, California Conference

A FEW years ago lay members of the Oakland and Berkeley churches organized a Sunday school in a section of West Oakland where there were no Seventh-day Adventists. A hall was rented and house-to-house work done to invite the children in. As a result the mother of one of the children who attends Sunday school was baptized, and six young people are in a class preparing for baptism. Two of these have already begun to pay tithe, and one of them is attending Golden Gate Academy.

When a home nursing class was organized in one of our smaller churches, five of the nine members were not Seventh-day Adventists. Two of the five had been receiving literature and had attended a few meetings, but did not seem inclined to step out and obey the truth.

One faithful sister felt that she could not give them up, so invited them to join the home nursing class. From the very beginning, they were much interested in the textbooks "Home Nursing" and "Ministry of Healing." The result of this class was that the sister who had invited them to attend had the privilege of giving Bible studies to both of them. One woman and her family of three are now baptized members of the Seventh-day Adventist church. The other one attends regularly, and we hope to see her baptized soon.

Winning Souls

BY S. A. RUSKJER

President, Western Canadian Union

GOD has called all the members of the church to be laborers together with Him in winning souls. No one is excused. There is work of some kind that can be done by each one. He has not only told us that He expects personal service from every one to whom He has intrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time, but He has also revealed many methods to be employed in our soul-winning program.

At a number of our camp meetings last year, we had the privilege of meeting, for the first time, new converts who had been brought into the truth as a result of the efforts of our churches through the Home Bible Study League plan. Our church members were filled with joy as they be-

came acquainted with those who had accepted the truth through their efforts, many of whom had come for the purpose of being baptized; and in examining such candidates for baptism, we found them well informed concerning the various phases of present truth. At one of the camp meetings a lay member was present who had put forth earnest efforts in soul winning, and he did not come alone; he brought with him several new converts, who had never before heard a sermon preached by one of our ministers.

The systematic distribution of the printed page, followed by consistent correspondence, and backed by earnest prayer on the part of church members, never fails to produce results.

The Home Bible Study League gives opportunity even to invalids to take an active part in soul-winning endeavor. It is also a plan that adjusts itself remarkably well to work among foreign people. In our territory we have the literature and letters translated into several languages.

In the early days of this movement, when the first tracts and periodicals that were to be used in soul winning came from the presses, they were dedicated to the service of God, the early believers beseeching Him to make the literature accomplish its intended purpose. We believe that if the Home Bible Study League plan is entered into enthusiastically and backed by fervent prayer, hundreds of souls will be won to the truth each year through this one avenue alone.

THE commission given to the disciples is given also to us. Today, as then, a crucified and risen Saviour is to be uplifted before those who are without God and without hope in the world. The Lord calls for pastors, teachers, and evangelists. From door to door His servants are to proclaim the message of salvation. To every nation, kindred, tongue, and people the tidings of pardon through Christ are to be carried. Not with tame, lifeless utterances is the message to be given, but with clear, decided, stirring utterances. Hundreds are waiting for the warning to escape for their lives. The world needs to see in Christians an evidence of the power of Christianity. Not merely in a few places, but throughout the world, messages of mercy are needed.—"*Gospel Workers*," p. 29.

EVERY true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary.—"*The Desire of Ages*," p. 195.

A Great Awakening in Singapore

BY W. W. R. LAKE

Director, Singapore Mission

It is very evident that God's people are now living in the "tarrying time," and that during this period a revival and reformation under the ministration of the Holy Spirit will be seen. As soon as this takes place, we are assured by both the word of God and the Spirit of prophecy, the "latter rain" will be poured out, or in language that is in harmony with the word, the Holy Spirit will be granted in fuller measure for effective service. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord."

The churches in Singapore have been going through a rich spiritual experience since the beginning of last year. All the messages which have come to us the past few months have had a ring to them, pointing this people to the fact that they are living in the day of His preparation, the day when His church shall rise to higher spiritual ground, the day when He is preparing hearts and lives for the great infilling, the day when He will "cut the work short in righteousness," the day when "hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 126.

God is working mightily for the churches here. The genuine reformations and revivals are glorious to behold, and what is more, they have come to stay. A great awakening and quickening is manifest on every side. God's people are getting into line under the ministration of the Holy Spirit.

Our missionary work is going forward, and the truth is finding its way into the homes of many people. Our members, endued with the spirit of the times, are visiting and giving Bible studies. Prayers on behalf of sin captives are being answered, and souls liberated from thralldom. The result is that our churches are better attended. Recently we baptized and received into the church seven new believers, and there are eighty or ninety more who are preparing for membership.

As a result of messages from the throne of God, prayer rooms have been opened, extra prayer meetings added to our church curriculum, and on every hand there is a live spirit of genuine conversion. In this "tarrying time" we are seeking God to give us strength to put away differences and iniquity, and to prepare us for the "latter rain." We believe in His promises, and are clinging to them by faith. And we are confident that our faith will be richly rewarded.

being used just as definitely as were those in apostolic times. Because these modern Priscillas and their husbands are eager to study the Bible under the guidance of competent teachers, so that they in turn may become teachers of the word, we have many of them taking work in the Fireside Correspondence School, and we are looking for more. We know there would be a great many more Fireside students if our people could somewhat generally shut off their radios and other distracting influences, and so arrange their home life as to have an hour or more in the evening for the prayerful study of that intensely interesting subject of how to present in an attractive way the gospel truths to their neighbors and friends.

Sometimes the question is asked, "Just how is the Fireside Correspondence School related to home missionary work?" The answer is easy. The Fireside School is a training camp where men and women who are not able to leave their homes to attend a resident school, may undergo at their own firesides intensive training of a very practical kind, in the course of which their intellectual powers will be strengthened, their memories improved, and they will get a well-rounded, comprehensive view of the truths that should be taught to the people at this time.

Church members can go out and work for their neighbors without preliminary training, but in such cases their work must consist chiefly in handing out tracts and papers, because they are not themselves able to be strong, attractive teachers of the Bible. The following are the kind of experiences that many Fireside students are having, judging from the letters that come to us from day to day. One happy student writes from California: "I never enjoyed God's word as I do now, though I have always studied my Bible. I have almost lost interest in my radio, and scarcely have time for the newspaper."

"Before this study was begun," writes another from an Eastern State, "I was not concerned so very much about helping others. Now the desire of my heart is to be a soul winner."

A student in Cuba writes: "I am glad to say that by the help of God I have brought two into the truth, and I am planning to bring others, God being my helper, and also by your good instruction in these lessons."

One student, a church elder, has had the joy of bringing twelve persons into the truth since he began taking our course in Bible readings.

Some Aquilas and Priscillas of the Present Day

BY M. E. OLSEN

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AMONG the interesting people only briefly referred to in the Bible, and about whom we would like to know much more, are Aquila and Priscilla, with whom Paul lived and worked in Corinth for a period of one year and six months. In the words of the evangelist: "Because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers."

While the three handled the rough goat's-hair cloth which was used for making tents, we know they must have improved the opportunity to converse on spiritual themes. Paul was the teacher, Priscilla and Aquila were pupils, and so diligently did they apply themselves, and so thoroughgoing was the knowledge gained, that when they later settled in Eph-

esus and Apollos, "an eloquent man, and mighty in the Scriptures," came to that city, it is recorded that these tentmakers "took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly."

Somewhat later we find the devoted couple in Rome, where their house was a meeting place of the Christian church. Paul, in his epistle to the Romans, feelingly refers to them in these words: "Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. Likewise greet the church that is in their house."

Thank God, there are Priscillas and Aquilas with us today, and they are

A sister who never before did any soul-winning work, had brought in ten persons by the time she was ready to take her final examination in the Fireside course.

Readers of the REVIEW who desire similar experiences know the way to have them. The Aquilas and Priscil-

las of today must study the truth before they can teach it to others. Unless the word of God has a sufficient hold on our hearts to draw us away from the radio and the newspaper, we cannot hope to make it vitally interesting to other people. Do you really know your Bible?

Thompson, who, when he accepted the truth, could neither read nor write. Desiring to know the word of God for himself, he hired a little boy in the grade school to teach him how to read his Bible. Soon he had a smattering knowledge, and with this meager store set out to win others. In his bare feet he trudged over twenty miles to give Bible readings. An interest sprang up, and our pastor in that vicinity was called upon to baptize eighteen adults and ten children. Later on I received a letter from this pastor, telling me of another lay member in his church who had caught the same spirit of service. His story follows:

"The same month that you were here, one of the members in this church, David Stevens, went out into a district about thirteen miles from Port Antonio, and started to teach the inhabitants the message. A few weeks ago he asked me to come and help him, as an interest had developed. I told him to get the people to build a booth, and I would come. I made one visit, and found a large company gathered together. With this single exception, Brother Stevens has worked entirely alone. Seeing the interest, I decided to spend a week-end with them, and am sure it will be a surprise to you to learn that I was able to organize a Sabbath school of seventy members and a baptismal class of forty."

The pastor, A. C. Stockhausen, wrote again as follows about this experience: "I am inclosing a picture of the new company at Cornwall Barracks, raised up by Brother Stevens. I baptized twenty-one of these people, and am hoping to have another baptism soon." Elder Stockhausen is a good evangelist. He could do the work single-handed, but he believes in setting the church members at work, and as a result has more calls than he knows how to meet. Is it any wonder he closed his letter by saying, "All along the line interests are springing up. If I could cut myself into ten pieces, there would be one for each piece to look after"?

This is the work that counts. May God inspire all of us, conference workers and lay members, to unitedly carry this message to those who are waiting for it, before it is everlastingly too late.

THE soul that turns to God for its help, its support, its power, by daily, earnest prayer, will have noble aspirations, clear perceptions of truth and duty, lofty purposes of action, and a continual hungering and thirsting after righteousness.—"*Mount of Blessing*," p. 127.

Soul-Winning Lay Members in Jamaica

BY E. F. HACKMAN

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THE home missionary movement in this denomination represents more than a department of our work, standing, as it does, for a great principle. When God, in His infinite wisdom, provided a remedy whereby poor sinners might be reconciled to Him by Jesus Christ, He also placed in the heart of the believer a desire to tell others the simple, yet wonderful story of redemption. This fact is borne out by the apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:17, 18: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. . . . All things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation." Thus we see that the very foundation of all home missionary endeavor—telling others that the sinner is reconciled to God through Jesus Christ—is actually wrapped up in the same bundle with our salvation. Upon this vital principle the Home Missionary Department is trying to build its work, and since the experience should be common to every believer, we say again that the home missionary movement should not be thought of as a department of our church activity, it is the entire church at work, the very thing which the church was organized on earth to do; in fact, it is the only reason why the church should exist.

Some years ago A. G. Daniells, then president of the General Conference, and under whose wise leadership the Home Missionary Department came

into existence, made the following significant statement regarding its objective and field of responsibility:

"There is a strong prevailing principle in the minds of Seventh-day Adventists everywhere,—the desire which burns in their hearts when they hear this message, to tell it to others immediately. This is just as true of the Chinese, the Indian, or the African, as it is of the American; there is no difference. Just as soon as they get the light, no matter of what race or color, the first impulse is to pass it on. There is the basis of this movement; it is founded on the careful nurture of all Christian work."

Our message is borne on in its rapid sweep not alone by the evangelism of its workers, but by the witnessing of its lay members. This is true in scores of mission fields. Take, for example, Jamaica, a little dot of an island in the West Indian group. Twenty-two years ago we had but thirty-four believers there. Today we have more than 3,000 members and eighty-two churches. This is not the work of the ministry alone, for workers are few. It is the result of humble effort on the part of church members, many of whom can neither read nor write, yet give their testimony for this message with holy boldness.

It was my privilege some months ago to visit one of the larger churches on this island, in the little city of Port Antonio on the eastern coast. There I met a brother named William



A Company of Church Members at Cornwall Barracks, Jamaica, Raised Up by Brother David Stevens, Who Is Seated on the Right of A. C. Stockhausen in the Center

Pastor's Success Due to Lay Members' Work

BY A. D. BOHN

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As a minister I have learned that my success in a church is the result of co-operation by the lay members in all its activities. More than half the number I have baptized during my ministry have been led to accept the message in this way. Following are several experiences:

For six months *Present Truth* and tracts were distributed by members of the West Central Church, who covered the same territory each week. Simultaneously with this effort a series of lectures was conducted in the church. An announcement of the meetings was included with each paper distributed, resulting in a large attendance. It was encouraging to note from week to week that those who were passing out the literature were bringing relatives, friends, and strangers to the services. More than thirty were baptized as a result, and I am confident that these faithful members who thus took part in our soul-winning program

will be rewarded by the Master with stars in their crowns. One of those baptized, a young man who had previously been a Catholic, was fired with the message, and began immediately to interest friends, inviting them to his home and calling me in to instruct them. For months a room was well filled each week with eager listeners. Four were baptized and are members of the church as a result of this series of studies.

Each Thursday night we had a special meeting in the church, called the lay members' Bible hour. A short study was placed on the blackboard, each member of the class making a copy, and after giving it careful study during the week, seeking some one to whom it might be passed on. Fifteen gave studies in this manner, and after about six months, seven were baptized and joined the church, two of whom became colporteurs, winning others to an acceptance of Christ.

Another method of soul winning by lay members may be learned from the following experience:

During a tent effort a mother accepted the message. She came to me with a burden for her children, saying, "How can I win them to the Lord? what must I do?" I counseled her to pray until she was assured God would respond to her request, so she prayed all night for her daughter. On Sabbath the daughter was at church with her mother, and has been a faithful Christian ever since. Following that she prayed all night for her son, who was in another city. Before the week had closed, he came home, attended church with her, accepted the truth, and is now in one of our schools preparing for a part in the work.

There are many ways for lay members to win souls, but I am convinced that the most successful method is for all to co-operate with the pastor or church elder, going from house to house in a systematic program, and praying for the Holy Spirit to open ears and hearts to hear and to accept the last great message for this time.

Layman's Activities the World Around

Every Convert a Convert Maker

BY R. R. BREITIGAM

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South American Division*

"EVERY convert a convert maker," is the watchword of the South American Division, the objective of all our labors. Our members are becoming spiritually equipped and trained for service, and we hope soon to see the work finished and Jesus come.

Recently, when in Bolivia attending an annual meeting, opportunity was given the missionaries to tell the history of their various mission stations, and it was revealed that from the Rosario Mission our Indian lay brethren had visited other districts, telling of the message and of our work. Large interests were thus aroused, missionaries followed, and many souls were won to the truth. In the Yungas district our work was started by lay members from the Umuchi Mission in Peru, who traveled into the Bolivian lowlands to purchase products, giving the truth to those with whom they stayed or from whom they bought supplies.

From Bolivia we went to Juliaca for another meeting, and as the workers told each evening the origin and

history of the mission stations in that field, it was revealed that the great growth there also, is to a large extent the result of souls won by lay members. From Plateria, the central station, Indian believers have carried the message all around the lake.

I might mention, by way of illustration,

that a little more than a year ago, while visiting Plateria, a brother handed us a petition from 300 Indians in a new district, distant about three days' journey, for some one to instruct them more fully in the way of truth. This brother had gone there to buy corn, and improved the opportunity to witness for God, thus awakening an interest.

In north Argentina two of our German brethren who had a burden for souls went to a

city where a few had previously been Seventh-day Adventists, but had apostatized many years before. They started to hold cottage meetings, and the interest became so great that a worker was sent to help them. Today we have there a church building and more than seventy loyal members.



Elder R. R. Breitigam and His Family

An isolated member, visiting São Paulo, attended just one evening the Bible readers' training class which J. A. Reis was holding for lay workers, determined he would put the

Home Missionary Work in Central Europe

BY W. MÜLLER

Home Missionary Secretary,
Central European Division

THE brethren and sisters of Central Europe, and indeed throughout our whole field, are doing all they can to bring the everlasting gospel to the 223,000,000 people in this territory. Since the Great War, Europe has undergone many changes, and the temporal needs of the people, to say nothing of their spiritual needs, are very, very great.

In 1926 we started our welfare work, which, since that time, has been well organized, and we are able to help the poor, the sick and needy, the aged, the youth and children, not only within our own ranks, but also outside. Thousands of our earnest believers are engaging in this labor of love, so strongly recommended by the prophet Isaiah. In connection with this work we opened, during 1928, in the great metropolis of Berlin, our Papelallee Home, with one hundred beds, which is continuously occupied at a nominal charge, and if necessary, without fee, by those whose resources are meager. Since February, 1929, we have received into this home prisoners who have been set free, giving them work and seeking to help them find their way back into regular citizen life. There is great hope for the development of this branch of philanthropy, and a far-reaching influence into the better classes of society and the government.

The distribution of literature in connection with Big Week, Harvest Ingathering, etc., always meets with a

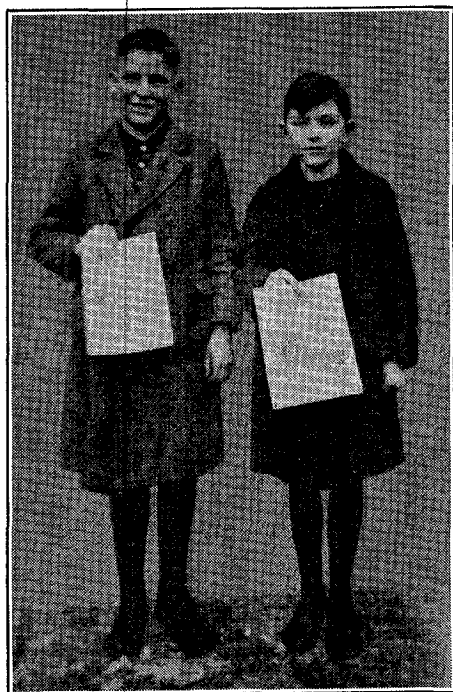
hearty response on the part of both youth and adults, but we hope to accomplish even greater things along these lines in the future. Some have done a splendid work and met with remarkable experiences. One sister in Bohemia was very eager to do her part in the distribution of our last Harvest Ingathering number, and the Lord blessed her abundantly by giving four souls as the fruit of her labors.

Two boys of the Hessia-Westphalian Conference, aged thirteen and fourteen, distributed 5,000 copies of *Our Little Friend* and brought in \$125 for missions.

One of our young people in the Pomeranian Conference, on his own initiative and quite alone, began a young people's society in a village among non-Adventists, and after two years had six precious souls to present to the Lord. This illustrates in a pointed manner what can be done by consecrated youth.

It is our aim to train all our willing people to get better results in the winning of souls for the Master, and to this end we are working.

ALL who are consecrated to God will be channels of light. God makes them His agents to communicate to others the riches of His grace. . . . Our influence upon others depends not so much upon what we say, as upon what we are. Men may combat and defy our logic, they may resist our appeals; but a life of disinterested love is an argument they cannot gainsay. A consistent life, characterized by the meekness of Christ, is a power in the world.—*"The Desire of Ages,"* pp. 141, 142.



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instruction into practice, and soon led three persons into the truth.

While I am writing this article, L. B. Halliwell, of the Amazon Mission, is holding a short effort to bind off the work of a faithful church elder and twelve members. He expects to baptize twenty. The first twelve were baptized by J. L. Brown about two years ago, and were also the direct result of the work of this same elder. House-to-house distribution of literature and the giving of Bible readings brought the fruitage.

Walter Schuberth, whom God has blessed mightily in Santiago, Chile, told me recently that the secret of the growth of our work there is a trained church membership organized to labor for the salvation of souls.

Recently C. C. Krieghoff baptized and received into fellowship six converts as the result of one lay member's effort. Indeed, the majority of those baptized in the Uruguay Mission last year were won by church members.

So the story might continue. God is setting His hand to finish the work. He who goes forth for Jesus will win souls.

"Do not, then, stand idly waiting;
For some greater work to do;
Fortune is a lazy goddess,
She will never come to you.
Go and toil in any vineyard,
Do not fear to do or dare;
If you want a field of labor,
You can find it anywhere."



A Bohemian Sister (seated at the right) and Four Converts Won to the Truth as a Result of Her Harvest Ingathering Work



L. V. Finster

The Far Eastern Home Missionary Army

BY L. V. FINSTER

Home Missionary Secretary,
Far Eastern Division

THE workers and lay members in the Far Eastern Division are facing a tremendous task to give this message to more than 605,000,000 people. Each member has a parish of nearly 20,000 souls to warn. From a human standpoint this would be impossible, but the Lord has promised the same power for finishing this work that was given at its beginning, and our hope is in a Spirit-filled membership who will go everywhere to carry this last warning to the millions now bowing down to wood and stone.

From Malaysia and the Philippines on the south, to Japan and Manchuria on the north, our lay members are visiting people and distributing literature, and God is greatly blessing their work. In one mission the director has kept a record of how each member came into the truth. At a recent meeting he showed a chart



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which revealed that 52 per cent of our people in that place accepted the message through the efforts of lay workers. In the Philippines one of our members from a mountain district was used of the Lord to bring thirteen souls to Christ last year. In Java we have a church of sixty people, largely the work of one lay sister.

May God help each member to see what can be accomplished by going out and telling of the blessings of the Lord to him!

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Lay Members Winning Souls in Southern Asia

BY J. F. ASHLOCK

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Southern Asia Division

A RECENT visit to a few of the churches in this division brought to my attention some encouraging experiences.

At Bombay I called on a well-educated Indian who had learned of the truth through reading a copy of the *Signs of the Times*. As he told of his new joy and his willingness to let the Lord guide him in the way of life, he did not fail to express his appreciation to our brother who had given him the paper, as the two rode home from work on the tram.

The members of the Calcutta church are active in giving Bible readings and doing other missionary work. As a result of this ministry, several have been added to the church, others are looking forward to baptism, and the influence of this work in the second largest city of the British Empire is also felt in other parts of the field.

In the Chota Nagpur Mission I met a member who carries on a Sabbath school and has a number ready for baptism. G. G. Lowry introduced me to another by saying, "This man has been conducting a Sabbath school and a day school at his own expense. Four have been baptized, and others are preparing for this sacred step." A farmer in the same district takes one day from work each week to tell the people in neighboring villages of the second coming of Christ. The enthusiasm of these three Indians is indeed an inspiration, and their success in soul winning leads us to believe that many others of our members will have an important part in presenting the message to the more than 335,000,000 people in this territory.

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To men and women has been committed the sacred trust of making known "the unsearchable riches of Christ."—"The Acts of the Apostles," page 134.

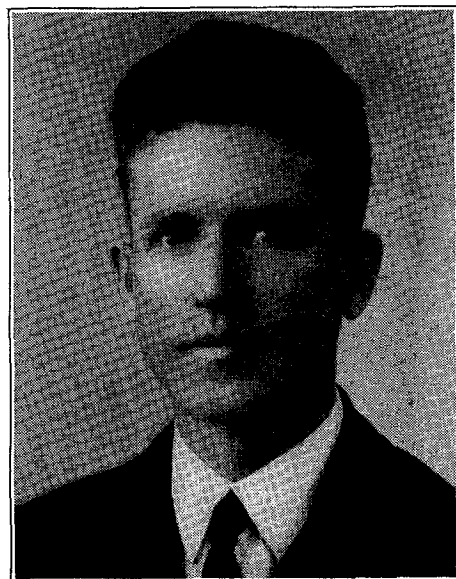
His Life Testified

BY L. A. VIXIE

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African Division

DELIVERANCE from physical imprisonment brings joy, sometimes unspeakable joy, for it means freedom; it means reunion with loved ones. But he who knows deliverance from the bondage of sin has a joy which surpasses all others, for is he not free? is he not united with the heavenly host, with his Father and his Elder Brother?

Many heathen of Africa, some of them the lowest of the low, accept with rejoicing the message of deliverance. In a few months, yes, weeks, their faces beam with a new and holy light, and their lives bespeak that they are uniting with their Creator. When once they learn the message of deliverance from sin, their very beings throb with the truth, and their hearts



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burn within them to go and tell their brothers.

One young native who learned the story of salvation at our Lower Gwelo Mission, hastened to tell to his own people what he had heard, walking 150 miles into the interior to begin his earnest work. At the end of a year twenty-three had surrendered their hearts to God and begun keeping the Sabbath. Four of these twenty-three journeyed to our station and requested baptism, begging for a teacher to return with them and give further instruction.

An illiterate boy won twenty-three to Jesus in one year! None can say he had many talents, but he knew the joy of deliverance from sin, his life showed it, and his lips told and retold it. Are we delivered from the bondage of sin? Are we free from the crushing weight of unbelief, indifference, and their kindred mates?

Laymen's Evangelism in Southern Europe

BY STEEN RASMUSSEN

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Southern European Division*

THE lay members in the Southern European Division are firm believers in the Scriptural truth that the Lord has given to every man his work. Year by year new chapters of the book of Acts could be written, recording their faithful efforts. Their slogan is, "United action." They are repeating the activities and experiences of the believers in apostolic times, and God is honoring their labors with abundant fruitage.

Scores of new groups and companies of believers are annually springing up in our field, purely as a result of the untiring efforts of our lay members who have come to a realization of the fact that the work can never be finished until they rally



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to it, and unite their efforts with those of workers and leaders in God's cause. While attending an annual meeting in one of our conferences, it was my privilege to listen to an experience told by a lay brother of how the few church members in his little village became impressed to ask God to help them win every one in that town. At the time of the meeting this company had already succeeded in winning half the people,—fifty-one persons. In concluding his remarks the brother stated, "Now we are going home, inspired and strengthened to win the rest."

The faithfulness of our members in doing personal work is revealed in the number of missionary visits and Bible readings recorded from quarter to quarter. During 1928 fewer than 14,000 lay members reported 154,451 missionary visits and 185,244 Bible

readings, corresponding, we might say, to the work of between 200 and 300 evangelists and Bible workers for a whole year.

As a result of the efforts of this army of lay members, more than 500 souls were won to Christ during 1928. We expect this figure to be doubled when the records for 1929 are complete, and with the organization of a systematic Bible workers' training class, we hope to see still greater soul-winning results from laymen's evangelism in this large section of the great world-wide field.

How We Can Succeed

BY L. F. OSWALD

*Home Missionary Secretary,
Northern European Division*

THE duty of the church is to bear witness for Christ for the purpose of evangelizing the world. Acts 1:8. The great commission to carry the gospel to every creature was given not only to the Christian ministry, but also to the church, and can never be carried out until every church member is a soul-winning member. Then, and not until then, will the church of Christ be successful in its great task.

Many of our lay members have caught this vision. A student in the Baltic Union, through correspondence with his only sister, an unbeliever, in Russia, awakened an interest in one of the villages of that country. By return mail he received many questions, which he answered by working out short Bible studies. After two years of faithful correspondence, a church of fifty-one members was organized. Thus the light of truth is shining today in that village.

At the beginning of 1929 one of our elders in Poland, a hard-working man in a church without a minister, set as his goal the winning of fifteen souls for the Lord. During the first four months of the year he won thirteen, and far more than reached his aim by December 31. The Lord is doing great things for those who are endeavoring to win souls for Him.

Every church that has caught this vision of soul winning is growing,—growing spiritually, as well as numerically. Many precious souls have been won to Christ through the sale of our missionary papers, and more and more of this work is being done. We trust the Lord will give our people around the world a greater burden for lost sinners. Then we shall meet with success.

Let us go forth to a ripened harvest!



L. F. Oswald

Home Missionary Work in Australia

BY W. J. WESTERMAN

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Australasian Division*

THE home territory of the Australasian Division is organized into nine local conferences, with a membership of 9,229. In addition to this we have, scattered over a far-flung mission field, a native membership of 1,799. Our missionary work is strongly and systematically carried on in all the local conferences, and 45 per cent of the members are reporting items of soul-winning endeavor.

With an aim of \$68,160 for our 1928 Harvest Ingathering campaign, our people raised \$74,500, the majority of the conferences reaching their respective goals within six weeks. In 1929 the aim was increased to \$73,050, and while the final figures are not yet compiled, we know the goal is exceeded, and six out of the nine conferences again reached their objective within the six-week period.

The total receipts for our last Big



W. J. Westerman

Week effort amounted to \$6,335, and as a result of this and our other campaigns, our conferences have reported many people becoming interested in the message. Hundreds of souls have been led to the Lord through the missionary activities of our people. In 1928 at least seventy-two new believers were added to our church as a result of this work. Space forbids recording numerous interesting instances which reveal the wonderful working of God, but we thank Him for the many evidences of divine guidance and care, and with renewed confidence press onward.

We are planning for a strong forward movement in home missionary

work in this field, for we believe "the set time" has come to arouse our people and "let the gospel message ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action." Leaders and people are awakening to the supreme importance of hastening the coming of the Lord by a more consecrated, energetic, and effective personal work. We are of good courage, believing that through a witnessing people God will speedily finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness.

"We cannot expect to be reapers,
And gather the rich golden ears,
Unless we have first been sowers,
And watered the furrows with tears."

Virginia, an Indian Convert

BY C. E. WOOD

Home Missionary Secretary,
Inter-American Division

VIRGINIA HERNANDEZ, an old Indian woman, accepted the third angel's message when past sixty years of age. She could neither read nor write, so received her knowledge of the great plan of salvation by listening to others read from the Bible. A great longing to be able to read God's word for herself came into her heart. She studied and prayed five long years to accomplish this purpose, and God rewarded her faithful effort.

On fire with heavenly truth and love, and knowing that her years of strength were few, she dedicated the remaining part of her humble life to God, to be a light bearer among her people. Beginning in her native village, she won several souls for Jesus; and then with her scanty earnings she purchased a few hymn books, some cheap Bibles, and a quantity of our booklets and tracts. These she carried in a basket, and with her earthly

possessions rolled in a bundle, started out by faith, afoot, to visit other villages in the country districts.

The territory through which she traveled is infested with venomous snakes, Mexican tigers, and other ferocious animals, yet she allowed none of these dangers to deter her from her service of love. These missionary trips extend to remote villages far from a railway or civilized centers. This frail old Indian woman, depending entirely upon God for protection and placing all in His hands, wins souls wherever she travels. We have baptized one hundred of her converts, and she has more than twice that number in preparation for this sacred ordinance.

Some time ago she met a wicked baker and gave him literature. Later she sold him one of our small books and a Bible, and then studied with his family until they were all converted and baptized. The family dedicated all their earnings above bare living expenses to the building and upkeep of a church in their village, besides giving a faithful tithe and making offerings through the regular channels. A little while ago this brother, as he lay dying, wrote a beautiful letter, in which he expressed his joy that he had given his all to God, and his confidence in the Lord's promise of a heavenly home. He leaves behind a faithful widow, poor, but struggling to prepare her only boy for God's service, and this flourishing church remains as a beautiful memorial of his sacrifice.

Mission work which gathers out such jewels as Virginia, or transforms a wicked career into such a life of devotion and sacrifice as the one re-

ferred to in this story, is well worth while.

WHEN the master of the house called his servants, he gave to every man his work. The whole family of God are included in the responsibility of using their Lord's goods. Every



Virginia Hernandez, Who Has Won More Than a Hundred Souls; and H. A. B. Robinson, Holding the Bag in Which She Carries Her Literature

individual, from the lowest and most obscure to the greatest and most exalted, is a moral agent endowed with abilities for which he is accountable to God.—*Bible Echo*, June 10, 1901.

Our Place

O FRIEND, do you know that a work for the Lord

Lies right at your very door?

That your neighbor's heart may be just as dark

As one on a foreign shore?

For the souls that live in a heathen land,

Where Christ is a name unknown,
Need workers sore, but surely no more
Than the missions we have at home.

The people right there in the town
where you live

Are willing and eager to read;
But fiction is high, for it's worthless to buy—

Our papers are just what they need.
Life and Health, and the *Watchman*,
and also the *Signs*,

Present Truth, and the *Liberty* too,
Should be given with zeal, for the truth they reveal,

Along with the good old REVIEW.

And who can foretell what results there will be

If these papers we mail far and wide?
Our duty, indeed, is to scatter the seed,
And God will the harvest provide.

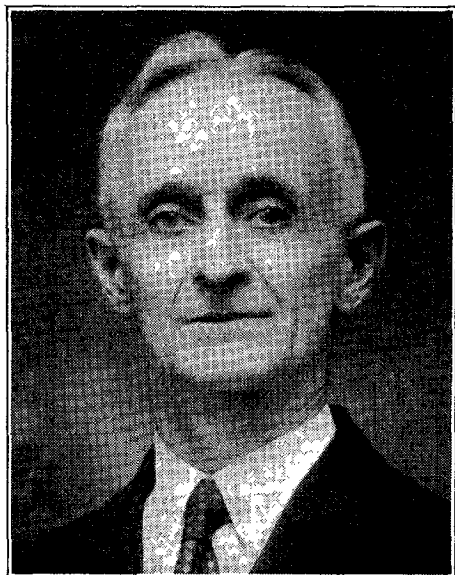
"Patient ministry" then, we will take for an aim,

As we labor this side of the sea;
Content that His grace has provided a place

Just where we may happen to be.

MRS. F. E. CRUMP.

Moncton, N. B., Canada.



C. E. Wood

High Points in North American Home Missionary Work

The Moving of God's Providence

BY J. C. KLOSE

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Southeastern Union Conference*

FROM various places throughout the Southland, calls are coming from people hungry to hear the message, for us to hold meetings in their neighborhoods, and buildings are offered, rent free, for our services. A Methodist minister near Suwanee, Tenn., half way between Chattanooga and Nashville, built an arbor in which to hold a series of meetings. After he and his fellow ministers had carried on services for three or four weeks, they invited Seventh-day Adventists to finish the series without any expense to us. Surely this is an evidence that the Lord is giving His people favor with the world.

In that vicinity we have two self-supporting missionary families, Alvin Johnson, formerly of Alabama, and L. C. Swallen and his wife, who are both nurses and have done considerable medical missionary work in that neighborhood. For several years these workers have visited the various churches within a radius of about twenty miles, teaching Sunday schools and holding services. Prejudice has been broken down and the way opened to present the truth.

It was my privilege during the month of July, 1929, to join in the work at this place, holding meetings in the arbor offered us by the Methodist minister. I remained there about three weeks, preaching and giving Bible studies in the homes of those interested in the truth. Eight believers took their stand with us, and brought with them twelve children; but the end is not yet, for many others are deeply impressed and several more expect soon to join.

Medical missionary work is responsible for many of the interests created. After the Sabbath service, August 3, I was driving to the home of Brother Johnson, and when within about three miles of the place, two men asked for a ride. Not being acquainted with them, I questioned if they knew our brother. "Oh, yes," they said, "he comes down and teaches in our Sunday school in the valley once a month."

"Do you know Brother Swallen?" I asked.

"I surely do," one man replied;

"he saved my life. Some time ago I had pneumonia, and the doctors gave me up to die. I sent for Brother Swallen, and he and his wife both came. For eight days they gave me baths and treatments, and I got better. I owe my life to them."

No wonder prejudice has been broken down there, and the churches are opening their doors and people are calling for efforts to be held to teach them the truth. This is a work in which many ought to be engaged, and the Lord will bless them in it.

There are a large number of counties in the South that do not have in them a single representative of the third angel's message. In the Southeastern Union there are 431 counties, in ninety-six of which we have churches and companies, and in seventy-three more, isolated members; but many of our people will be surprised to learn that in 262 counties there are yet no believers.

Is it not high time for our people who congregate together in cities, and

places where the truth has already been preached, to go as self-supporting missionaries to these unentered regions? Is this not fully as important as to send our workers to foreign lands? From the Spirit of prophecy we read these words of counsel and instruction:

"Let Sabbath-keeping families move to the South, and live out the truth before those who know it not. These families can be a help to one another, but let them be careful to do nothing that will hedge up their way. Let them do Christian help work, feeding the hungry and clothing the naked. This will have a far stronger influence for good than the preaching of sermons. Deeds, as well as words, of sympathy are needed. Christ prefaced the giving of His message by deeds of love and benevolence. Let these workers go from house to house, helping where help is needed, and as opportunity offers, telling the story of the cross. Christ is to be their text. They need not dwell upon doctrinal subjects; let them speak of the work and sacrifice of Christ. Let them hold up His righteousness, in their lives revealing His purity."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. VII, pp. 227, 228.

The Divine Program

BY E. A. MANRY

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Columbia Union*

WHEN Jesus left the earth, He instructed His followers to "go into all the world and preach the gospel." Every disciple was given a special work according to his ability. "The Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch." Mark 13:34.

This scripture plainly teaches that each individual has a definite duty assigned to him by the Son of man when He ascended. The same thought is brought out in the parable of the talents, and in each case it is evident that the Master of the house will return and require the servants to render their account.

The enemy of all righteousness is constantly working to thwart the purposes of God. How pleased he would be if he could succeed in his plan to

halt all missionary activity on the part of God's servants, thus putting a stop to the message that is going to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people in this generation.

"Satan is now seeking to hold God's people in a state of inactivity, to keep them from acting their part in spreading the truth, that they may at last be weighed in the balance and found wanting."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. I, page 260.

The work of soul saving is great, and requires the activities of each follower of Jesus, so we are given this bit of instruction:

"The best help that ministers can give the members of our churches is not sermonizing, but planning work for them. Give each one something to do for others. Help all to see that as receivers of the grace of Christ they are under obligation to work for

Him. And let all be taught how to work. Especially should those who are newly come to the faith be educated to become laborers together with God. If set to work, the despondent will soon forget their despondency; the weak will become strong, the ignorant intelligent, and all will be prepared to present the truth as it is in Jesus. They will find an unfailing helper in Him who has promised to save all that come unto Him."—*"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 82.*

According to this plan each person in the movement is to have an individual soul-winning program, and under the direction of ministers and church officers, work untiringly for the lost. There seems to be a reformation taking place in the hearts of many throughout our churches, and we know the scene presented to Sister White will shortly be witnessed, as

given in that familiar and vivid description found in "Testimonies," Volume IX, page 126:

"In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great day of Pentecost. Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God."

If the Stranger Had Come to Your Home

BY ANOL GRUNDSET

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Northern Union*

I AM in receipt of a letter telling me of a gentleman who for some time had been in search of Seventh-day Adventist literature. Upon inquiring he was told there was a church of this denomination in a neighboring town, so he made the journey, and was directed to the home of one of our brethren. Going there, he was not admitted or given the reading matter he desired. Referring to this incident, he himself writes under date of May 26, 1929:

"This spring I went over to a certain town where I heard there was a Seventh-day Adventist church. I was directed to the home of one of the members, where I asked for reading matter, but they would not even let me in, so I came back."

Perhaps this family was afraid of the stranger or indifferent to his call. However that may have been, the fact was that the stranger made the journey in search of truth and was not received. A month went by, and upon hearing there was a Seventh-day Adventist church in another nearby town, he wrote a letter to the postmaster there, asking that he kindly send him the name of some person of this denomination living in that place. The postmaster replied, sending him the name and address of one of our brethren, and the following is quoted from the first letter written to the brother whose address he thus procured:

"I hardly know how to start this

letter, but if you are a Seventh-day Adventist family and have a few copies of the paper you folks call the *Signs*, would you let me know what the cost would be for the same? Do you think the end of the world is near? I am not of your faith. At present I belong to the — church. Our pastor read at a recent prayer meeting that the ten commandments were done away."

On June 9 he wrote to our brother again, from which letter the following is quoted:

"Am writing to thank you for sending me the papers and reading matter of other kinds. Being quite a reader, I keep tab on current events, and find

your church has a line-up that no other church has. Your pastors seem to know what they are writing about. I don't believe the others do, at least it does not seem right to me. I wish I could see some of you folks and talk to you. I am entirely alone in life, my wife having died three years ago. Thank you again for the papers. Inclosed find money for them."

Again under date of June 20 he wrote to our brother:

"I wonder if you would drive over next Sunday morning about nine or ten o'clock and take me to your home? Then we could talk about these matters. I know this is a great deal to ask of you, but I would like very much to know some things. I'll take a chance on catching a ride back, or I'll walk the ten miles; it will not hurt me. If for any reason you cannot come next Sunday, perhaps you can fix another date."

Our brother, who is now helping this searcher for truth to find the way to God, says:

"I went over the next Sunday, and this gentleman came back with me. We spent the day talking about our work and the truth for this time. He is very much interested, has given some of the papers to a friend, and asked me to send more of our literature to this man, offering to pay the postage and cost."

Let us improve every opportunity to point souls heavenward. This should be our daily burden and life's mission. In Volume IX, page 150, of the "Testimonies" we read: "Our work has been marked out for us by our heavenly Father. We are to take our Bibles, and go forth to warn the world. We are to be God's helping hands in saving souls,—channels through which His love is day by day to flow to the perishing." Should we not carry out this command?

Missionary Experience Related at the New York Camp Meeting

BY C. A. SCRIVEN

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Atlantic Union*

THE following experience was told by Claude E. Eldridge at the home missionary hour of the 1929 New York Conference camp meeting:

"When we consider the far-reaching results that sometimes follow a single personal contact with our neighbors, it is indeed sad to think how much may be lost when we fail to do our part faithfully.

"Back in 1922 a zealous —

church worker and his wife, in Olean, N. Y., were asked by some one who did not observe the Sabbath, why, if they were such firm believers in the Bible, they did not keep the seventh day. They answered that they would show him the place in the Bible where it was changed to Sunday. While hunting for the verse that told about it, one of the members of the Olean Seventh-day Adventist church called

for a Harvest Ingathering contribution, received 50 cents, and then helped hunt for the text. Bible studies followed, the couple accepted the truth, and were baptized at the following camp meeting. These people, Brother and Sister Swarthout, sent their two children to Union Springs Academy, and they are faithful today. The daughter sold thousands of *Watchman* magazines to assist her in school. After graduating she taught in the Lake Union Conference, and is now engaged as a director of lady magazine workers in that field.

"Shortly after Sister Swarthout began to keep the Sabbath she took the truth to her own sister in Hornell, N. Y., who is now the assistant superintendent of the Sabbath school there. This lady sent her daughter to Atlantic Union College, from which she was graduated in 1928, and is now employed as a Bible worker at Elmira, N. Y.

"About three years ago Brother and Sister Swarthout went to Free-

port, Ill., where Sister Swarthout led another of her sisters into the truth. Subsequently three of this lady's daughters came into the church, and the fourth is a believer. One of these girls is employed as stenographer in the office of the Illinois Conference at Springfield, another is teaching church school at Rockford, Ill., and the third is active in the Freeport Sabbath school in the same State, a group of eight or ten who meet every week as the result of Sister Swarthout's efforts. And so the circle of influence widens,—all from one Harvest Ingathering call. The interesting thing about it is that this call was made after the Olean church had gone far beyond its goal, but was willing to do a little more on Sunday, the very last day of 1922, to help the district and conference on their totals in this good work for missions. Just think what might have been lost if that one visit had not been made on Sunday, Dec. 31, 1922! Who can measure the possibilities of just one visit?"

Our Lay Members Win Souls

BY DAVID VOTH

Home Missionary Secretary, Pacific Union

BEFORE me is the report of missionary work done by our lay members in the Pacific Union Conference during one month, which shows that 7,078 persons were engaged in some line of soul-winning endeavor during that time. These brethren and sisters made 23,327 missionary visits, gave 4,885 Bible readings, distributed 231,419 papers and tracts, took 7,174 persons to Sabbath school and other services, gave 3,828 treatments, spent 30,655 hours in Christian help work, wrote 4,973 missionary letters,—and all of this was done in just one month! What was accomplished, we ask, in the way of winning persons to Christ and the message? Forty-nine people were added to the church that month through the efforts of these workers.

It is wonderful how God blesses those who go forth to labor for Him. Last year one of our sisters found an interested woman in her Harvest Ingathering solicitation, kept in touch with her by personal visiting and Bible studies, and had the joy of seeing one more soul added to the church. Since that time six of the woman's relatives and friends have also united with us.

One brother tells the story of how he began to give Bible studies to a neighbor who lived near him. At first the man would become impatient, and

sometimes even provoked, when the testing points of the message were presented, but finally he saw the light, and with his family accepted it. Then, with the love of the truth burning in his soul, he united with the brother who had brought the message to him, and together they worked for others until, with the aid of some of their converts, they saw about thirty souls connect with God's people.

One sister, the mother of a large family, tells how she accepted the light some years ago, in the face of bitter opposition from her husband. With the help of God she decided to win her family through prayer and a godly life, dedicating a definite time daily to special prayer for her family and the study of God's promises, and allowing nothing to interfere with it. God honored her devotion and pleadings, and one by one she saw her children yield to the Lord. As they did so, they were invited by their mother to join her in a special hour of prayer for the rest of the family and in Bible study. The result has been that the entire family, with the exception of two sons, have joined the church. The husband and father, who was so bitter against the message, has, after about twenty-eight years, surrendered to the Lord and with his faithful wife taken his stand for the truth.

God says, "Cast thy bread upon

the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." Let us do more than we have ever done in the past to give this bread of life to our neighbors and friends, for very soon these precious moments of working for lost souls will be in the past.

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Won by an Isolated Family

BY G. F. EICHMAN

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Southwestern Union*

AN isolated family in the Southwestern Union recently began a systematic distribution of literature, and in so doing called upon a certain family who became much interested in all the papers given them. After six or eight weeks a tract on the Sabbath question was placed in the hands of the family who had been receiving the literature. This was on Sunday morning. When Friday came, the father of the household announced that he had learned that the seventh day is the true Sabbath, and they would begin to keep it at once. That very day they got ready for their first Sabbath, soon afterward joined the church, and have been firm believers ever since.

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It was the Saviour's purpose that after He ascended to heaven to become man's intercessor, His followers should carry on the work that He had begun. Shall the human agent show no special interest in giving the light of the gospel message to those who sit in darkness? There are some who are willing to go to the ends of the earth in order to carry the light of truth to men, but God demands that every soul who knows the truth shall seek to win others to the love of the truth. If we are not willing to make special sacrifices in order to save souls that are ready to perish, how can we be counted worthy to enter into the city of God?—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, page 103.

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To every one who becomes a partaker of His grace, the Lord appoints a work for others. Individually we are to stand in our lot and place, saying, "Here am I; send me." Upon the minister of the word, the missionary nurse, the Christian physician, the individual Christian, whether he be merchant or farmer, professional man or mechanic,—the responsibility rests upon all. It is our work to reveal to men the gospel of their salvation. Every enterprise in which we engage should be a means to this end.—"The Ministry of Healing," p. 148.

Local Secretaries Report Lay Members' Progress

Missionary Experiences

BY R. R. BROOKS

*Home Missionary Secretary,
East Michigan Conference*

LAST year a sister, desiring to put her children in school, came to Holly, Mich., which has been the center of our work here for more than twenty years. Having a little spare time, she decided to sell small books, and in so doing called at a home where the lady asked what denomination issued the publications she was showing. Upon learning that they were put out by Seventh-day Adventists, the lady remarked that she had recently moved to Holly from Detroit, and her neighbors there were of this faith. She had been impressed by their godly lives, and longed to know just what they believed. After a very pleasant visit our sister reported her experience to C. M. Bunker, the church pastor, who, in turn, asked another member in the church to call and give Bible studies. This was done, and the lady took her stand for the truth at our last camp meeting.

One of our stenographers, Miss Lillian Block, felt that her time was so occupied with office work that she had little left to devote to personal missionary endeavor, so she ordered a club of five *Signs of the Times*, and began mailing them to her relatives, who did not know anything of the truth, later following the interest with personal letters, and was made very happy a few months ago to learn that her efforts had borne fruit. Today one of her relatives is rejoicing in this message.

In the northern part of our conference a lady accepted the truth. Her husband, who is a Polish Catholic,

offered very bitter opposition, moving her to a place where there were none of our people. This poor sister became discouraged, finally gave up, and joined another church; but she was not satisfied. It so happened that one of our sisters moved across the street from her, and went over to call, asking for company in the study of the Sabbath school lesson. As a result this discouraged soul came back into the church, bringing her eldest daughter with her, and now the husband is also favorable.

During the Harvest Ingathering campaign last year, a solicitor called at a home in Detroit, left a paper and received a small donation. A few weeks later another solicitor called at the same home. When the lady saw that the paper was like the one she had been given before, she expressed herself as being very much interested, and wanted to know where she could secure other literature of the same nature. The solicitor took her name and address and mailed papers, but failed to give her own name, and when the lady was convinced of the truth, she did not know how to get in touch with our people. Not until Elder Burke pitched a tent and advertised meetings, which she attended, did this lady have the privilege of meeting with those of like faith, and becoming a member of the church.

God brings this message to individuals through simple means. It is our duty to sow the seed; He will give the increase. God has promised that His word will not return unto Him void.

day,—men and women, who, in spite of the fact that it seems hard, will go to their friends and neighbors with the truth for this time, winning souls to a saving knowledge of Christ.

It was the privilege of the writer a few weeks ago to baptize two persons, a man and his wife, who had spent their lives since early youth playing in theaters. The Spirit of God began to impress their hearts, and as the result of work done by our people, visiting and giving literature to them to read, they came into our church, yielded to the invitations of the Holy Spirit, and are now rejoicing in this blessed truth.

Then there is the Harvest Ingathering campaign, a wonderful opportunity to do service for God. A few years ago, after the close of a meeting at which the writer had presented this work, a brother stepped up and said, "Do you know how it is that I am now a Seventh-day Adventist?" "No, I do not," I replied. "Well," he said, "I was given a copy of the Harvest Ingathering paper, and when I read it and saw what the Lord is doing through this people, I decided that God was with them, began to investigate their teachings, and finding them Scriptural, brought my life into harmony therewith."

At another time, as we were calling upon a certain merchant, the elder, the treasurer of one of our churches, and the writer were led to believe as never before that God is in this work. Hail had struck the little town and community where we were soliciting, making successful results hard, but we had been receiving a number of \$10 offerings. Upon the suggestion that we call on this merchant next, the brethren said, "No, he is short of money this year, and will spoil our list." Feeling that we should not pass by, however, we entered the store, and placed the burden of our call before him, asking God to impress his heart in response to our appeal. "We are hard pressed for money this year," he said, "but I do believe the Lord is in this work, and we will do something," whereupon he went to his desk and brought us \$20, saying further, "If the Lord blesses us next year, we will do better." As we were leaving the place, the elder remarked, "I have been in this truth a number of years, and have never doubted that the Lord was in this movement, but now I am more sure of it than ever before."

"The whiteman who would go on"

BY A. A. DIRKSEN

*Home Missionary Secretary,
Minnesota Conference*

THE above title may be just a bit difficult to read, but it suggests a worth-while thought which found its way into my heart while perusing a book on the life and work of David Livingstone. It is said that he had a "faith which laughed at impossibilities, and cried, 'It shall be done,'" when every avenue for accomplish-

ment seemed closed. As this great missionary pioneered his way through deserts into new territory, where he was told no white man could go, he not only explored, but also made friends of the natives, and won for himself the title, "The-White-Man-Who-Would-Go-On." It is that kind of workers for whom God is calling to-

Home Missionary Work

BY GEORGE BUTLER
Home Missionary Secretary,
Indiana Conference

HOME missionary work calls for the help of every member in some line, and it takes no capital to start the business — except time, a talent lent us by God. Jesus is our example, and He says, "Go ye."

Personal work is a synonym for this topic. It is also the system for making it effective, but it calls for service which many are willing to give and many more unwilling. It calls for less interest in personal matters, less time for self, less thought of worldly things; it calls for an eye to behold our brothers' need and a heart that will respond; it calls for a definite portion of our weekly time; it calls for

visiting, and that is work; it calls for systematic labor backed by prayer and study; it is the Christian's chief business, no matter what he may be doing for a living. True missionary work is not merely the raising of money from our neighbors in Big Week and Harvest Ingathering, or the giving out of literature. By showing kindness to the unsaved in their physical and material difficulties, we make it possible to secure more money and lay a foundation for our doctrines that will make them acceptable. This was Christ's method, and is the true motive of all missionary effort for the salvation of lost men and women.

The Chicago Italian Church

BY E. R. POTTER
Home Missionary Secretary,
Chicago Conference

THE Chicago Italian church passed its \$12 per member Harvest Ingathering goal during 1929 with a liberal margin as an overflow. It will be of interest to others, I am sure, to know that the \$1,250 raised by this group of people includes only one \$15, one \$10, and a very few \$5 offerings. The remainder was solicited in donations from 10 cents up, with comparatively few \$1 gifts. It can be readily seen, therefore, that this large amount of money was the result of earnest work on the part of the members, and the records show that 87 out of the church membership of 100 helped in this endeavor. These workers, however, include four adults not yet baptized members of the church, one of whom raised nearly \$30.

The soul-winning importance of Harvest Ingathering work is illus-

trated by the fact that the present missionary secretary of this Italian church was led into the truth through first reading a Harvest Ingathering paper, and our brethren and sisters of this nationality rejoice in the campaign, not only because of the money it produces, but also because the magazine used is the only publication issued in the Italian language which informs the public regarding the work and progress of this message, and they find it is creating, from year to year, a very favorable impression among their Catholic relatives and friends.

One of our brethren was out distributing tracts and papers, and while he was calling at a certain home, a young man visiting there became interested and asked for more information concerning our message. This

young man and his wife had already begun to attend Protestant meetings. They arranged for their Protestant minister and J. Vitrano, the pastor of our Italian church, to meet in their home for a friendly discussion of the various points of our faith. The Protestant minister led out in Bible study, Elder Vitrano listening carefully until he was through, then asking several questions which led these young people to see that their minister was not really in harmony with some of his own statements made during the Bible study. Then and there they decided to accept this message as they had learned it from the tracts, papers, and Bible studies from our members.

The mother of this young man's wife was also present that evening and listened with interest. The following night she had a dream in which she saw Elder Vitrano enter their home and pick from a bouquet three roses. In the dream she asked Elder Vitrano what he was going to do with them. He replied, "I am going to plant these, and they will bear fruit." Although the mother has not yet united with the church, she is convinced that she, as well as her daughter and son-in-law, are to be planted in the Seventh-day Adventist Church and message, and are to do service for the Master.

During this, their first year in Harvest Ingathering work, the wife has raised nearly \$80, the son-in-law nearly \$50, and the father, who had opposed his daughter in her stand for the truth, became interested through this work of solicitation, and has also taken part, raising more than \$12.

With such experiences as these it is no wonder that the Italian church presents an example of deep devotion to the cause of God, and they are an inspiration to all who associate with them.



J. Vitrano, Pastor of the Italian Church in Chicago, Ill., With His Fine Little Family

For the carrying on of His work, Christ did not choose the learning or eloquence of the Jewish Sanhedrin or the power of Rome. Passing by the self-righteous Jewish teachers, the Master Worker chose humble, unlearned men to proclaim the truths that were to move the world. These men He purposed to train and educate as the leaders of His church. They in turn were to educate others, and send them out with the gospel message. That they might have success in their work, they were to be given the power of the Holy Spirit. Not by human might or human wisdom was the gospel to be proclaimed, but by the power of God.—"The Acts of the Apostles," p. 17.

Sowing Before Reaping

BY F. A. DETAMORE

*Home Missionary Secretary,
Upper Columbia Conference*

In the Upper Columbia Conference there are great distances between the little towns along the highways and railroads. Some of the surrounding country is farming territory, some mining sections, and some lumber camps. The people in many of these places have never heard the threefold message, and we have studied carefully the problem of getting it to them with the least expense.

About eight weeks before the tent season opened last year, it was decided to send some literature into one of these towns to be distributed by two isolated sisters who live there. The conference furnished them with 100 to 150 *Present Truth*, which they handed out week by week to as many families. Later, meetings were started, and those families who had been reading the papers filled the tent from night to night regularly throughout the effort, a goodly number taking their stand for the truth. Eighteen have already been baptized and the interest continues good. A meeting house is under erection, and our work seems to be permanently started there. Other tent efforts were held where no literature had been distributed before the services started, and the meager results indicate the value of preparing the soil and sowing the seed before trying to reap a harvest of souls.

From a financial point of view it pays the conference to get literature into the homes prior to public meetings. The effort that proved a success cost no more than those that failed, and the new members will soon repay the entire expense in tithes and offerings, while the cost of the failures is almost a total loss.

It pays to keep streams of papers, tracts, and books going to all parts of the field, and our church members get a great blessing as they help in this organized missionary effort.

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The Soul-Winning Phase of Harvest Ingathering

BY V. G. ANDERSON

*Home Missionary Secretary,
Iowa Conference*

SOMETIMES our people do not realize the importance of winning souls in the homeland through Harvest Ingathering work.

One evening, after having joined in a field day, a member told of finding a Seventh-day Adventist woman who

had moved to that section, but had not been able to get in touch with our church. Another reported a family who had formerly been Seventh-day Adventists, and seemed to be interested anew in this truth.

While visiting a church not long ago, I learned that one of the deacons had been won to this message as a result of follow-up work done at the close of a Harvest Ingathering campaign. A faithful sister, while soliciting in a residential district, came in contact with his wife and began to give her Bible studies. Later he became interested, and now the whole family are members of the church, actively engaged in missionary endeavor.

Sometimes it is difficult to ask people to read our literature without giving offense, for they think we are trying to impose our religion upon them, but it is not so in Harvest Ingathering work. This plan has been given us by God for carrying the last gospel message to our neighbors and friends.

In the State of Iowa this year thousands of homes have been visited and thousands of papers are telling their story. One of the greatest things to convince others that we are the remnant people is the great missionary program we are carrying on in the world-wide field.

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Laymen Evangelism

BY ALVA G. WALKER

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Western Washington Conference*

AN elderly sister in one of the smaller churches of the Western Washington Conference got a real vision of layman's evangelism, and started to hold Bible readings with a neighbor woman. The Spirit of God made plain, through the study of the Scriptures, the claim of Christ upon this woman's life. She saw the Scriptural foundation for each doctrine advanced, and began to keep the Sabbath, but had done so for only three months when her husband, an atheist at heart, determined to compel her to renounce these religious views. Accordingly he demanded that she get out of the house quickly and "go live with the saints." He emerged from this fit of anger, however, and let his wife back into the home, but attempted to frighten her by saying that if she continued to keep Saturday instead of Sunday, he would kill her. She replied, "If you do, you will kill me for a good cause."

One day the local church elder, the husband of the lady who had taught her the truth, met this woman's hus-

band, who said to him, "My wife is losing her mind over reading the Bible." The good old elder replied, "This is the first time I ever heard of a person's mind becoming affected from Bible study." Evidently the woman's husband was trying to discourage the continuing of readings. Notwithstanding this, however, the wife is following the Lord, and waiting the first opportunity for baptism.

As I think it over, I wonder how many others might be won to Christ if more laymen would follow the elderly sister's example in Bible evangelism. "Our work has been marked out for us by our heavenly Father. We are to take our Bibles, and go forth to warn the world. We are to be God's helping hands in saving souls,—channels through which His love is day by day to flow to the perishing."—"*Testimonies*," Vol. IX, p. 150.

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Soul Winning Versus Soul Warning

BY J. D. REAVIS

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Kentucky Conference*

To us has been given great light, and to us has been committed a great task,—the carrying of this light to those who know it not. We shall not succeed in our work, however, by hard-handed methods, such as task-masters employ in getting service from slaves. It is often heard that we must warn the world of its coming doom. This is true in a certain sense, but the first steps in getting the attention of men and women are of vital importance. By wrong, unwise methods at the start we may succeed in warning, but fail utterly in winning.

We are told in the Spirit of prophecy that prejudice can be broken down by adopting certain methods of labor. One way is to work for those not of our faith in a disinterested manner,—to visit the sick, to join in uplifting the fallen, etc., talking on things of common interest at first, and later presenting the truth.

Well do I recall a personal experience of this kind at the home of one of our sisters whose husband was very bitter toward our work and workers. Upon stopping there, I soon learned that he was away from home, but was expected at any moment. More than an hour passed, however, and he had not arrived. The wife was becoming much concerned about the chores, so, taking some old clothes, I fed the chickens, let the cows in, and was just finishing the milking when the husband entered. Leaning over the manger, he asked who it was doing

his chores. I replied that it was "one of those Adventist preachers." He soon changed his attitude toward our work, visited freely during the evening, invited me to spend the night, and after breakfast the next morning requested that we have worship. Most people have a warm spot in their hearts which will respond to kindness,

and today this man is happy in the truth.

Every morning our prayer should be, "Lord, make me a blessing to some soul today." Then let us look for the opportunity. Let us first of all be prepared ourselves with a heart full of courage and happiness, not acting as if it were a great trial to

be a Christian. Our pockets, hand bags, or brief cases should be full of appropriate tracts, and no soul who needs help passed by. The Christian seeks the things he needs last; his first thoughts are for the salvation of his fellow men. True kindness is as barren of self-seeking as were the hills of Gilboa of rain.

Young People Play a Part in Home Missionary Work

Grasping an Opportunity

BY MRS. E. B. MARKHAM

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ONE Sunday morning during the 1929 Harvest Ingathering campaign, I was on a trolley, expecting to cover a certain territory at its destination. Many people boarded the car as it passed a large church, and one lady took a seat opposite me, smiling pleasantly while so doing. I had never seen her before, but since I was wondering if God might not be working, I responded as cordially as possible for a stranger.

The seat in front of me was vacant, so this lady came there and began talking, saying she thought she had seen me at the church service she had just attended, where the message presented was so helpful, she wanted to talk about it. I told her I was sorry to have missed such a splendid sermon, for I liked to get them all, but that I was helping in our "uplift" campaign, and had been so occupied I had not learned of this service. Then she asked what I was doing,

and I explained. She seemed pleased to learn about our work and to get an "Adventist" paper, for she had a deceased brother who had been a Seventh-day Adventist, and she used to love to read his copies of the REVIEW AND HERALD.

Our conversation became so interesting that the lady wanted to see me again, but as she was staying at a hotel in the city and was soon going away, she could not give me an address where I might call. She took my card, however, and pressed 50 cents into my hand, saying for me to put that in the basket at church, and later she would send a donation for our campaign. A letter followed with \$5 inclosed. Upon my replying with heartfelt gratitude for this, she sent a book of stamps, so we can keep in touch by letter until she can come to our church. With the Lord's blessing I hope to win her completely to this truth and its service.

Again they sent their petitions for help to the throne of grace and began their work. The very first home they visited was that of an old couple and their grandson. After a simple but earnest presentation of our mission program, the conversation turned to Bible topics of a vital nature. Very fortunate were the Missionary Volunteers to have Bibles with them, as it became necessary to turn to a number of texts in order to give answers to questions that arose. The visit was pleasant and profitable, a small offering being placed in their hands, and an invitation extended to visit these people again the following week, and explain more fully the wonderful teachings of God's word.

Accordingly, when they rapped on the door of that humble cottage the next Sunday, a cheerful smile greeted them, and soon all the occupants of the house were in a circle studying the Bible. The topic considered was the second coming of Christ, and when the old gentleman saw the truth of this great and important event, tears came to his eyes and he remarked, "We never knew this before. It is wonderful!"

To make a long story short, the visits continued, each time with added interest, until the truth had been presented in its entirety, and conviction brought a surrender of hearts and lives. The old couple followed their Lord down into the watery grave, coming forth determined, by the grace of God, to live for Him who had died for them.

Not long after this, the old gentleman was stricken with a serious illness that proved fatal. During the last days of his life, he enjoyed the visits of the young people who came to sing, talk, and pray, and while dying requested that they sing certain selected hymns at his funeral. Among his last words were expressions of gratitude and appreciation to the young women who had brought the sanctifying truth to his heart before it was too late.

Results of Harvest Ingathering Field Day

BY MRS. A. E. KING

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Ohio Conference*

ONE Sunday morning a group of Missionary Volunteers gathered at the little church for prayer and assignment of territory for Harvest Ingathering work, two of whom, young girls, were sent to a small near-by town. After a moment of silent prayer they began soliciting, one on each side of the street, telling the story of missions and appealing for help to carry the gospel to foreign lands. Courteous treatment was given them, but very little money.

When noon came they met to eat their lunch, and after counting the few coins they had gathered in, talked the matter over, and came to the conclusion that they might just as well move on to other territory, if they were to accomplish anything that day. Not feeling sure this was the right step to take, however, one girl suggested that they try a certain street for at least an hour more, and if they did not do better, they would then go to another small town near by.

Youthful Preachers in Florida

BY J. M. COX

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AFTER the 1928 Harvest Ingathering campaign was over in Florida, H. M. Kelley, pastor of the Orlando church, who is also Missionary Volunteer secretary for the Florida Conference, planned a big missionary program for the year 1929. In addition to carrying on the usual church missionary work, he organized what was called a Young People's Missionary Volunteer Seminar band. The object of this seminar was to conduct meetings in schoolhouses or country churches, and although closely related to the Christian help band, its work was carried on separately.

A class was formed to meet once a week for instruction by Elder Kelley on how to conduct schoolhouse or country church efforts, Rolland Tindall and the writer being chosen from the local Missionary Volunteer Society as leaders. Soon the time came for practical experience, and an available schoolhouse about thirteen miles distant was selected in which to hold meetings. The building itself was small, boasting only one room, but having a seating capacity of approximately fifty people. There was a speaker's desk, a large blackboard, and a hanging lamp. A lady offered the use of her organ, and volunteered to play it each Sunday night.

News was spread through the community that a course of lectures on the prophecies of the Bible was to be given at the Boggy Creek schoolhouse, beginning Sunday, Jan. 6, 1929, at 7:45 P. M. At the time appointed, Brother Kelley met with us and took the hour. After that first meeting, the studies were given by young men of the seminar, who arranged their lectures in about the same order as those given in most tent efforts. A few weeks after the services started, many were taken sick with the flu, and it was thought best to discontinue the lectures until more could attend. In fact, requests came from the people themselves that we wait until they were well and could be present.

This flu epidemic opened the way for missionary work of a different nature, the writer seeking help from the medical staff of the Orlando-Florida Sanitarium. Dr. W. E. Westcott volunteered his services, two of the third-year nurses, the Misses Elstrom and Steiner, were chosen to give the treatments, and with these workers, together with Miss Margaret Keate, head of the ladies' treatment rooms,

we proceeded to the stricken community to ease the pains of the sick and suffering. We found one old lady on the verge of pneumonia and very low. After proper treatment was administered and she had been made comfortable, we gathered in her room and offered prayer in her behalf. Our petitions were answered, she was soon restored to health, and in a few days all who had been ill were able again to be around; so our meetings were resumed.

Our average attendance for the entire effort was about twenty-five. Bible studies conducted through the week were well attended. After five and a half months of these meetings, an appeal was made for those who

wanted to take their stand on the side of right, and had determined to keep the commandments of God, to come forward at the close of the service and sign the covenant. Nine honest converts rose to their feet and filed by the pulpit, signing their names. A baptismal class was formed, and special instruction was given by Elder Kelley.

A few weeks ago these good people were buried in baptism, and became members of the Orlando church. They attend regularly every Sabbath, bringing their children with them—a total of twenty-one new Sabbath school members. It would do your heart good to see these children already taking part in Sabbath school programs.

We are not stopping with this one effort, but have made arrangements for another series of meetings nine miles distant in a different direction. Will you not pray as you read this that much may be accomplished as we start to work in our new field?

Finding a Church Missionary Secretary

BY CHRIS P. SORENSSEN

Missionary Volunteer Secretary,
Potomac Conference

ABOUT a year ago it was my privilege to visit the Alexandria, Va., church, and toward the end of the Sabbath school hour, in walked a man, a stranger to me, and sat down on the front seat. After the closing song, the superintendent said, "Brother Cook, will you dismiss us?"

In passing it made me wonder, so I leaned over and asked the pastor of the church, "Who is this Brother Cook? I don't seem to remember him."



J. M. Cox, local leader of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Seminar in the Orlando, Florida, church, through whose efforts nine new church members have been added in that place and twenty-one new Sabbath school members enrolled.

"Why," said Elder Connerly, "he is a new member that our Junior Society girls brought into the truth."

By this time I was very curious. I must know more. About two years before, I had been present when the Junior Society was reorganized. Mrs. Padgett, herself somewhat new in the truth, was the leader, but she had not written me about Brother Cook, and the cold figures on the monthly report had not told the story, so I asked Elder Connerly to tell me more, and this is what I learned:

About a year and a half ago the Junior Society began to distribute *Present Truth*. Mrs. Padgett remembered a Mr. Cook, the manager of a chain clothing store, for whom she worked before she became a Seventh-day Adventist. So the girls (for the society is composed mostly of girls) went to Mr. Cook with *Present Truth*. One day he asked some questions just a little hard for them to answer, and in their extremity they went to Elder Connerly with the request that he visit this man and study the Bible with him. Elder Connerly did so, but said, confidentially, that he could accomplish nothing, for it was a hard case; Mr. Cook just wanted to argue and discuss theology.

Though rejected by the pastor as a hopeless endeavor, the girls did not stop in their weekly visits with *Present Truth*, and soon came to Elder

Connerly with another request that he visit Mr. Cook, Obliging, but fearful of results, Elder Connerly went again, and this time noticed a change in the man. Soon he began coming to church, and toward the close of the Harvest Ingathering campaign was baptized with others who had been brought into a knowledge of this truth by these energetic Juniors.

The Harvest Ingathering season is an appropriate time for new believers to come to a Seventh-day Adventist church, and Brother Cook seemed more than interested, for he asked for papers, and before the close of the year's effort had solicited more than

\$27. When the nominating committee did its work for 1929, Brother Cook was named church missionary secretary. Last spring, as the Big Week campaign opened, he was heard giving this testimony, "I have not been able to do much the past two weeks, for I have sold only seventy-eight books." I am told that before the campaign closed, he was successful in selling 180 books.

Surely Brother Cook is an exemplary secretary, found by a Junior Missionary Volunteer Society, and brought to a knowledge of this truth by the faithful activity of its industrious and energetic members.

Youth Conduct Effort in Canada

BY D. N. REINER

*Missionary Volunteer Secretary,
Alberta Conference*

LAST summer a few of our Missionary Volunteers at Cassils went out with Big Week books, and came to a little town where, somehow, an opening for Bible readings presented itself. These young people, all of them inexperienced in public work, developed that interest and started a schoolhouse effort, holding services every Sunday night. I was with them recently, and spoke at their

meeting. There were about twenty-five present, some of whom have been coming to practically every service. We are hopeful that several will be won to the truth as a result of this effort. It may be necessary for some one more experienced to bind off the interest, but at any rate it shows what young people can do when they have a mind to work. What if all could be inspired to such activity?

Soul-Winning Experiences Among the Youth of the California Conference

BY MINNIE E. DAUPHINEE

*Missionary Volunteer Secretary,
California Conference*

TWENTY-ONE young people won from the world by the San Francisco Missionary Volunteers in one year! When I say "won by Missionary Volunteers," I mean that Missionary Volunteers were instrumental in first interesting them in the message, and through prayer, personal work, and bringing them to evangelistic meetings, were given the great joy of seeing them baptized into this blessed truth.

Our young people do put forth earnest effort to win souls, but their work is largely that of helpers to ministers. It is not often one can say, "I brought So-and-so into the truth," for although that one may have been instrumental in creating the first interest, yet other influences may have played a large part in the result. For instance, when our young people are faithful in distributing announcements to evangelistic meetings, personally in-

viting people to attend, I feel they have had a part in the conversion of those who accept the truth.

During the past year I had the joy of seeing baptized two backslidden youth for whom I had prayed daily and put forth much effort. I had been working and praying for a certain young woman about three years. On a recent Sabbath set apart for fasting and prayer I felt especially burdened, and prayed in her behalf a number of times during the day. The next morning she came into my office to tell me that she had decided not to work another Sabbath, and wanted to be baptized. We had an earnest season of prayer together. She joined the church a few weeks later, and is now in one of our institutions. I feel that the Lord allowed me to have a small part in her conversion, though I know He also used other influences. Her only contact with the church for

years was her attendance at the Friday evening young people's meetings. I asked her the other day if those meetings helped to deepen her desire to do right, and she immediately replied, "Yes." In this society, a testimony study is given each week, and I think those on Sabbath keeping, tithing, etc., made a direct appeal to this young woman to live the truth.

By personal work, a certain young woman in her early twenties was reclaimed from a backslidden condition and rebaptized. A recent letter from her contains the following experience:

"The fourth night after my rebaptism, I had a great burden for souls. I was very happy in the Lord, and felt that I could not do enough for Him, praying earnestly that He would make plain what He wanted me to do. Early the next morning I had an impressive dream, in which I was told to go and help a certain woman. I was deeply convicted that this dream was from God, yet I could not understand why that particular woman should be pointed out to me. She had taught my Sabbath school class at one time, and I did not know but that she was still a devoted Christian. I had not seen her, and had hardly thought of her for two years. However, upon inquiring for her address, I found that she lived in the same town with me, but that she had been discouraged for some time.

"Then I knew God wanted me to help her, so, after praying earnestly, I went to call on her. As a result, she began attending church again, and one of the sweetest moments of my life was on a recent Sabbath when she put her arms around me, and weeping tears of joy, thanked me for what I had done for her. She told me how she had given up entirely, and how I had helped her back into the fold. This experience made me very happy, not only because she had surrendered to the Lord, but also because of the knowledge that God had used me to help save a soul."

Early last summer a Missionary Volunteer of the Watsonville society interested in the truth a young man who was working with him in the raising of bulbs. He took him to church on Sabbaths, and in a few months had the joy of seeing him baptized. This young man immediately began to work for his brother, and today they are both in one of our schools, preparing for a place in the Lord's work.

Juniors can win souls, too. One of our Juniors talked with a boy who lived on the same street with him about the fine church school he attended, until his friend asked his mother if he could go to the same

school. He did not know that this boy had set his heart on winning him to the truth, and that his invitation to attend church school, and the *Youth's Instructors* and *Little Friends* he had given him, were but efforts in this direction. However, he is very glad for the interest thus taken in him, and today is a baptized member of the church and a sincere Christian.

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A Good Start

BY KENNETH L. GANT

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FRESH from a Big Week campaign, the young people of a Western Missionary Volunteer Society put on one of the most lively and interesting programs I ever heard.

"How many books do you think I sold today?" was the challenge thrown out to me at the close of the meeting by one of the young men.

"Six," I guessed.

"Twenty," was the quick reply.

I was surprised and delighted that this farmer lad had done so well, and as a result of the experience he was encouraged to go into colporteur work that spring and summer, and delivered \$2,200 worth of books,— enough to put himself and his sister through one year at Southwestern Junior College. In addition to this he won quite a number of souls to this truth through personal missionary endeavor, and interested many more who are now studying preparatory to baptism.

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Witnessing in the Shop

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JOHN HOFNER, nineteen years of age, and Julius Dietrich were both employed in a printing shop. John was a Seventh-day Adventist, and one day Julius told him he was certainly taking life easy, since he worked only five days a week. When told that John went to church on Sabbath, Julius thought it unbelievable.

One Friday John took his Bible with him to the shop, because he and some other young people were to leave for camp meeting when their work for the day was done. When Julius saw the Bible, he asked what it was. Being a Catholic, he had never seen one before. His interest was aroused, and he asked so many questions that John took his Bible every day; then, before taking up their work in the morning, and at noon, they would study it together.

During the summer months the

shop was closed on Sabbath, so John invited Julius to attend church services with him. He accepted the invitation, at first going only to make sure that John had told him the truth as to why he did not work on that day. His first visit, however, helped to deepen his interest, and from that time on he attended regularly.

It was only a short time until the man in charge of the shop observed the boys talking on Bible topics, and warned them that Julius would be discharged if he asked for the Sabbath

off. This did not discourage him, however, and he determined to take his stand for the truth he had learned from the study of the Bible with his young companion. As a result, he was discharged, but soon secured another position with better pay and no Sabbath work.

Further Bible studies were given by the writer, and at the next baptismal service held in the church, Julius was baptized and received into fellowship. He is now in one of our schools, preparing to be a medical missionary.



Mother Forgets

BY PAULINE HERR THOMAS

"MARY, run and get mother the scissors. They are in my workbasket on the dresser."

After a moment, with no move on Mary's part: "Mary, did you hear? Run and get my scissors."

Mary calmly adjusts a new dress on paper-doll Peggy, with still no move to obey.

"Mary," much annoyed, "do you hear? I asked you to get the scissors. Now, put down your dolls at once and obey mother. What makes you so slow?"

Still no response from Mary.

Mother begins to perceive something more than slowness in this new attitude.

"Mary," sharply, "what's the meaning of this? You turn round this minute! Now, you get me those scissors at once."

Half fearfully, half defiantly, Mary shakes her head in a way that denotes a firm intention to continue her purpose of refusal to obey.

"You march into the bedroom and stay there! Your daddy will tend to you! If ever I thought I'd have a child that would say 'No' to me!"

Poor mother! It would be difficult to say which emotion is uppermost in that outburst—anger, astonishment, or grief. Certainly she is too much overwrought to think clearly. What a pity it generally is so at such times!

And poor little Mary! Hiding her tears in the bedcovers, sobbing away the afternoon, waiting and wondering just how daddy will "tend" to her.

No supper, and to bed! Daddy's plan is to punish Mary once and for all. There must be no more such behavior. Of course, daddy has heard only mother's story. It never occurs

to him to consult Mary after hearing it. What a pity it seldom does in such cases as this!

As the hours pass, mother finds it impossible to compose herself to her evening sewing. Her sympathy overcoming her, she goes tiptoeing in to Mary's bed.

"Mary, darling," she says as the little girl rouses a bit while mother tucks her in, "why did you say 'No' to mother? You never did such a thing before. It isn't like my little girl at all."

Half tearfully, but firmly too, after much persuasion, Mary explains: "Well, mother, you didn't say 'please,' and you never do anything for me unless I say 'please' first."

And why not? Is it not natural for Mary to expect mother to remember her manners—mother, who is always reminding Mary of hers?

Of course, Mary had not the courage to remind mother at once. Had she done so, she would most likely have been punished for impertinence. We grown-ups are apt to consider it impertinence when a child calls our attention to such omissions. Mary had not meant to be rude; she was only demanding fair play.

Of course, we know mother felt sure at the time that there was some reason for such unwonted behavior on the part of Mary, and if she had had the wisdom and strength to control her anger, and find out Mary's reason for disobeying, instead of nursing her displeasure all the afternoon, what a lot of unhappiness might have been spared both.

So much tragedy! All because mother forgot to say "please."—
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EDITORIAL

"Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will inquire, inquire ye: return, come." Isa. 21: 11, 12.

The Shut Door and the Close of Probation

Faith of the Early Believers Regarding These Questions

In Seven Parts — Part Five

By THE EDITOR

Leadings of the Spirit of Prophecy

THE Spirit of prophecy was manifested in connection with the early beginnings of this movement. Mrs. White's first vision was given in December, 1844, but not published until the following year. Evidently following the disappointment she with others was led to doubt the seventh month or midnight cry experience, and the ending of the 2300 days in 1844. In her first vision this point was made plain to her and through her to others. Of this James White, in "A Word to the Little Flock," page 22, testifies as follows:

"When she received her first vision, December, 1844, she and all the band in Portland, Maine (where her parents then resided), had given up the midnight cry and shut door, as being in the past. It was then that the Lord showed her in vision the error into which she and the band in Portland had fallen. She then related her vision to the band, and about sixty confessed their error, and acknowledged their seventh-month experience to be the work of God."

As to just what was shown her in this vision relative to this experience we will let her own words testify:

"While praying at the family altar, the Holy Ghost fell on me, and I seemed to be rising higher and higher, far above the dark world. I turned to look for the advent people in the world, but could not find them, when a voice said to me, 'Look again, and look a little higher.' At this I raised my eyes, and saw a straight and narrow path, cast up high above the world. On this path the advent people were traveling to the city, which was at the farther end of the path. They had a bright light set up behind them at the first end of the path, which an angel told me was the midnight cry. This light shone all along the path, and gave light for their feet so they might not stumble. And if they kept their eyes fixed on Jesus,

who was just before them, leading them to the city, they were safe.

"But soon some grew weary, and they said the city was a great way off, and they expected to have entered it before. Then Jesus would encourage them by raising His glorious right arm, and from His arm came a glorious light which waved over the advent band, and they shouted 'Hallelujah!' Others rashly denied the light behind them, and said that it was not God that had led them out so far. The light behind them went out, leaving their feet in perfect darkness, and they stumbled and got their eyes off the mark and lost sight of Jesus, and fell off the path down in the dark and wicked world below. It was just as impossible for them to get on the path again and go to the city, as all the wicked world which God had rejected. They fell all the way along the path one after another, until we heard the voice of God like many waters, which gave us the day and hour of Jesus' coming.

"The living saints, 144,000 in number, knew and understood the voice, while the wicked thought it was thunder and an earthquake. When God spake the time, He poured on us the Holy Ghost, and our faces began to light up and shine with the glory of God as Moses' did when he came down from Mt. Sinai. By this time the 144,000 were all sealed and perfectly united. On their foreheads was written, God, New Jerusalem, and a glorious star containing Jesus' new name." — "A Word to the Little Flock," p. 14.

Elder A. G. Daniells, in his articles which will follow this series, deals particularly with the experience related in the above quotation. We therefore will not take time to discuss the question here further than to say that in this account Mrs. White makes no reference to the shut door, but was shown the genuineness of the experience of the advent believers prior to the disappointment.

In the very early years of her experience, Sister White was given a view of the threefold message as it would extend to all parts of the earth. From "Gospel Workers" (old edition), pages 378 and 379, we quote as follows:

"Would that every one of you could have a view that was presented to me years ago. In my very girlhood the Lord saw fit to open before me the glories of heaven. I was in vision taken to heaven, and the angel said to me, 'Look!' I looked to the world as it was in dense darkness. The agony that came over me was indescribable as I saw this darkness.

"Lighting the Whole World"

"Again the word came, 'Look ye.' And again I looked intently over the world, and I began to see jets of light like stars dotted all through this darkness; and then I saw another and another added light, and so all through this moral darkness the starlike lights were increasing. And the angel said, 'These are they that believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and are obeying the words of Christ. These are the light of the world; and if it were not for these lights, the judgments of God would immediately fall upon the transgressors of God's law.'

"I saw then these little jets of light growing brighter, shining forth from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and lighting the whole world. Occasionally one of these lights would begin to grow dim, and others would go out, and every time this occurred there was sadness and weeping in heaven. And some of the lights would grow brighter and brighter, and their brightness was far-reaching, and many more lights were added to it. Then there was rejoicing in heaven. I saw that the rays of light came directly from Jesus, to form these precious jets of light in the world."

A little later, definite instruction was given to this servant of the Lord,

that the early believers in this movement should begin the publication of their message to the world. She was shown in the year 1848 the manner in which this message would reach out to the uttermost parts of the earth. To her husband, James White, she declared:

"I have a message for you. You must begin to print a little paper, and send it out to the people. Let it be small at first; but as the people read, they will send you means with which to print, and it will be a success from the first. From this small beginning it was shown to me to be like streams of light that went clear round the world."—*Life Sketches of Ellen G. White*, p. 125.

This instruction was followed. The brethren began to print. The message began to spread. But it seems that the full significance of this world-wide movement was not clearly discerned by these brethren for several years. Like Peter and his fellow laborers, their preconceived opinions clouded their vision as to the extensive and far-reaching character of the message they were commissioned to give to the world. This is well illustrated by the following statement, which expresses in brief the experience of these brethren in this period of readjustment. The quotation is part of an address setting forth the great need of church and conference organization in order to carry the gospel message more effectively to the nations of men. The statement was published in the *REVIEW* of June 11, 1861, and was signed by J. H. Waggoner, James White, J. N. Loughborough, E. W. Shortridge, Joseph Bates, J. B. Frisbie, M. E. Cornell, Moses Hull, and John Byington.

A Notable Statement

"We shall, in the first place, call your attention to some facts in the early part of this message; and this we do for two reasons: First, it may serve to remove prejudice, if any yet exists on the subject; and second, the reader will not be able to appreciate our position and its difficulties without a consideration of those facts."

"If we go back to a period of from six to nine years [1852-55], we find the believers in the third angel's message few in number, very much scattered, and in no place assuming to take the name of a church. Our views of the work before us were then mostly vague and indefinite, some still retaining the idea adopted by the body of advent believers in 1844, with William Miller at their head, that our work for 'the world' was finished, and that the message was confined to those of the original advent faith. So

firmly was this believed that one of our number was nearly refused the message, the individual presenting it having doubts of the possibility of his salvation because he was not in 'the '44 move.' Such things may seem strange to most of our readers, but they serve well to illustrate our proposition that many crude and erroneous views were entertained. . . .

"And according to our views of the work we had to do, was our method of labor. As individuals would go scores and even hundreds of miles to present the truth to one or two who had been believers in the first message, so would the laborers go long distances to visit, to comfort, and to strengthen the scattered ones who had embraced the faith."

Enlarged Understanding

In the state of confusion which resulted after the disappointment in 1844, Elder White admits that there were held "many crude and erroneous views." A better and broader comprehension of what was involved in the ministry of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary had clarified their vision, and given them truer and clearer estimates of the work committed to them.

An enlarged understanding of God's great work for the world had come to the church. They saw that the closing gospel message was to go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; and recognizing this, they shaped their plans to meet the divine purpose. The statement quoted above continues:

"We are now placed in different circumstances; the number of believers is much increased; and should we try to bestow the same amount of labor on each individual and church, we should utterly fail for want of both time and strength. But our friends and brethren will be ready to exclaim, 'We do not want you to labor so now. Go out to the world and proclaim the truth,' and this we desire to do. And it rejoices our hearts to know that the times have changed in respect to our opportunities; great events have transpired by which the minds of the people have been prepared to hear."

"But while we look on the extensive fields already white to the harvest with great concern, and would fain leave the churches established to grow up into the truth, we are burdened with the painful conviction that the scattered ones of former years, enjoying such labors and privileges as we have described, were far in advance of those of the present time, in living faith, deep devotion, and in all practical godliness, which is indicated by

a separation from the world and entire consecration to the cause of God. . . .

"The world is going down to ruin, and must be warned; we are often burdened and perplexed at the amount of labor before us."

This surely represents a marked enlargement of vision and objective. It was the work to which God called them when He revealed to them the meaning of the threefold message of Revelation 14. They recognized now more fully than ever before the divine commission to the church after the bitter experience of disappointment in 1844, as represented in the words of the angel to John: "Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings." Rev. 10:11.

And this conception of their mission to every nation, tongue, and king has grown through the intervening years, until at the present time Seventh-day Adventists are recognized by their missionary activities in every quarter of the globe as carrying forward a truly remarkable world-wide endeavor, unequaled by any other church body.

Summary of Preceding Discussion

We revert again to the questions raised at the beginning of this series of articles. What was the belief of the early pioneers regarding the close of probation? Did they believe that in their day the unbelieving world had passed the boundary of their probationary state, that because of their rejection of the message of Christ's coming in 1844 the door of mercy was closed to them? We believe that from the statements of our pioneers, which we have quoted in preceding numbers, we are fully warranted in drawing the following conclusions:

1. That previous to the disappointment in 1844, all engaged in that great religious movement believed that on the tenth day of the seventh month Christ would close His priestly ministry, and consequently the period of probation would come to an end for every individual, that the children of God were sealed to all eternity, and the impenitent were finally rejected. Further, that in the weeks and perhaps several months immediately following the disappointment, those who had been in the 1844 movement still believed that Christ had finished His work and that probation had closed. This included many who afterward became Seventh-day Adventists. Of course there were a large number who, upon the passing of the time, at once abandoned their faith and went into the world. But those who maintained their faith in their previous experi-

ence still held for a little time that probation was closed.

2. That some of the believers came to look forward to late 1845 for the ending of the prophetic period. After prolonged and earnest study of the word, the pioneers in this movement saw the meaning of the close of Christ's ministry in the first apartment of the heavenly sanctuary. They saw that in 1844 the door into that apartment was closed, but that another door was opened into the most holy place, where Christ entered to continue His priestly ministry, as typified in the earthly sanctuary service.

They recognized that the door of mercy was still open to believers and truth seekers. But they felt that those who rejected the message of truth in the 1844 movement were left without an Advocate; they had stubbornly rejected saving light, and consequently were left without an Intercessor. The classes of individuals still regarded as subjects of divine grace were as follows:

a. Erring brethren, believers who had been in the former movement.

b. Children who had not come to the age of accountability.

c. An indefinite class, represented by the seven thousand in the days of Elijah who had not bowed the knee to Baal. These would include even some from the world who had made no open or public confession of Christianity or of conversion, but who had feared and revered God according to the best light they had. God would recognize their honesty of heart and bring them to a saving knowledge of the gospel of Christ.

The pioneers evidently held to this belief with gradually broadening vision for a period of several years. Little by little they came to recognize that the message with which they had been intrusted was world-wide in its application, that they were no longer to confine their efforts in behalf of those who had been in the preceding message, who had had a part in the 1844 movement, but that they were to prophesy again before many nations, peoples, tongues, and kings, and were to carry the threefold message of Revelation 14 to all nations of men.

The Logic of Their Experience

But this faith was not so narrow and exclusive as some would seek to make it appear. The erring brethren, the innocent children, those who had not worshiped Baal, including the honest-hearted who had never made a profession, embraced a large multitude from whom the pioneers believed God was to make up the number to be translated at His coming. And it should be remembered in this connection

that they still believed Christ was to appear soon, within a few years at most. No wonder they felt that the scoffing, jeering multitude had so finally rejected Christ's intercession that His ministry no longer availed in their behalf. It was the very logic of their experience. It would be unreasonable to expect them to believe otherwise.

And is it surprising in any sense that the pioneers passed through this experience? Was not the transposition in their religious faith a most natural one? Light did not come to them in a day. They were not able to comprehend it, any more than were the disciples in Christ's day able to bear all that He desired to reveal to them. Little by little this light shone upon their pathway; and as their vision enlarged and as the light grew brighter, they walked in its advancing rays.

And what more could be required of them? They proved their love of truth and their loyalty to God by obeying Him even when that obedience required their espousal of an unpopular cause. Out of the consequent confusion following their disappointment, they set their faces to seek the light, and God honored their purpose and revealed the light of truth to them. Slowly, but steadily, step by step, they traveled, ever onward and upward, with no backward turns or retrogressions, to their ultimate purpose,—the giving of the everlasting gospel to the world.

The pioneers in this movement never claimed infallibility, nor do we claim it for them. We do, however, believe in the sincerity of heart and honesty of purpose which prompted their lives. Instead of censuring them for their limitation of vision and their lack of understanding divine revelation, we honor them for their loyalty to the truth as they saw it, for their honesty of heart in renouncing error as it was revealed to them, and for their lives of labor and sacrifice in the promulgation of the cause they espoused.

A Correction.—In Part III of this series of articles, REVIEW of January 2, page 10, we published a list of names, some of whom we stated were living at the present time. We were mistaken in this. We think all of these brethren and sisters have gone to their rest.

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• Leeks, Onions, Etc.

"Are we to understand Numbers 11:5 as condemning the use of the vegetables mentioned in that verse?"

Some seem to have understood this

text as being an implied condemnation of the use of leeks, onions, and garlic, but why of these things, and not also of cucumbers and melons?

The thought of the text and its connections appears rather to be reproof of the children of Israel for their lack of appreciation of spiritual things, and their great concern for "the loaves and fishes," to use a New Testament phrase. Their great desire seems to have been the gratification of appetite, thinking of and apparently caring little for those things that minister to the spiritual nature.

Evidently those people displeased God by despising His gifts and caring so much about what they had to eat. The things that were written aforetime were "written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." Let us learn to make first things first.

C. P. B.

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Isaiah 2:2-5 and Micah 4:1-5

"How do Seventh-day Adventists and others who do not believe in a temporal millennium, explain Isaiah 2:2-5 and Micah 4:1-5?"

It is true that these texts are the chief reliance of those who hold that before the coming of our Lord there will be a time of universal peace when the nations will in effect discard war, beating their spears into pruning hooks and their swords into plowshares.

But there are some things in these texts themselves that cannot be reconciled with such a view; besides, other texts speak of the last days as a time of commotion and war. For instance, Joel 3:9, 10:

"Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles: Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong."

Observe that in both of the texts referred to in the question it is not the Lord who predicts peace, but "many people" (Isa. 2:3) and "many nations" (Micah 4:2); and is not this the very thing of which we are now seeing the beginning?

In the very midst of preparation for war on a scale never known before, are not the "nations" and "many people" indulging in predictions of peace and in peace propaganda exceeding any such efforts recorded in history?

The word of God tells us that the last days are perilous; but many people and many nations profess to see only signs of universal and abiding peace. Whom shall we believe, the nations, or the Lord?

C. P. B.



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What Is the True Knowledge?

BY T. H. JEYS

Self

I READ the old proverb, "Know thyself," and with my heart burning to achieve, conquer, and attain, I set myself to the task. But as I fared forth in my quest, I discovered that my goal was illusive and unsatisfactory. The little I learned brought scant joy. Where I had hoped to find nobility, there appeared selfishness; instead of strength, there was manifest weakness; in place of high-mindedness, there was groveling mediocrity. Heartsick, I said, "This goal is of little worth. I have spent my strength and effort for naught."

Humanity

Then I turned and read, "The proper study of mankind is man." "Ah," said I, "here is the object worthy of my strength," and I turned my eyes upon the captains and statesmen, the men of might, of power and prowess, the leaders of human thought and industry. I read history and philosophy, prose and poem, fiction and fact. I considered scientists and singers, plebeians and patricians, saints and sinners. And as the steady stream of humanity poured past, each one intent upon his own poor plans, a great sadness surged through my brain, and a deep despair tugged at my heart. Why all this human trial and travail? Wherefore the sadness and sighing? To what purpose the grief and gloom? As one of old had said on contemplating the fall and failure of human hopes, "All is vanity and vexation of spirit."

Jesus

And then, last of all, there floated down to me, like the tinklings of an exquisite joy, a strain, born not of human thought or selfish plan, but of infinite love and largeness of vision; and like healing balm there fell into my wounded spirit a great calm joy as these words sounded: "This is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent."

And then the real purpose and worthy goal for human endeavor stood fully revealed. Not self, not humanity, but divinity is the real goal, the true objective. To be a partaker of the divine nature, to see

God revealed in men, is the mystery of God. Here is the answer to every human longing, the satisfaction of every desire, the end of all proper ambition. Limitless, boundless, infinite are the possibilities. No broken hopes here! No circumscribed efforts

are noted or necessary. A great glad gratefulness grips my soul, and I understand a little better Paul's statement of his goal, "That I might know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death." This is the worthy object of human life, and strife, and effort. Toward this objective I strive.

Modale, Iowa.

The Building of Babylon

A Brief Story of Great Significance

BY W. W. PRESCOTT

THE next era of Bible history to which I will direct attention is that which includes the ten generations from Noah to Abraham. It may be a surprise to some to learn that the tenth and eleventh chapters of Genesis contain the only record which we have of this period. Did nothing of importance in the history of the work of redemption occur during that time? Yes, indeed! Well, what was it? Before answering this very proper question, I will introduce another phase of our subject which ought now to be considered.

The history of the work of redemption is the history of a controversy led by two persons,—the Son of God, who represents the government of heaven; and Satan, who represents the rebellion against that government. The territory involved is this world. The people involved are the inhabitants of this world. As the viceroy of God, Adam was given dominion over the earth. Through the deceptive reasoning of the serpent he was induced to assert his independence of his Creator, and to exalt himself above his Maker, but in so doing he forfeited all his rights as a son of God by creation, he lost his place as a vassal king and became the vassal slave of Satan, who then usurped the dominion of this world, and became "the god of this world" (2 Cor. 4:4), who was designated by our Lord Himself as "the prince of this world." John 12:31. He then entered upon a definite campaign to maintain the dominion which he had gained by fraud, and if possible to prevent the release of the captive race and the re-establishment of the reign of God over the earth. Thus

was introduced the great controversy between Christ and Satan. His decisive defeat at the close of the first era of gospel history did not change his purpose, but seemed rather to deepen his determination to fight against the government of God, although it might make it necessary for him to change his plan of warfare. This was the situation when our second era opened.

The tenth chapter of Genesis contains the genealogies of the sons of Noah, and a brief outline of the peopling of the earth by them after the flood. This opens up a wide field of study, but my plan for these articles will not permit me to enter it, and I will pass on to the eleventh chapter.

Here we meet with an outstanding event in the history with which we are dealing. Under the inspiration of the enemy of God a plan was adopted to mass the people in one center, to build a capital city, and to pierce heaven with a lofty tower. Before the flood the people refused to believe that any such disaster was possible, and so they neglected the warning. After the flood they evidently refused to believe the promise that there would not be another, and so they sought by their own efforts to provide a defense against another such loss of life. It was an unworthy effort to accomplish a worthy purpose, a direct challenge to God.

Much Compressed in Few Words

In the comparatively few words descriptive of this remarkable enterprise there are far-reaching principles and abiding lessons involved. Here we find the character of the god of this world and the plan of

his campaign for dominion plainly revealed. The effort resulted in confusion and failure; "they left off building the city." The reason is evident and the lesson is for all time. The purpose of God for His people culminates in a city, the New Jerusalem, but He Himself must build the city. Those who enter it must do so through the gate of humble acknowledgment of the reign of God, the builder of all things in heaven and upon earth. Not so was it with those who settled in the land of Shinar. Their plans were based upon pride, — that pride which denies to God any place, and leads to the extreme of self-exaltation, the very idolatry of self. In the words of another:

"The Infection of Pride"

"The tradition and infection which have made the name of Babylon as abhorred in Scripture as Satan's own, are represented as the tradition and infection of pride, — the pride which, in the audacity of youth, proposes to attempt to be equal with God: 'Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may touch heaven; and let us make us a name;' the pride which, amid the success and wealth of later years, forgets that there is a God at all; 'Thou sayest in thine heart, I am, and there is none beside me.'" That Babylon maintained this characteristic attitude in her later history is evident from the testimony of the prophet Jeremiah: "Call together the archers against Babylon; . . . for she hath been proud against Jehovah. . . . Behold, I am against thee, O pride [margin], . . . And pride shall stumble and fall." Jer. 50:29-32. Babylon is the personification of pride.

In the revelation given through another prophet it is disclosed that Satan is the real, although the invisible, king of Babylon, and that the visible kings are his vicegerents. Thus in the oracle concerning Babylon we read: "Thou shalt take up this parable against the king of Babylon, and say, . . . How art thou fallen from heaven, O day-star, son of the morning! . . . And thou saidst in thy heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; and I will sit upon the mount of congregation, in the uttermost parts of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." Isa. 14:4-14. Plainly the reference here is to Satan himself. The true marks of Babylon under the leadership of her real king are clearly perceived in the time of Daniel. Then those who refused to bow down before the golden image at the command of the king, were cast into the fur-

nace of fire. Then the same king boasted, "Is not this great Babylon, which I have built for the royal dwelling place, by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?" Dan. 4:30. The use of arbitrary authority to persecute those who chose to be loyal to the God of heaven, and the exaltation of himself as the true builder, — such is the revelation of the real king of Babylon, the god of this world.

Devil's Plan to Build Earthly Capital

The distinguishing feature of the second era of Bible history is the record of the effort of the prince of this world to establish the capital of his kingdom upon the plains of Shinar, with the purpose of bringing all the inhabitants of the world under his rule. Although that particular effort ended in confusion, a "Babel" of tongues, yet the pride and the idolatry of self then exhibited have continued all through the centuries in the great controversy, and we still are facing Babylon.

It is interesting to note that the name given to this city by its founder, Nimrod, was Bab-il, or Bab-ili, "the gate of It," or "the gate of God," or "the gate of heaven." That is to say, the way to safety and heaven is found in Babylon. Loyalty to Babylon and her visible head is the only sure guaranty of prosperity and peace now and always. This was apparently demonstrated in the time of Daniel, when Babylon conquered Jerusalem, and the vessels from the house of God in Jerusalem were placed in the house of the god of Babylon — trophies of a great victory.

Same Claims as of Old

Perhaps I hardly need to state that modern Babylon is making the same claims today as of old. Only in her is salvation found. According to the papal bull *Unam Sanctam*, "We firmly believe and profess that outside of her [the Catholic Church] there is no salvation nor remission of sins." Truly is the prophecy fulfilled, "I am, and there is none else besides me." Isa. 47:8. "The shell of Babylon, the gorgeous city which rose by Euphrates, has indeed sunk into heaps; but Babylon herself is not dead. . . . To the conscience of Christ's seer, this mother of harlots, though dead and desert in the East, came to life again in the West." So far-reaching are the principles involved in the brief story of the attempt to build the city of Babylon, as recorded in the eleventh chapter of Genesis.

The second era in the history of the work of God in redemption is certainly full of interest and significance. Here is disclosed in a histor-

ical fact the definite purpose of the great rebel to maintain possession of the kingdom of this world, and the campaign then inaugurated with the peopling of the earth after the greatest catastrophe in world history has been steadily continued until the present time, and is now coming to the climax. The doom of Babylon and the triumph of the gospel are near. "Thus with a mighty fall shall Babylon, the great city, be cast down, and shall be found no more at all." Rev. 18:21. "I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband." Rev. 21:2.



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This Number

THE copy for this number of the REVIEW was furnished largely by the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference. The experiences given are of thrilling interest, illustrating what God is doing through the efforts of the rank and file of the church as they reach out among their friends and in their neighborhoods to present the gospel message to those who will hear.

We hope that the reading of this number will give an added impetus to this kind of work. If the message of Christ's coming is given in this generation, it will be only because the rank and file of the church rally to its earnest promulgation. Our ministers and missionaries are doing heroic work, but they are few in number. They cannot fill the many Macedonian calls that are coming in from every quarter.

The call of God today is for His children to arise and finish the work, and may we not ask every reader to consider whether or not he is answering this call? You may count yourself the humblest of the family of faith; you may consider that you have only one talent; but remember, however feeble your effort, if put forth in faith, God will add to it His own mighty power and will bless it to the accomplishment of a great work. It is for each one of us to sow the seed; it is for God to give the increase.

SENDING a report of the Southern European Division council meeting, under date of Dec. 9, 1929, O. Montgomery says:

"We are having a remarkable meeting here, and the Lord is wonderfully blessing. I have postponed my return home in order that I may visit and

meet with the union committees in the following unions: Rumanian, Jugoslavian, Italian, North African (Algeria), and Iberian, visiting both Spain and Portugal, then the Franco-Belgian Union in Paris. I will spend a Sabbath in Brussels. Elder A. V. Olson will accompany me on this trip."

A Record Year

ENCOURAGING word comes from the general superintendent of the East African Union Mission, S. G. Maxwell. He writes: "The work in Uganda is going well. I baptized sixteen on a recent visit, and organized a new church. This was raised up by Petero Risasi [from Pare]. So now we have a church among the Baganda and another one among the Banyoro. Andarea Mweta of Suji [Pare] has charge of the canvassing over there. Six are engaged in this work and the shilling book in the Luganda language is selling well. Four hundred have been baptized in the union this year, and when the large Kavirondo baptisms are over in December, I anticipate we shall not be far short of seven hundred. This will be a record year."

Think of seven hundred being baptized in one African union in one year! We are glad that our native missionaries, who years ago were sent out from the Pare Mission to the fields around Lake Victoria, are doing faithful work. Petero Risasi was the one who helped the writer so many years with the translation of the New Testament in the Chasu language.

E. KOTZ.

Progress in Southern Europe

WRITING from the headquarters of the Southern European Division, under date of Dec. 9, 1929, L. L. Caviness says of the work in that field:

"We certainly had an excellent winter council. It was truly the best that we have ever had. The reports that came in from the field were all very encouraging, as we saw how the work is advancing in spite of opposition in many parts. Brother Wall had prepared a large map of Rumania, on which were indicated the 100 churches received into conference fellowship during the annual meetings held in the six conferences in Rumania this present year. I think this sets a record that has never been exceeded in any field, as far as I know. There were in round numbers 1,500 members in these 100 new churches.

"In preparing my report as secretary, I was greatly encouraged by the figures which the first nine months of

this present year presented. During this time 2,053 persons were received by baptism, in addition to 128 accepted by vote. The net increase during the nine months in membership in the home base was 10 per cent, while for the same time the net increase in our African missions was 20 per cent.

"Truly we have every reason to thank the Lord for His blessing on the work in this great division. In addition to these reasons for thankfulness, we were glad to be able to report eleven adults sent out to the mission fields of our division and other divisions during the year 1929."

J. G. GJORDING, of the Malayan Union, writes that R. H. and Mrs. Wentland are now in Saigon, French Indo-China, studying the French language. Another family is soon to join them. Later the Wentlands will learn the Annamese language for use in their work in Annam, while the second family will push on into old Cambodia, and study the Khmer tongue, which is largely used there. It is necessary to understand French in both countries. Let us pray for God's blessing upon these workers as they extend our lines into these previously unentered regions of the earth.

Like a Letter From Home

W. B. MIRAMONTES writes from Uruguay, South America, under date of Nov. 22, 1929:

"The REVIEW seems to us like a weekly letter from home. Away down here in the mission field we devour its contents. Surely the Lord is doing a marvelous work throughout the world, and we, as His ambassadors, want to triumph with the finishing of His work in the foreign fields. This is the third Latin field that God has given us the privilege of working in. We have labored in Mexico, in Guatemala, Central America, and in Uruguay, and are really happier here than in the homeland."

WRITING of the need for more workers in the lands making up French Indo-China, J. G. Gjording, after referring to two families already provided for, says: "Give us a third family, and we will see that they are located in Annam; give us a fourth family, and we will promise to locate them in Tonkin; and a fifth in Laos — five families for twenty or more million souls. Is this asking too much of the Mission Board? Surely not. How happy I am that we decided to press in here!"