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An Unparalleled Opportunity

BY C. H. WATSON

AN opportunity without parallel in the past lies before Seventh-day Adventists today. It is an opportunity to which leaders and believers in the third angel's message have long looked forward and have prayed much that it might come speedily. In the wonder-working providence of God it is now here, and its presence in fact should thrill all our hearts.

It is the opportunity of winning souls under favoring conditions and with a largeness of fruitage that is unsurpassed in our history as a people. The advent movement, that has now become world wide in its every aspect, has only one underlying purpose,—the winning of men and women to the acceptance of Christ, and their heart preparation to meet Him with joy at His coming, which hasteth greatly. We have much organization, wonderful in kind, and reaching to the ends of the earth. But organization counts for little except as it serves the one purpose of winning men and women to the kingdom of God. We have a large, well-trained force of laborers, but these avail nothing except as their labors result definitely in the salvation of souls. We have a marvelous system of financing our world-wide work, but money counts for little except as its use results in bringing sinners the unspeakable blessing of the everlasting gospel.

Measured in the light of these considerations, an unprecedented opportunity has come to us of realizing in a large way the sole purpose of all our endeavors in the name of the Lord in these last days. The successful winning of souls requires the power of the Spirit to accompany the preaching of the word, and readiness of the people to hear. A new zeal,

a renewed passion for souls, is taking hold of our preachers and teachers of the all-powerful word of God. Workers not assigned to the direct ministering of the gospel to the unsaved are pressing into that blessed work at every opportunity. Our brethren and sisters in the churches are renewing the old-time zeal in spreading the truth among their neighbors and friends.

On the other hand, the people are revealing a readiness, yes, an eagerness, to hear the gospel of the speedy coming of Jesus, that is beyond all precedent. The prolonged depression has tried men's souls, and humbled their spirits to the point where they are willing to listen to the message of hope and comfort and joy that we have to give them.

Now, brethren and sisters, workers and laymen, how shall we relate ourselves to the unparalleled opportunity that lies immediately before us to press the work of God to the finish for which we have so long prayed and hoped and labored? As the prophet of the last days, the beloved John, wrote so earnestly to the believers, "It is the last time: . . . we know that it is the last time," so we now verily live in the very last time.

The great heart of God yearns to finish His work in the earth, and to take His people home to dwell with Him. He has gone out before us in a marvelous way to move men's

hearts to the acceptance of the gospel. He is looking down earnestly from heaven to see if we are pressing into the wake of His opening providence. He longs to clothe His people with power for the finishing of the work. His Spirit is wooing the hearts of the multitude wandering blindly in the ways of sin. He has honored us with the high privilege of bringing the light to those who are groping in darkness, in the gross darkness that envelops the earth. His appealing voice comes sounding down the centuries, "Son, go work today in My vineyard." "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth: . . . but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over."

It is in very truth the last time in which we are now living. Can we not grasp the soul-stirring fact that it is the culminating time—the last of the last time? What we do must be done quickly. What we give must be given now, before "the harvest is past, the summer is ended." The time is near, and is hastening on apace, when there will be no more opportunity to give. Now, just now, the suffering cause of God is in great need. It is no time to draw in our missionaries who have courageously gone to the ends of the earth to help finish the work quickly. It is rather high time to send more laborers into the highways and byways of the great world field.

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"If you have faith, preach it; if you have doubts, bury them; if you have joy, share it; if you have sorrow, bear it."

THOSE who stand as leaders in the church of God are to realize that the Saviour's commission is given to all who believe in His name. God will send forth into His vineyard many who have not been dedicated to the ministry by the laying on of hands.—"The Acts of the Apostles," p. 110.

"Not Idle nor Unfruitful"

BY J. A. STEVENS

Secretary of the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference

THE apostle Peter, through the Divine Spirit, describes the life of Christ's disciples: "If these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful unto the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 1:8. Thus it is that the church of the living God is to be a mighty power for the saving of the lost.

"If we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ, and are filled with the joy of His indwelling Spirit, we shall not be able to hold our peace. If we have tasted and seen that the Lord is good, we shall have something to tell."—*"Steps to Christ,"* p. 83.

It was this spirit of soul-winning zeal that led ministry and laity to carry the "glad tidings" to the inhabited world in apostolic times. "The disciples were not to wait for the people to come to them. They were to go to the people, hunting for sinners as a shepherd hunts for lost sheep. . . . Notwithstanding the fierce opposition that the disciples met, in a short time the gospel of the kingdom had been sounded to all the inhabited parts of the earth."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. VIII, pp. 14, 15.

And history records the wonderful harvest of souls gathered by the believers as they battled against the persecutions of that day. Great numbers of believers, faithful unto death, were given to ferocious beasts in the arena, while others became living torches to illuminate the awful spectacle. From such entertainments, scores went forth to confess their allegiance to Jesus Christ.

They were our spiritual ancestors. They laid well the foundation upon which Christ has been building His church. It is left to us to finish the structure in the little time that remains of this last generation. What are we to do? "The work which the disciples did, we also are to do. Every Christian is to be a missionary. In sympathy and compassion we are to minister to those in need of help, seeking with unselfish earnestness to lighten the woes of suffering humanity."—*"Ministry of Healing,"* p. 104.

It is pertinent that every consecrated believer in the church of this day should inquire as to how the membership is measuring up to the Lord's commission. A few statistical items will bring cheer to every faithful worker, and a renewed call to service to those still "idle in the market place."

A retrospective view over the last

ten years shows wonderful progress in the development of missionary activity and a glorious fruitage in people definitely added to the churches throughout the world. In 1924 there were 786,365 Bible readings and cottage meetings held, while in 1933 there were 2,887,800. Ten years ago 1,307,790 missionary visits were reported, and in 1933 the number was 3,969,884. Another item of ten years ago was the 301,011 articles of clothing given to the needy, but last year the number reached 1,026,194. All the other missionary activities have made similar increase, indicating not only that there has been a most cheering gain in the army of soul winners in our churches, but that they also have greatly enlarged the scope of their endeavors.

But the best of these comparisons is the increase in souls won to the message through the ministry of the laity. During 1924 the total was 8,504, and during 1933 it was 14,069, with a grand total of 90,383 added to the churches by the work of the church members, young people as well as the older members, during the ten years. That is as many members as we had in all the world in 1910.

During 1933, alone, our laity were

instrumental in adding 14,069 members to our churches, which means almost 40 new members for every day of the year. This fruitage was reported as a result of the work of 161,388 lay members. This fine army of workers is almost an even 50 per cent of our recorded membership. What might be achieved if every member of every church were an active missionary worker, watching for souls as they that must give an account? This is the Lord's purpose for every soul who professes fellowship with Him.

"The words, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature' (Mark 16:15), are spoken to each one 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."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. VIII, p. 16.

May the day hasten on apace when the entire church, ministry and laity, shall go forth in united soul-winning service, "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

"Is This What You Mean?"

BY L. E. CHRISTMAN

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BROTHER ELLINGSTON, of St. Petersburg, Alaska, attended the first general meeting held in the Alaska Mission, the early part of 1934. He had accepted the message two years before, and from the time he gave his heart to God he had had a longing desire to tell others about the truth, but as he could not speak the English language fluently, he hesitated to engage in missionary endeavor.

During the general meeting much emphasis was placed on lay evangelism,—the responsibility resting upon the membership of our churches for the finishing of the work, and the importance of personal work among our friends and neighbors. Brother Ellingston listened with unusual interest to these studies, and the desire to have a part in soul-winning endeavor became a real heart burden. But just what it all meant, and how to begin, was a problem to be solved.

One day, in the interim between meetings, Brother Ellingston was walking along the water front medi-

tating on what he had heard, when he came in contact with a young man. Suddenly the thought flashed through his mind, "Here is my opportunity to put into practice what I have heard." With a prayer in his heart he cautiously approached the young man, and ventured to ask if he were a Christian. The young man replied that he was not. Then Brother Ellingston invited him to come to the meeting. The young man accepted the invitation at once. His interest was aroused by what he heard and saw at the meeting, and he came back to the next service and attended practically every meeting during the week. We talked and prayed with the young man, and when the call to consecration was made, he responded and gave his heart to God.

Brother Ellingston's joy at being used by God to reach this young man, can better be imagined than expressed. With a smile on his face, he asked, "Is this what you mean when you speak of lay evangelism?" and

we were glad to assure him that he had found the secret and had given a practical demonstration of just what every Christian is expected to do.

What Brother Ellingston did can be done by all our people if they catch the vision and have a burden for souls. Our reports reveal that 90,383 souls were won to the message through the efforts of our lay members during the ten-year period from 1924 to 1933 inclusive. Our hearts are surely thrilled as we contemplate the results of the faithful efforts of our laity during these ten years. The hour has come for a greater awakening on the part of God's people, and a mighty advance move for the accomplishment of even greater things in the finishing of God's work. Before the life work of the messenger of God came to a close, she said:

"My heart is often burdened because so many who might work are doing nothing. They are the sport of Satan's temptations. Every church member who has a knowledge of the truth is expected to work while the day lasts; for the night cometh, wherein no man can work. Ere long we shall understand what that night means. The Spirit of God is being

grieved away from the earth. The nations are angry with one another. Widespread preparations are being made for war. The night is at hand. Let the church arouse and go forth to do her appointed work. Every believer, educated or uneducated, can bear the message."—*"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 26.*

Is it not high time that the church respond to this appeal from the burdened heart of God's messenger? It is by no means an impossible task we are facing, for if there were only one Christian in the world now, and he were to win one other within a year, and these two were each to win one other during the next year, and this process were continued, every convert adding only one other each year, the whole world would hear the message in less than thirty years. The question might well be asked, Why has it taken so long to carry out Christ's commission? There can be only one explanation. The members of our churches have not been doing their divinely appointed work. Shall we not resolve, through the blessing and help of God, to bring at least one soul to a knowledge of the message this year?

Dawn of Lay Evangelism in the Dark Continent

BY F. E. POTTER

Home Missionary Secretary, Southern African Division

ONLY when the rank and file of this great universal missionary movement are individually fired with the story and passion of the cross, will the promised return of our Lord and Saviour become a reality. The sweet Spirit of God has been impressing this momentous fact upon the minds and hearts of our people in the Southern African Division, and the dawn of lay evangelism is gradually lighting up the religious horizon in this great continent. Its inspiring rays are spreading farther and farther afield, penetrating into the heart of large cities like Johannesburg, as well as into the fastnesses of mountain and jungle in the great hinterland. The knowledge that our sister divisions of the world field are reaping an ever-increasing fruitage from lay evangelism, brings to us additional inspiration and enthusiasm.

At the beginning of 1934 careful plans were laid for a forward movement in lay evangelism throughout this division, and under the guidance and blessing of the Holy Spirit we feel confident of a goodly harvest of souls. We will leave it to three of our lay members to tell the story of some recent soul-winning efforts in

the South African Union field. One of them, Vivian Cooks, is a busy man of commerce as well as an elder of one of our largest European churches. Another, A. J. Herholdt, was a builder and contractor at the time of the effort conducted by him, but has since accepted a call to connect with the evangelistic staff of the South African Conference. The other, M. Holsgrove, is a mechanic. It certainly meant hard work and much sacrifice for these lay brethren to conduct the efforts, but they gave willingly and the Lord blessed abundantly.

Our European membership in the unions to the north is quite small, but even there the spirit of evangelism is seen on every hand. In the Zambesi Union we have two European churches and a few small companies of European believers, all the members of which are active in missionary endeavor. The lay brethren of our Salisbury church, for instance, are laboring energetically for the colored community there, as well as conducting regular evangelistic services weekly for the natives in the city reserve. The local elder, in addition to his other duties, finds time to pay a

regular monthly visit by motor car to a small group of interested people living 140 miles away. Just recently this distance has been increased to 260 miles to take in an interested group newly located.

In Southern Rhodesia the European population is very much scattered, but here and there, in all kinds of odd corners, the hearts of honest people are catching the rays of truth brought by the dawn of lay evangelism. A few months ago a traveler called at the homestead of an Adventist farmer off the beaten track. At the time of departure he was given a number of tracts as a parting gift. These seeds must have been sown on good ground, for a little while later a call came from this man to send some one to teach him more. A lay brother responded, and found that the seeker after truth had, in the meantime, collected some of his friends to listen also to the words of life. There is every indication that the seed sown will ripen into fruit very soon.

The spirit of evangelism is filling the hearts of our native peoples as well. All through the large native territories in the Southeast African Union, the Congo Union, and the Angola Union, beacons of light are springing up as a result of laymen's work. Truly the end is near, and we are reminded very definitely that "yet a little while is the light with you." Now, in the day of God's power, is the time for every Seventh-day Adventist to walk while he has the light. The night will soon be upon us, and darkness will then envelop this old earth entirely. At this time the Spirit of God is speaking to the hearts of His people in every clime, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." We thank God that this urge is being responded to by our dear believers out here in ever-increasing measure, right through the division. We ask that the readers of the good old REVIEW AND HERALD around the world will remember the Southern African Division in their daily prayers.

Personal Experiences in Lay Evangelism

Vivian Cooks writes concerning the laymen's effort at Booyens Reserve, Johannesburg, as follows:

"Assisted by three of the brethren from the Central church, I began a laymen's effort in an isolated section of Johannesburg. We felt our insufficiency, but remembered that 'the Spirit helpeth our infirmities,' and were cheered on by our pastor, who was conducting an effort in another part of the city at that time. There was only one hall, which stood right

in the heart of this small locality, and we were able to hire it at a small rental. Here we held meetings four nights a week. These meetings were continued regularly for ten weeks, and thereafter special meetings for those 'whose hearts God had touched' and who were desirous of further study. A company was raised up in this section, which meets in the same hall from Sabbath to Sabbath, and at the present time numbers between forty and fifty, about one half being adults and the rest children.

"Just one or two little incidents in connection with the effort: One night, as I was about to step on the platform, I was informed that an attempt might be made to disturb or stop the meeting. Two officers of the law had been informed beforehand, however, and were on hand ready for any emergency; and although there was a feeling of tension and uncertainty, still that evening passed by without incident. A few nights later a number of people came to the hall determined to cause trouble. But there was a man in the audience, who, although one of the rough kind, was interested in the meetings, and hearing of their plan, sought out the leader, and informed him that he had a number of men ready to deal with them if they attempted any trouble. Although they made a little disturbance at the close of the service, their plan was once again frustrated.

"It is cheering to meet with this faithful and earnest little company of believers, and we are thankful for the privilege of having had a little part in the great work of soul winning."

A. J. Herholdt has been blessed in conducting cottage meetings, and tells of his experience as follows:

"As builder and contractor I was called out to a certain farm about forty miles from Johannesburg to build a dwelling house for a member of parliament. As there were quite a number of farmers in the neighborhood, I decided to conduct special meetings on the farm. A farmer living about six miles from this farm invited me over to his place, and I decided to go. After a few meetings there were about ninety people present. I told them that the meetings would probably last a few more nights, but they objected very strongly, urging me to continue. We could not find a house large enough, so they decided to take down the wall into the dining room to make the place larger.

"It was inspiring to see how the people came every evening from all directions, some on bicycles, others by trolley and motor car, and some walk-

ing as far as six miles. These meetings lasted for two months, with the result that seventeen accepted the truth. The Lord blessed in a remarkable way. There are many more just such isolated people who are longing for this last message to a perishing world."

M. Holesgrove writes from the



Upper: M. Holesgrove and four converts resulting from his first cottage meetings at Springfield, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Lower: Vivian Cooks and the company raised up as a result of his effort at Booyens, Johannesburg, South Africa.

depths of a rich experience in finding the truth and making it known to others. We quote from his report as follows:

"It is just over three years since I accepted the truth and surrendered my heart to God. Prior to that time, I must confess, I knew very little about God and His inspired word. In fact, I was just a worldling. May I at this point relate just how I came into the truth?

"A handbill was found in our front garden, bearing the words, 'Follow the crowd to the big tent,' also a number of subjects on which the

evangelist was to speak. I planned to follow the crowd, and, accompanied by my wife, I attended the first meeting. I was so impressed, and so well did I enjoy that meeting, that I felt I must really attend again. And so night after night I found myself in that never-to-be-forgotten tent, listening to the beautiful truths from God's word.

"I could not keep away; it seemed a great power was working within me, urging me on and on. Could it be that this great power was the Holy Spirit pleading with my soul? Yes, dear reader, that is just what it was. O, how happy I am that I heeded that pleading, that I answered the great call! And so at the end of that series of beautiful truths, my heart had been won for Christ, and I was baptized along with twenty-six other precious souls.

"As I traveled on in my Christian experience, I felt there was a work for me to do. I felt there were others hungering after the 'bread of life.' Could I possibly convey this divine message to them? I felt that with God's help I could. And so after prayer and study, cottage meetings were started in the tiny suburb of Springfield in Johannesburg. Every Tuesday night, for some months, I presented these beautiful truths to a small gathering at first, but later on the attendance increased, and with the assistance of Sister Mitchell, a devoted worker, four were won for Christ. O, how happy I was when I witnessed these four dear ones follow their Lord through the watery grave, and rise to walk in life anew!

"Lay members, the harvest is ripe, and there is work for each one. Our ministers cannot reach into all the highways and byways. Here is the great opportunity for you to rescue souls. Let us rally round the royal banner of Christ. Start cottage meetings in your neighborhood. One soul may be won by your effort, but remember, 'Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.'"

"And the Lord Added"

BY W. M. LENNOX

SABBATH, March 24, was a happy day for the church at Liverpool, England, fourteen being added to the Lord. These candidates represent, in many respects, the fruit of faithful home missionary work by the members.

In 1932 the Liverpool church members sold 41,500 copies of *Present*

Truth, and that work bore fruit. Brother Jones, a tram conductor, took his stand for the truth through reading the serial "Friendly Talks." He has had Sabbath free at his employment for over twelve months. He has had many "crises." On the Sabbath when he received the right hand of fellowship, he had been re-

quired to be on duty; he had asked for leave of absence, but had been refused; so he stayed away without permission. He is still continuing in his work and witnesses faithfully.

In 1933 the members distributed 48,000 copies of *Present Truth*, and as a result Brother and Sister Walsh were baptized. A canvasser sold *Present Truth* at their door, and tactfully obtained a regular reader. In one issue Brother Walsh read the truth of the Sabbath, and with no human prompting went to his employers (a large baking concern) to request the Sabbath free. Although this was refused, he was undaunted, and backed by his loyal wife, he honored the Lord and is now in business for himself.

About eight months ago Brother Jefferiss, the faithful elder of the Romford church, came to visit his daughter. While in Liverpool he stayed with a Mrs. Turner, and in a quiet way bore his testimony to the truth of the Bible. On his return to south England, he passed on the name and address to the local worker in Liverpool. Today Mrs. Turner and her son and daughter are church members with us.

Nine years ago a Seventh-day Adventist physician, Dr. Harry Hankins, was on his way from Montreal to Durban, South Africa. During the voyage he taught the truth to the second officer on the boat. The young man did not then take his stand, but he learned the truth. The doctor did thorough work. Six months ago, Brother Gillett, then fourth officer on a large Canadian Pacific passenger steamer, sailing out of Liverpool, was in perplexity, and feeling the need of advice, sought out an Adventist worker. Since that time the Lord has done wonders, and today the work of the faithful doctor has borne fruit. One sows, another reaps, but God giveth the increase.

Sister Stringfellow was first interested through a *Present Truth* purchased at the door. She, in turn, carried the truth to her mother, and today both are members in Liverpool.

Space does not permit me to tell all the way the Lord has led us. All we know is, that He has guided all who went forward, and to Him belongs the praise. May all who were added to our church membership be kept faithful, cleaving to Jesus with purpose of heart, "until He come."

attended, and God has richly blessed them each year with converts.

We have many examples of self-sacrificing missionary work. An aged sister, out of love for the Lord Jesus and for her fellow men, distributes literature every month. As she is unable to do this in her own town, on account of prejudice, she prepares food enough to last her for several days, and then walks from thirty to forty kilometers to other territory. She stays with strangers overnight, and does not return until she has distributed all her literature, even though it takes her a whole week.

Throughout our various churches we have organized sixty-five Bible training bands, forty-eight literature bands, thirty-five Dorcas Societies, and twenty-nine Welfare Societies. As a textbook for the Bible groups, we use a collection of extracts taken from the book, "How to Give Bible Readings." Although there are five languages to contend with in the Baltic Union, we have, with the help of God, prepared a tract entitled, "How Shall I Give Bible Readings?" in the Latvian, Estonian, Lithuanian, and German languages. The present time demands greater preparation for soul winning. The lay members are earnestly studying this tract, and are preparing themselves to be zealous soul winners. The literature bands also have a textbook in the Latvian and Estonian languages, the "Gospel Sales Manual," by J. J. Strahle.

We are very happy to report that our youngest child, the Welfare Society, has been established in the Baltic Union. We have twenty-nine of these societies operating at the present time. In the five largest cities we have organized welfare kitchens for the needy. In each of these, twenty to forty portions of soup are served daily.

In Tartu, Estonia, the medical side of the work is more developed. The leader of the Welfare Society there is a medical student. His brother, a doctor, shows the members of the church how to give treatments. He visits the sick on behalf of the church without cost, then sends some one from the nursing band to attend them. Strangers will soon discover what kind of people the Adventists are, and will desire to know more about us.

In Riga we have a day nursery where destitute, orphaned, or neglected children are taken care of and fed. They receive Christian instruction each afternoon. Many parents have taken their stand for the truth as a result of this work. People understand religion better when they see it practiced. Throughout our

Soul-Winning Experiences From the Baltic Union

BY A. JURKEVICS

Home Missionary Secretary, Baltic Union

THE Baltic Union consists of three conferences and one mission field. Its territory comprises the three states of Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania. The message was first brought to Riga, the capital of Latvia, in the year 1896. In that year the first church in the Baltic Union was established; since then the work of God has gone quickly forward.

From the very beginning, the lay members have taken an active part in the work of soul winning. We had few preachers in the early years, but all the way along the laity have worked hand in hand with the evangelists in building up the work.

The membership of the Baltic Union now stands at 5,126. These members are organized into 101 churches and thirty groups. Last year, 77 per cent reported having taken an active part in missionary work, and the following was accomplished: 60,365 Bible readings; 71,316 missionary visits; 43,669 people helped; 5,235 articles of clothing given away; 14,509 treatments given; 4,746 missionary letters written; 168,067 pieces of literature distributed.

In the last two years, 111 were brought into the truth through the work of our lay members. During the years 1928-31, 513 were won through the same means. Of this number, six were brought into the truth through the Harvest Ingathering work, six through correspondence, nine through visits to the sick, and Christian help work, 115 through Bible studies, 112 through the influence of Christian families, 67 through the sale of literature, and 198 through being brought to meetings by our members.

We have isolated churches, without any preacher, that regularly bring in every year five, six, or seven new members. One church elder by the name of Osits, in the Widseme Conference, has brought thirty-seven into the truth. A church comprised of thirty members, that has for a long time been without a conference worker, brought in four members one year, five in another, and seven this year. A church elder by the name of Sietnieks, and a lay member by the name of Schneider, have held public meetings. These have been very well

ranks there is a great enthusiasm for the welfare work, because they know that it opens wide doors for the entrance of God's truth. It breaks down prejudices.

We are thankful that most of our members are firmly convinced of the words of the Spirit of prophecy: "The work of God in this earth can

never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." If we really believe the Testimonies and are looking for the soon return of our Lord, we must arouse and witness for Him wherever we are.

Willing and Active Forces

BY J. T. THOMPSON

Home Missionary Secretary, Austral Union Conference

So great is the activity of our lay members in the Austral Union that it is attracting widespread attention. While talking with the bishop of one of the most active missionary churches in the South American continent, he said: "I wish we had some way of inspiring the members of our church to active missionary endeavor as you do yours. The activity of your laity is the most remarkable feature of your work."

Restricted income and a reduced mission budget are greatly compensated by this activity. Our greatest need and concern is to find men to

guide aright into fruitful and productive lines. Our people in these countries are great missionaries, but, as everywhere, they need wise and careful direction. They are quite literally fulfilling Psalms 110:3: "Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power." They are ready for any line of activity that is presented to them, but not all are prepared to engage in the work. As they receive better preparation, the harvest of souls they are gathering will be greatly increased and the forward movement of this message will be hastened.

Our Marching Orders

BY L. V. FINSTER

Home Missionary Secretary, Inter-American Division

ONCE when a group of people were discussing the possibilities of success in missionary effort among the heathen, the Duke of Wellington said: "Gentlemen, what are your marching orders? Success is not the question for you to discuss. If I read your orders aright, they run thus, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.' Gentlemen, obey your marching orders!"

It would be well for us ever to remember the advice of this old soldier. Our success in the finishing of this work will depend on following our marching orders. They are very simple and direct:

"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."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 352.

"Let the gospel message ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VII, p. 14.

"God now calls upon every one who has a knowledge of the truth . . . to arise and impart the light of

heaven to others."—*Christian Service*, p. 80.

This is God's plan for finishing His work, and it will take the cooperation of every true child of God.

"We are to be laborers together with the heavenly angels in presenting Jesus to the world. With almost impatient eagerness the angels wait for our cooperation; for man must be the channel to communicate with man. And when we give ourselves to Christ in whole-hearted devotion, angels rejoice that they may speak through our voices to reveal God's love."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 297.

What a wonderful privilege! What wonderful companionship! And what wonderful assurance of success!

Many of our brethren in Inter-America are entering into these experiences. A new life coming down from above is stirring our members with new activities, and many new chapters are being added to the book of acts and deeds, as the lay members go everywhere preaching the word. For the encouragement of others, we will pass on a few of these experiences which have taken place in our field:

J. R. McWilliam, home missionary secretary of the Antillian Union, writes as follows:

"One of our sisters living in Miami, Florida, had a servant girl from the island of Andros. She faithfully taught the truth to this girl, and she, in turn, sent literature and wrote to her relatives in her island home. One by one they began to accept the truth and teach it to others. The other day we had the privilege of dedicating a very fine church building that they had erected."

Referring to a little company up in the mountains of Jamaica, Brother McWilliam says:

"They are only six in number, but they have built a bamboo booth with seats, and have invited the neighbors to their services. We had about 100 from the district while we were there, and many of them are talking about being baptized soon. One man who had been living a very wicked life, broke down and wept when he decided to change his ways. He and his wife desire to be baptized and saved."

W. E. Baxter, superintendent of the Central American Union, writes:

"A Spanish sister by the name of Maltés, who was baptized in June, began at once to work for her son. He has now been baptized, and is working for a scholarship so he can attend school. After this sister had won her son, she began to work for her mother, and I had the privilege of baptizing her with others the last of 1933. I wish you could see the bright-faced old lady. She remarked to our Bible worker the other day: 'I walk on the street now with my head up, and feel like a different person. I feel just as happy as I can be, and am very proud to be a Seventh-day Adventist.'"

"Down at Siquirres I baptized twenty-three. These were not the result of a series of meetings that had been held, but the outcome of missionary work done by our lay members. Many of them walk from eight to twelve miles every Sabbath to meet with interested ones."

E. J. Lorntz, superintendent of the Cuba Mission, sends these stirring experiences from Cuba:

"Isidoro lied about his age in order to be admitted into the Cuban Rural Guard, and soon he became a rough soldier who was afraid of nothing. When dangerous men were to be captured, the call always went to Isidoro. He became a drunkard and a user of drugs. After having served several years in the Royal Guards, he left and became a prize fighter.

"Soon after this he became acquainted with the advent message

and joined the church. All the energies that he had formerly used in the service of evil were now dedicated to the Lord, and he became a tireless worker for others. Every Sabbath he would walk twenty-four miles to help a little company that he had been able to interest in the truth. This interest has grown until we now have a fine Sabbath school and a thriving young people's society, with twelve persons ready for baptism. Our brother has now become a colporteur, but in his spare time he preaches and raises up an interest wherever he goes. In one of these new places we expect soon to organize another large Sabbath school.

"There are quite a few Haitians in Cuba, who have come over here to work in the cane fields. Before we were aware of it we had many believers among them, and now we have two churches with eighty and fifty-two members respectively. We have never had a worker among them.

"The secret is that both these churches have been raised up entirely by the labor of local members. A Haitian brother, S. Duval, became a very good soul winner whenever he could spare time from his work on his little farm, and from his faithful labors the first church of eighty members has grown. The other church was likewise raised up by a faithful brother's work, and is rapidly growing. In their last baptism twenty-one were buried with the Lord.

"Up in the Pinar del Rio Province a brother went from door to door trying to sell our books. From what I have seen I should judge he never was much of a colporteur, but wherever that man went he sowed the truth until many souls accepted the message. One church of over twenty members has been organized as the result of his labors, and soon another may be organized, largely because of this brother's faithfulness.

"Our students in the Colegio Adventista in Bartle have always led out strongly in soul-winning work. As a result of their efforts we have a strong company a few miles from the school, that will soon be organized into a church. There are over twenty baptized members there, and they are finishing a neat little church building which has been erected by the people themselves. Under the leadership of D. E. Lust the students are conducting several efforts, and the interest is good.

"It is a rare sight in Cuba to find a church that is not working. Many of the young men are conducting efforts under the supervision of the mission, and are actually winning converts. I do not exaggerate when

I say that at least 75 per cent of those baptized in Cuba during the last year were won by our lay members. We have organized seminars in several churches, and they prove a blessing to the young men and the church.

"A young man who had been in the truth less than a year went to his home and began to preach the message. He found the whole neighborhood steeped in spiritism. People were actually possessed by the evil spirits, as in the time of Christ. The people possessed by these evil spirits were tortured and thrown violently to the ground. Some remained as dead, without eating for days, and the shouting and heart-rending cries of others rent the air. Without any previous experience in the truth this young man prayed with the sick and possessed, and actual miracles were performed through this humble instrument. People who for years had been slaves of the devil are now leaders in our Sabbath school at that place, and we expect soon to baptize about thirty-five there. The power of spiritism has been broken, and the peace of God reigns. This young man is now in our school in Bartle."

C. E. Moon, superintendent of the Central Mexican Mission, writes as follows:

"In the last place we held meetings we found two sisters who had won seventy persons to the message as a result of much hard labor. They are simple country girls, and we are glad to note the wonderful work they are doing to bring souls to Christ. At this meeting we had about 150 present, many of whom were fruits of the labor of these sisters."

L. W. Archbold, also a worker in Mexico, writes:

"One Sabbath about two months ago, two women stepped into our church after the preaching service. We asked them what their mission was, and they said they had been searching for a Seventh-day Adventist church for fifteen days. They told us that they had visited all the other Protestant churches in Mexico City, but they could not be satisfied until a Seventh-day Adventist church was found. One of the women, who had just recently left Torreon, said she had heard something in regard to our message from our lay members in that place. Upon arriving in Mexico City, she told her friend what she had heard, and they both began to search for one of our churches. It is remarkable to think how these women have been influenced and persuaded by the Holy Spirit to be true to the light sent them. They were anxious to know more about what we believe. A short time later one of them returned to Torreon, and is true to this message; the other remained here, and comes regularly to our church services."

Our lay members in Inter-America are active missionaries, and the large increases in membership are largely due to the efforts of our laity. The joy of salvation cannot be repressed. When it takes possession of the heart, there is a desire to tell others, and to bring them into the same joyful experience. O that every member of the church were doing his part! Then it would not be long until the message would be carried to all the world, and our Lord would return.

The Layman's Movement in Rumania

BY P. H. HERMANN

Home Missionary Secretary, Rumanian Union

WHEN we speak of the layman's movement in Rumania, we may really think of such a movement in the truest and fullest sense of the term, for we do have a right to look upon the mighty soul-winning missionary activities of our people as a great layman's movement. That we actually have such a movement in our country is fully borne out by our missionary statistical reports. If we take a retrospective view of the last three years, we find that here in the Rumanian Union 5,664 souls were won for the truth, and of these 3,164, or 56 per cent, were reached through the work of our lay members.

To win this number of souls during the three years, our members gave 919,275 Bible readings and made

548,559 missionary visits. To accomplish this mighty task without the cooperation of our lay members, 274 Bible workers would have had to be employed, each averaging three Bible readings and two missionary visits daily. Viewing things in the light of these facts, we see how important is the work of our lay members.

We have 470 organized churches and groups in our union, and besides these a number of groups not yet organized. Each of our ordained ministers must serve as pastor in ten churches, on an average, and because of different languages, and for other reasons, some must serve twenty and even more churches and groups.

Because of a lack of funds we have not been able, during recent years, to

employ new workers for evangelistic work. Yet the number of churches and groups has increased, and the minister having the care of so large a number of churches has very little time for Bible work and must depend upon the lay members. The minister can visit his churches only once or twice during the quarter, and then he must administer baptism and officiate at the Lord's supper, and besides talk over many church matters.

So it often happens in our field that whole groups accept the truth

and are prepared for baptism exclusively through the work of our lay members. Without this splendid cooperation by our brethren and sisters here in Rumania we could never have accomplished what has been done. The membership of the union has grown from 2,000 in 1920 to 14,194 at the close of 1933. We thank our brethren and sisters for their hearty cooperation, and pray that the Lord will continue to bless them, and crown their efforts with success a hundredfold.

as a potential auxiliary in their evangelism. Under closer supervision during the past three years it has taken on added strength until 551 of our churches are regularly observing the fifteen-minute missionary service, with the result that 97 per cent of our membership render a weekly report of activity in some form of missionary endeavor. At our last division meeting statistics revealed the encouraging fact that 1,427 had been won to the truth by the efforts of the laity during the preceding twelve-month period.

The following excerpt from a personal letter written by one of our mission directors will serve as a sample of how the spirit of soul winning is rapidly surcharging the very atmosphere in every section of this far-flung island division of the Far East:

"The work of our laity is going strong. Our church members go out, start meetings, and then after some months present to the Lord the fruits of their labors. Five of our churches now have souls they are preparing for baptism. Last week our ministers baptized fifteen, eight in one place and seven in another. We have no workers in these places. It is entirely the work of our laymen. One of our church elders has been carrying on an effort for nearly three months, and now has fifteen ready for baptism and some twenty more on the list to follow soon. Surely God is pleased with this kind of work which our lay brethren are doing."

The Layman's Missionary Movement in the Far East

BY J. H. MC EACHERN

THE story of the layman's missionary movement in the Far East Division does not begin with the year 1934. The beautiful scarlet thread of devotion and sacrifice resulting in a great fruitage of souls won year by year for the kingdom, is found woven right into the warp and woof of the history of the third angel's message in Eastern Asia.

The first seed cast upon this Oriental soil was sown by Abram La Rue, a lay worker who moved to Hongkong Island in 1887. Alone and without mission support among these teeming millions of Asia, this pioneer lay evangelist devoted himself for years to the distribution of tracts and such literature as he could obtain. Together with his work with the printed page, Brother La Rue was always watching for opportunities to speak with men and women and children about their souls' salvation. His tomb in Happy Valley Cemetery has been visited by scores of our missionaries who have come to the Orient to water the seed, and to build still further upon the solid foundation laid forty-seven years ago by this faithful layman.

Today as we look upon the map of Eastern Asia, we observe that it is literally dotted with institutions and churches of the advent movement. The message now numbers its adherents in every province of China, leaping even the high plateaus of isolated Tibet. Then crossing the Yellow Sea, we find it shedding its life-giving rays upon every peninsula and every important island off the mainland of Asia, from Hokkaido in the far north of Japan to Borneo on the equator, and on through the Pacific waters till it embraces the Caroline Islands east of the Philippines.

The membership has grown and multiplied until it constitutes two

great organized divisions of the General Conference. What a testimony this is to the blessing of God upon the consecration and heroic faith of a humble layman who voluntarily devoted his time to soul winning even before there was among us any recognized layman's missionary movement to encourage our people in self-supporting evangelism.

The 22,000 believers in the Far Eastern Division are perpetuating the spirit of Abram La Rue. All the way along they have been going ahead of the missionary, sowing the seed, getting converts ready for the minister to baptize. Our evangelists recognize this layman's missionary movement

Soul-Winning Experiences From the Polish Union

BY K. SCHAFER

Home Missionary Secretary, Polish Union

It is now thirty years since the advent message was first proclaimed in Poland. The work has passed through much opposition. Our believers have had much to suffer from leaders of other religious bodies, and from state authorities, as well as from other classes. In 1914 we had but a few believers scattered here and there.

During the World War, however, many of the men came in contact with the truth in foreign countries, in prisons and detention camps. As they returned to their homes after the war, they talked earnestly of their newly found faith to relatives, neighbors, and friends. The Lord richly blessed their efforts, and people began to accept the truth. Very soon we were able to organize growing companies and churches. But the task was not easy. All through these ex-

periences were fulfilled the words of Jesus found in Matthew 10:17, 22: "Beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues." "And ye shall be hated of all men for My name's sake."

Under such circumstances the church in Bogdanowka (with a present membership of forty-three) was formed. A brother named Schmigel, who learned the truth during the war, zealously proclaimed the third angel's message, and as a result, many accepted the truth. Many times he was thrust out of the houses, beaten, or arrested; but through it all he has remained true to his convictions, and is still serving the church as elder.

Brother Raduch, the elder of the church at Zadwarze, has through his faithfulness and untiring labors in

missionary work during the last five years, won more than forty to the truth. In other places, too, groups of Adventist believers have sprung up through the self-sacrificing labors of our brethren and sisters.

Although conditions during the last year were in many ways unfavorable, yet fifty were won to the truth

through the labors of our church members. There is a widespread interest throughout the field, so that the outlook for soul winning this year is good. We have full confidence that the Lord will lead His work forward to victory, and that every sincere soul in our field will eventually be saved for His kingdom.

Soul-Winning Lay Members in Southern Europe

BY D. N. WALL

Home Missionary Secretary, Southern European Division

NEW chapters in the book of Acts might be written every year, recording the faithful efforts of the laity and the fruitage continually being gathered in the territory of our division. As a direct result of personal witnessing for the truth and the circulation of literature by our lay members, many souls are constantly being brought to a knowledge of the message, and also led to accept it.

From time to time very encouraging experiences are brought to our attention from various parts of our division field. A recent letter from J. C. Culpepper, home missionary secretary of the Iberian Union Mission, refers to the experience of one of our members, a dairymaid, who gave a tract to one of her customers when delivering milk. The customer read the tract, and from day to day, as the dairymaid delivered milk and more literature, her interest increased. Then one day the milkmaid brought a Bible and began to give her customer short Bible studies. After becoming quite well acquainted with the truth, this woman was introduced to one of our ministers, who gave her further instruction, and baptized her.

From the very beginning this lady, whose name is Mrs. Pilar, stood firm in the new-found faith, notwithstanding the bitter opposition on the part of her husband and other members of her family. At the time of her baptism, she made the statement, "By the help of God, my husband will see and accept this wonderful message within a year's time."

Just one year later, Sister Pilar had the great joy of seeing her husband, two sons, her mother, two sisters, and one brother follow their Saviour in baptism. She was too happy for words! And there was Sister Amparo, the dairymaid, who had witnessed the baptism of Sister Pilar, and now saw seven other members of the family baptized. She was simply overjoyed as she thought of

these wonderful results of the tract which she had given out while delivering milk.

Everywhere our lay members are constantly watching for souls, witnessing for the truth at every opportunity. Our reports reveal a most encouraging increase along different

lines of missionary activity by our lay forces. And there is nothing dry about these figures, for they tell a wonderful story of missionary zeal. The number of Bible readings have increased from 393,693 in 1932 to 515,781 in 1933. Just think of over one half million Bible readings in just one year reported by 13,350 lay members! Missionary visits for the same period have increased from 244,011 to 288,755; while the distribution of books, periodicals, and tracts shows a substantial increase from 338,735 to 375,150.

As a result of the missionary activities of our loyal army of lay members during 1933, 1,404 souls were won. We are just getting out a book in French on how to give Bible readings. Our great objective is to train all our people to be more successful in their soul winning. To this end we are working, and we are looking for bigger things in our soul-winning endeavor.

The Lay Missionary Movement in the East Brazil Union

BY C. C. SCHNEIDER

Home Missionary Secretary, East Brazil Union

IN the East Brazil Union the lay missionary movement is progressing. The appeal of the General Conference for a greater lay evangelism has not fallen on deaf ears. The call has been duly heeded. While we recognize that much remains to be accomplished, we are glad for a start in the right direction, and we are moving forward. The Lord's "marching orders" to Moses were, not that the priests, elders, and captains should march alone, but it was for all the host of Israel. And so it is with spiritual Israel of today. "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."—"Gospel Workers," p. 352.



Right: The dairymaid who distributed literature to her customers.

Left: The customer who accepted the truth through reading the literature, and was joined by seven members of her family.

In accordance with the spirit of this world-wide missionary program, a goodly number of our local church elders, officers, and members throughout our union have cooperated in a very satisfactory way to carry out this divine plan, until our task shall have been triumphantly finished and we can go home to lay our golden sheaves at Jesus' feet.

The two elders of our largest church in the city of Rio have recently closed a five months' public effort, which was conducted in their church building. As a result of their faithful work, seven are now rejoicing in the truth and are ready for baptism. The elders of two other churches have also held a series of public meetings in their respective churches, with good results. The superintendent of one of our Sabbath schools held a series of cottage meetings, which resulted in the organization of a new Sabbath school. The systematic distribution of tracts carried on by the members of one of our churches has resulted in the baptism of several families.

One of our largest churches in the state of Minas Geraes is conducting a strong missionary program, under the able leadership of one of our young sisters, a graduate of our Brazilian school. After a successful home missionary convention, this

faithful sister led the members of her church out into active missionary work. A Bible reading class was organized, Bible readings were given, tracts distributed, and cottage meetings held. The last report from this live missionary church informs us that one of the members is holding a series of meetings in a public schoolhouse in a near-by town, with an unusually good attendance. Already five are keeping the Sabbath, while still others are deeply interested and preparing for baptism.

A young brother, with a real missionary spirit, residing in a remote district in the state of Bahia, has held several public efforts, and a goodly number of people are now rejoicing in the truth as the result.

In the interior of this same state we have an old brother who is very zealous in his missionary activities, and during the years of his untiring efforts, has been instrumental in winning sixty people to the truth. This humble brother, besides working his farm to support a large family, always finds time for giving Bible studies and holding cottage meetings, not only in his immediate neighborhood, but as he travels long distances by foot to carry the light of the gospel to those who sit in darkness.

And so we might continue to multiply experiences and tell of success in the layman's missionary movement if space would permit. But I wish to relate one more experience to show

how the Spirit of God is impressing hearts in these last days. A Baptist lady living in the city of Rio had heard of people keeping the seventh-day Sabbath, but she had never come in contact with any Seventh-day Adventist. She became greatly perplexed over the Sabbath question, however, and prayed that God would show her the right way. During the night she had an impressive dream, which she afterward related to us.

She thought that an angel took her by the hand and led her to the railway station, and together they boarded the train. Arriving at the suburban station of Meyer, they got off the train, and the angel bade her follow as he went on down a certain street and stopped in front of the Seventh-day Adventist church building. Pointing to the church, the angel said, "This is the church of the truth," and told her to enter.

This lady had never seen or heard of our church in Meyer, neither did she know of such a street; but the following Saturday she resolved she would find out if there was such a place and such a church on such a street. She left her home and followed directions as nearly as she could remember from her dream, and in due time entered the doors of the "church of the truth." We rejoice in the fact that this good sister has never missed a Sabbath service since that day, and is a very faithful church member.

Sabbath in spite of severe opposition and even persecution. Opposers tied our evangelist up and beat him until he could not stand, then locked him in a room for hours. Some of the interested ones suffered similar experiences. But God made the wrath of man to praise Him, and the interest grew more rapidly than ever. At the end of 1933 we organized a church of twenty-five members in that place. These people are all enthusiastic home missionary workers. One man has just given the cloth for a tent, so that the baptized members can go out with the evangelist and hold meetings in that district."

Blessings From Famine

Again Brother Coberly writes:

"In some parts of Shensi for the past several years complete or partial famine conditions have prevailed. The drouth was so continuous and severe that many of our believers were forced to leave their homes in the lowlands, and seek food and shelter in the north mountains. Here the rainfall was considerably more, and they found coarse herbs and vegetables, not the most nourishing of foods, but enough to sustain life.

"So it happened that more than forty of our members were scattered in these mountains during the fall of 1932. We endeavored to keep in touch with them and encouraged them to be faithful. Two of these lay members, Djan Lien and Liu Weitsun, started self-supporting church schools for the believers' children, and others who desired to attend. Besides carrying on the schools, they held Bible classes for interested ones. The Lord blessed this home missionary work, and the interest grew. Then came a request from our believers to send a worker to care for this growing interest. We had no experienced worker to send, so asked a young man with some training in our school to go. At the end of 1933 we organized two churches with a membership of nearly fifty. And nearly all the forty odd members who went to the mountains during the famine have now returned to their homes in the lowlands, so that the membership of these two new churches is mostly made up of natives of the mountains. These fruits are the result of the faithful work of our laymen."

Wu Shao-chen, home missionary secretary of the Anhwei Mission, sends this interesting letter:

"In these recent years, because of the financial depression, our budget has not been sufficient to allow the employment of enough workers to station a paid evangelist in each church. And so we have come to

The Work of the Laymen in Old China

BY E. L. LONGWAY

Home Missionary Secretary, China Division

Z. H. COBERLY, director of the Shensi Mission, sends this stirring word of the layman's movement in that country of famine and persecution:

"About a year ago a blind man, Yao Hung-dao, at that time a member of another church, visited our chapel in Sianfu. There he studied the Bible with our evangelist, Brother Fan Deh-djun. Yao Hung-dao had been an earnest Bible student, and when he lost his eyesight, his greatest sorrow was that he could no longer read God's word.

"After some time he received a Mandarin Braille Bible as a present. He was very happy for this, but how was he to learn to read it with no one to teach him the Braille system? Day after day he prayed and ran his fingers over the pages until he became familiar with every combination of dots. Then he prayed especially and earnestly that the Lord would reveal

to him the meaning of these combinations. Again he placed his fingers on the raised letters, and this time they had meaning; he could read, and was soon enjoying the same comforting and familiar passages. So it was that he was able to study the message with our evangelist.

"After some time of earnest study he returned to his home in Lantien, about forty miles south of Sianfu. The next we heard of him was some four months later, when a delegation came to the mission here, asking that a worker be sent them. They told of the faithful efforts of our blind brother to teach them the truth, and as a result so many believed and were keeping the Sabbath that Sunday meetings had been discontinued, and they were holding Sabbath school every Sabbath.

"When our evangelist visited the place, he found between fifteen and twenty persons faithfully keeping the

look to our members to carry the gospel light and the good news of 'from death to life.' And the results attending the efforts of our laymen are not less than we formerly expected from paid evangelists.

"In the northwestern section of Anhwei is the small town of Hsing Liu Tsi. This village has been ravaged by the communists several times. When the communists attack, our brethren scatter to the four winds. When the bandits retreat, our people return to their homes. Once the chapel was burned, and all the furniture either looted or destroyed. But our brethren rebuilt the chapel and contributed the means to purchase a new supply of furniture.

"Our church building is located on the west bank of the Ying River, but most of the members are scattered in the countryside on the east of the river, some of them at a distance of one or two miles, some as far away as ten or more miles. Although they do not have watches, and there is no church bell to signal the time of meetings, yet every Sabbath our people gather on the bank of the river as though summoned by special messengers, and then cross the river in a company. Often they fill the ferry-boat full.

"One thing about this church is worthy of special notice, and that is their practical home missionary work. They have been very active in carrying the truth to all the surrounding villages. Last year, by their earnest efforts, twenty-five new members were baptized and added to the church, and this without a cent of expense to the mission. Although there was no worker delegated from the mission to lead them, yet the Lord Himself was their 'Good Shepherd,' and not only protected them from the bandit scourge, but also used them to lead others into the gospel light. Like reports could be given for Nan Chao Tsi, Yun Ho Tsi, and several other companies. Suffice it to say that the present policy of the mission committee is to appoint our paid evangelists to open up new territory, and to turn over the work in the old established

churches to the church members themselves. Thus the home missionary society takes its proper place in the advance of the message in Anhwei."

Travail of Soul for Souls

In North China we have a strong and growing work, and one factor in this work is the home missionary department so ably fostered by Adlai Esteb. A recent word from him brings the following message:

"I remember the stirring testimony of one of our earnest Shantung laymen when he rose during the Shantung meeting and told how he had struggled over the Sabbath question, and had prayed through to victory, finally being allowed his Sabbaths off. He was happy. But then he longed to win a soul for Christ. He began to work and pray. Finally he promised the Lord that he would win at least one for Him. Then he felt that he *must* keep this promise. The tears filled his eyes as he said: 'The Lord has given me five, and these five have now been baptized.'

"In Shansi an earnest Christian, a deacon in another denomination, who had accepted the Sabbath truth, but had not yet been baptized, walked 700 li (over 200 miles) to attend the Shansi annual meeting. He told a stirring story of wonderful transformations taking place, and of a great spiritual awakening. Their church building, with a seating capacity of over 200, had been practically empty before this time. The youth of the region took no interest in religion. But now it is different. The church building is packed. Young and old are uniting in enthusiastic worship. The virility and spirit of the advent message appeals to the spirit of youth.

"This man and several others had walked these 700 li to attend our meeting, and to tell how God was bringing their people into the light of present truth. This brother asked God to forgive him for transgressing His holy law, and pledged never to disobey again. Finally he said, 'And now I am determined to go back home, and help our evangelist to bring at least 100 baptized believers

into the church this year.' And thus the layman's soul-winning movement sweeps over North China. God has stretched forth His hand to finish His work in the earth."

A Farmer Missionary

This same work is bearing precious fruitage in South China, as the following incidents from a recent letter from Lo Pakchim of the Canton Mission will serve to prove:

"Near Hongkong is the little village of Tai Pu, where lives brother Chung En-kuei, the church missionary leader. Brother Chung earns his living as a rice and vegetable farmer. But he is a young man of character, and has some degree of education, in both science and modern farming methods. Although Brother Chung, and most of his associates in the work of the society, live at a distance of ten to fifteen li from the chapel, yet every Sabbath without fail they have an early breakfast, prepare provisions for the day's use, and then make their way to the chapel. One Sabbath day I visited this church, and as the services began, in came these brethren, flushed and perspiring from their long walk through the heat, but bringing several visitors along with them.

"These people are simply dressed, and wear only rice straw sandals. In outward appearance they could not be classed as 'modern fashion plates,' but in their love and zeal for the truth they are worthy examples.

"And the most courageous and ablest among them is our brother, Chung En-kuei. His aim is to begin with the surrounding villages and hamlets, and carry the truth to the whole community. But because of his farming duties he cannot give his whole time to this work. The old saying is true, that 'where there's a will there's a way,' and when I last saw this young man, he explained his plan as follows:

" 'This year,' he said, 'I have arranged my crops so that my family can look after the farm, and I can spend most of my time in preaching the truth. I am now growing a new kind of fruit, that has formerly been imported into Hongkong, and I get a good price for my product, and do not have to spend my time going to market every day to sell, yet my income is the same as before, and is sufficient to care for the needs of my family. Now isn't that the Lord's way of making it possible for me to take the truth to those about me?'

"I then inquired as to his plan for the evangelistic work he intended to do, and he said: 'I want you to send in my subscription for thirty copies of the *Signs* monthly, and an order



Night school conducted by church members in Fashan, China. Seven were baptized as a result of this effort.

for a good supply of our small books and pamphlets, ten of each kind. I will take these effective weapons with me on a tour of the villages and hamlets, and in a few months I'll be able to warn the whole countryside to the southeast. Then after a few days spent in looking after affairs at home, I'll make a swing to the southwest. I plan to take subscriptions to the *Signs* from all who can subscribe, even if they have no postal address, for I can deliver the papers in person month by month. Then at places where I stay overnight I can give them a single copy or two to pay for my lodging.'

"This brother's new crop is strawberries, so I asked him where he learned about strawberry culture. He replied, 'Our training school in Chiao Tou Tseng grows this crop profitably. So I made a study of it, and now that I have succeeded, I can carry out my purpose of carrying the truth to my people.'

"This young brother is an example of earnestness to our evangelists. He has already brought many into the truth, and now with his affairs arranged as they are, he will doubtless bring many more to the Saviour. Let us remember him in our prayers."

The Interest at Fatshan

Brother Lo also sends in a report of missionary activity in one of the oldest churches in China. He says:

"Forty-five minutes by train from Canton is Fatshan. Here is one of the oldest companies of Adventists in China. They regularly divide into groups every Sabbath afternoon, and conduct open-air meetings. But Fatshan is an industrial center, and most of the people are in the factories daily from early until late. Many of these factory workers are uneducated. Last spring the church decided to open a night school for these factory people who desired to learn to read. In this way we could teach them the message, and at the same time some of our own people could learn to read the Bible.

"The leaders of the society are ordinary church members, not paid workers. They gladly shouldered the responsibility and provided the needed funds, willingly giving their time each evening to this good work. Four nights a week were given to class work, with Wednesday and Friday evenings for Bible studies. Some of the mission committee were fearful that we were starting something beyond the ability of the church members to carry through without calling for financial aid, or a paid worker to take care of the school, but now, more than half a year later, this school is still carrying on as it began. Some

of these students come every night, rain or fair, a distance of several li. At the end of the first term of this night school, the brethren had the joyful privilege of baptizing seven of these students who had, in this indirect and still direct way, learned the truth."

One of the most inspiring letters ever to come into my hands is a recent one from Brother Gregory of the South Chekiang Mission. He says:

"Last summer one of the students went home from the school alive with the message for the people of his village. He started a small night school, to teach the illiterate to read, and took about half an hour each night to tell them the gospel story. The school was held in the village temple, and a large number of people came each evening. Soon the word spread to the next village, and the young man was invited to come and teach in their temple.

"This temple stood on the river bank, and the light shining out of the doorway was visible for a long way up and down the river. Soon the people of the whole valley, from the mouth of the river to the headwaters, knew of the temple that had been turned into a church. Today the mission sign hangs at the door of this temple, and within, during the week days, a mission school is conducted. Each night the illiterate come together to hear the word and

to learn to read. Each Sabbath the school desks are moved aside, and the temple is crowded for Sabbath school and church services.

"Last week I visited this company. It was a surprise and a joy to hear them sing. In the evening the temple was crowded, and many stood outside to hear the message of the second coming of Christ. The next day the members took me around to visit the interested ones. There was not time to visit all, so they pointed out the homes of those that live on the far borders of the valley. Many are preparing for baptism. It is not too much to say that this is the fruit of the home missionary work under the blessing of God. The mission has not paid out a cent toward the expense incurred. The meetings are conducted by the members.

"Some time ago one of our members, who is a traveling trader, while passing through a village, left a copy of the tract entitled, 'The Seal of God and the Mark of the Beast,' in the hands of a man with whom he came in contact. As a result of this one tract, six people have been baptized and a Sabbath school of about twenty has been organized in the village."

So we are of good courage in China, and know that the God who is leading His people in China is the same God who led Israel of old, and that there can be no defeat to those in His service.

Sowing and Reaping in the East Nordic Union

BY R. W. ENGSTROM

Secretary, Home Missionary Department, East Nordic Union

THE East Nordic Union, consisting of Sweden and Finland, is one of the northernmost fields in the world, being largely on the same latitude as Alaska, and penetrating far beyond the arctic circle. These countries were civilized and Christianized hundreds of years before the discovery of America. The people have always been religiously inclined, though very conservative in changing their age-old beliefs.

The first home missionaries of the advent message in Sweden might be said to be the little boys and girls of a hundred years ago, who, moved by an invisible Power, preached repentance and the coming of the judgment in various parts of the country, at the same time as William Miller, Wolff, Irving, and many others were proclaiming it in other parts of the world. Many of them could neither read nor write, yet their stirring appeals were unmistakable evidence of divine origin, and had a mighty ef-

fect on the people. It was in 1880 that the first Adventist preacher entered Sweden, and in 1892 the first pioneer began work in Finland. Now we are carrying on aggressive work in nearly 100 churches and by 4,353 members. While we are still in the "planting" and "watering" stage, yet we see many signs of the "increase" which the Lord has promised.

The literature ministry has been increased during recent months by greatly improved periodicals, which appeal to the people. Almost everybody loves to read, and this demands a high standard; but we are glad to say that the printed message has kept up with the demand of the times. Our *Signs of the Times* is sold largely by lay members every month. They have established regular customer routes, and many people look eagerly for the next issue. "This is the best magazine I have ever read," is an exclamation heard on every side. One sister who, with her husband, oper-

ates a private sanitarium, takes time to distribute 200 *Signs* a month in her neighborhood, delivering in the early morning hours. The Home Bible Study League is also one of our latest ventures.

In the Harvest Ingathering our members are especially active. Many lay members gather surprisingly large sums, and several churches reach their goals during the first and second weeks. About 45 per cent of all our mission offerings come in through this channel. In 1933, through the lay literature ministry of the home missionary department, 112,819 pieces of literature were distributed.

Bible evangelism is being furthered throughout the field by the Bible readings plan, and a number of churches have classes. Two lay efforts are in progress this season, and promise to give good results.

Welfare work is representing the advent message through Dorcas Societies and other agencies. Our latest venture is a free-meal cafeteria in Sweden's most southerly metropolis, Malmö. J. A. Svenson conducted his fourth consecutive effort there last winter, and at the same time operated a free cafeteria for the needy. They served up to 135 meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This is the first venture of its kind in this country, but the results are gratifying, and we intend to branch out to other cities in the near future.

The unusual development of the health work, especially in Sweden, is proving a good support in the home missionary service. In the union we have two summer sanitariums, and two year-round sanitariums. Many of the best people of the land come daily into contact with the message in this way. Tactfully our nurses and chaplains make contacts and follow up the interest where such is awakened. We make no propaganda, but seek to live the life before them.

"Last Wednesday I lost my last vestige of faith in the sacredness of Sunday keeping," said one patient, referring to a study he had had with the chaplain. "I am happy to have found the truth here, as well as my physical health," said a young woman, who had come to Hultafors Sanitarium a helpless cripple, and had been fully restored both physically and spiritually.

Racks of neatly assorted tracts and magazines in the reception rooms surely do their part, but the home missionary spirit of the personnel plays the larger rôle. And back of it all God is guiding "the right arm of the message."

As we stated before, we are still sowing, but we are also reaping. Our

members are feeling more and more that they are not only to look for, but to hasten, the coming of the Lord, by faithfully witnessing for Him as home missionaries.

A year ago one of our churches in northern Sweden had created such an interest through home missionary work that a call came for a minister to come and garner the harvest. The home missionary secretary was sent to them, and after a short series of

meetings led thirteen into the waters of baptism. A few months later several others took their stand. And the good work continues. This is a little foretaste of the Pentecost spirit, where not only the twelve but the 120 went forth to witness as home missionaries, resulting in a manyfold larger increase in a single day than during three and a half years before. We eagerly anticipate the days just before us.

The Giving of the Message by Lay Members in the West Nordic Union

BY E. BJAANES

Home Missionary Secretary, West Nordic Union

DURING the year 1933 sixty-eight were added to the membership in our union as a result of the work of lay members. The Lord has blessed the efforts put forth, and we are very much encouraged. Let me cite a few experiences from different parts of the field:

Brother Jakob Reichelt is working in Kirkenes, in the far north. He is a colporteur evangelist. He receives no salary from the conference, and nothing in the way of expenses, but he holds several public meetings each week, and has done this all through the winter. Many are very much interested, and our brother is expecting good results in souls won.

Out in the Arctic Ocean, on a little fishing island several miles from Hammerfest, the elder of the church has held several public meetings during the dark part of the year, when

the sun does not show itself at all. But the beautiful light of truth is shining in many hearts, and souls have been won to the truth.

Another colporteur held meetings in a little town last winter, and won eleven converts. Last winter, also, entirely at his own expense, he held meetings in another little town. The interest was good, and he hoped to win at least ten souls for the Lord.

The brethren at our Kristiansand church have for a long time held public efforts every year, and the Lord has always given them souls for their labor. An effort was conducted in the church at Bergen, and eight souls were won. The church in Haugesund has had about the same results, and we have just received word from the church at Drammen that they won six to the truth the winter of 1933-34.

Medical Work in Ethiopia

BY L. H. CHRISTIAN

OUR sanitariums and other medical activities in the homeland are an untold blessing. The light God has given us in health reform is a most helpful gift. But these blessings are not only for us at home; they are of great value to those in the regions beyond. We wish to report some good news from the new hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Dr. Tesla Nicola, from Los Angeles, California, who went out this last winter, wrote us on April 7 this year:

"It is apparent to me probably more than to any layman, even those here on the ground, that Dr. Bergman has done a tremendous amount of work here, getting things into working shape. It would seem to the casual observer that things are quite completed, but that is far from the case even yet. The week we ar-

rived we had more surgical cases, and in each case had to move the native painters out of the operating room. By the way, a native painter is not the artist the European or American is. There is a lot of work to do after he is through. This seems to be true of a great many things they do.

"This is certainly a very fine medical unit and one that promises much for the future. We have all the rooms ready to be used now, and all the wards open. The patronage which Dr. Bergman had well established continued to increase after my arrival. This may have been due to the advertising which it seems he had been giving me.

"At Hawash I met a Greek druggist who has a store here. When I made my destination known, he said, 'Oh, so you are the new knife doctor!'

ALL day He [Christ] ministered to those who came to Him; and in the evening He gave attention to such as through the day must toil to earn a pittance for the support of their families.—“*Gospel Workers*,” p. 42.

And after arriving here and being introduced by Dr. Bergman, several remarked, ‘So this is the instrument doctor!’ The impression may not have been unfavorable in some cases, as we have had considerable surgery.

Clinic Patronage

“The office or clinic patronage has increased so that the month of March was the best yet, so Dr. Bergman tells me. There have been as many as thirty-five patients in the hospital, and the daily average is well toward thirty.

“Dr. Bergman said the best news was what he got yesterday at a luncheon at the American legation at which we were present. Our cash intake for the month was 2,100 thaler. This makes us both happy to think that the first month together was so successful in a financial way. The Lord is blessing us with patients, and so blessing the hospital work. The American hospital has three doctors and several white nurses, but our little force is turning out more work per capita by far. I am afraid it may prove too much for our nurses if it keeps up. There has not been time to train the native nurses, and the white girls have had to do most of the nursing. I don’t know how we would have gotten along without the help of Miss Lind, or how it will be possible to let her go if the work keeps up, or, as we hope, continues to grow.

“It seems to me Dr. Bergman has most of the higher men in the government as patients. He went north by plane to see the daughter of Ras Kassa. His daughter-in-law is in the hospital now. The ministers of war and labor are patients now, though not in the hospital. Then there are others and many lesser men in the government. The Mohamedally Co. are sending all their men here now. They formerly went to the American hospital.”

French Paper in Ethiopia

We have appreciative words concerning our medical work and our schools. In Ethiopia there is published a French paper called the *Commercial Ethiopian*. On November 25, 1933, this paper published the following cheering statement concerning our hospital in that city:

“A large hospital has just opened its doors at Addis Ababa. It is situated in the plain of Fil-Weha, close

to the hot springs and the European Hotel. The site where the building has been erected is so situated as to encourage a large number of patients to enter the hospital. It is fixed on the crest of a slight eminence, where the air is warm and pure, warmer than in the heart of the city. The wind loses its habitual violence, its force being lessened by the grove of eucalyptus trees which surround the hospital.

“The hospital, of new and modern construction, is due, since Ethiopia has been progressing, to the personal generosity of His Majesty Haile Selassie I. It comprises several buildings and pavilions, each for its designated use. Near to the entrance is the examination room, and near by the sterilizing and operating rooms, which are models of cleanliness and sanitation. Under the same roof, facing the aforementioned rooms, are the consultation room, the analytical laboratory, and the pharmacy. The walks connecting the buildings are bordered with fragrant flowers and shrubs. First, one comes to the third-class ward, where there are a number

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.—“*Testimonies*,” Vol. IX, p. 117.

of beds in an immaculate room with white walls, all new furniture, and a spotless floor. After the third-class rooms comes the second-class, then the first-class, in all of which scrupulous cleanliness and order are observed.

“The details of construction are still being completed. Each bed will be equipped with signal cord and button which turns on a light at the central nurses’ office. The institution will be lighted by electricity furnished by their own plant. The hydrotherapy department will be established in a separate building. The hot water for the hydrotherapy department will be brought from the hot springs of Fil-Weha by a pumping system, and stored in two reservoirs, one for hot and one for cold water.

“The hospital is comfortably and completely equipped. Improvements will come gradually as the work progresses. Among the conveniences are noted the regular service, hot and cold water, the lovely gardens of flowers and vegetables, among which it is a pleasure to walk.

“The direction of the hospital is in the hands of the Seventh-day Ad-

ventist Mission. Dr. George C. Bergman is chief surgeon, holding degrees from three European universities. He is assisted by Miss Esther Bergman, a registered nurse, and by a second physician, Dr. Tesla C. Nicola, and another nurse of Norwegian nationality, Miss Hofstad.

“The Seventh-day Adventists are part of an international organization which has grown rapidly in the last few years. Their membership is in the thousands, and their missionary activities, schools, and hospitals are found throughout the world. Their ideals are of the highest.

Varied Work in Ethiopia

“The Adventist Mission is not unknown in Ethiopia. For some years they have directed schools and hospitals in different provinces; the hospital of Dessie, constructed by Dr. Bergman, has been in operation for five years; the hospital at Debre Tabor; medical clinic at Guembi (Wollaga); primary school for girls at Kabana, and a secondary school at Addis-Alem, directed by Mr. Myreh.

“The Adventist Mission in Ethiopia, of which the president is M. J. Sorenson and the secretary-treasurer M. A. Hessel, has already rendered important service to Abyssinia educationally and medically. The new hospital is an addition to this charitable work. The hospital at Addis Ababa will be called Zaudita Memorial Sanitarium and Hospital. The new hospital will conduct a nurses’ training school for Ethiopian young men and women.

“It is needless to say that the emperor is encouraging the efforts of the philanthropic Adventist Mission. This work, which is opening, will grow and be of lasting benefit to the public health of Ethiopia. The sick will not only receive the best and latest medical and surgical care, but the devotion and personal touch of those caring for them.”

The new hospital in Addis Ababa is greatly in need of money for an X-ray apparatus and other facilities. The opportunities for medical work and service in this old Christian land of Bible fame are almost unlimited. During the past few months we have sent four graduate nurses to Ethiopia—Brother and Sister Palm, and Sister Rasmine Hofstad from Skodsborg, and Sister Alice Lind from Hultafors. These efficient, godly workers will be a great help there.

THE humble, consecrated believer upon whom the Master of the vineyard places a burden for souls, is to be given encouragement by the men upon whom the Lord has laid larger responsibilities.—“*The Acts of the Apostles*,” p. 110.

A Greatly Appreciated Layman

BY H. B. WESTCOTT

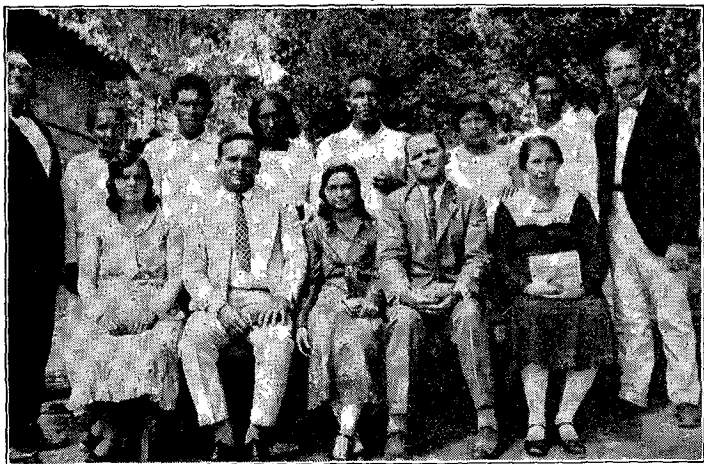
Superintendent, East Brazil Union

IN our vast union, with the limited number of workers that we have, we are finding that the plan of uniting the efforts of the laity with those of the church officers and workers is the only way we can successfully carry on our work.

The experience of one of our lay members, Brother Michiles, in the Lower Amazon Mission, is of special interest. This brother owns a large plantation and has many things to look after, but he does not permit his

wherever he goes he distributes our literature and carries on aggressive evangelistic work.

A little over three years ago he built a tabernacle in the city of Maues, at his own expense. Elder Halliwell, the superintendent of the field, held a series of meetings and a good interest was aroused. This interest was cared for solely by Brother Michiles, and as a result the fine group of thirteen people shown in the accompanying picture, were baptized.



Thirteen accept the truth through the efforts of Brother Michiles (at right), a plantation owner and lay evangelist in the Lower Amazon Mission. (This picture appeared last week by mistake, with an incorrect title.)

work to keep him from taking an active part in the cause of the Master.

In the municipality of Maues, where he lives, we have a large and growing work, but no worker settled there. Brother Michiles, besides being the leader of the group that meets at his home, also visits several other groups, one of which has a Sabbath school of over eighty members. In fact, this brother might be designated as a district leader. The only means of travel is by boat, and our brother makes long trips in his canoe, visiting these groups of believers; and

The two men standing are Elder Halliwell on the left and Brother Michiles at the other side of the picture. This good brother does all this work without receiving any financial compensation from the mission.

It is marvelous how God raises up men of this type in different parts of our union who not only create interests, but care for and instruct the interested ones; and many times the superintendent of the field finds it difficult to get around often enough to baptize those whom they have brought into the truth.

Advancing Forces in the British Union

BY F. W. GOODALL

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IN January, 1934, we began a series of lessons on "How to Give Bible Readings" and "How to Conduct Cottage Meetings." This course met with a good response, far better than we had anticipated. Over 500 members have been enrolled in fifty-three classes. The course was for ten weeks, based on the book, "How to Give Bible Readings." Already we find our members are actually giving Bible studies as the result of this course. Quite a number of persons

are interested, and we anticipate that some of these will shortly be baptized.

This, of course, has stimulated a special interest in home missionary work, and we find several members are definitely giving time for personal missionary work. As the result of the work of one of our members last year, four were brought into the truth. In another case—a member having 100 regular readers of our missionary paper, *Present Truth*—three have recently been baptized.

We look for further good results from this work.

An Example of Lay Missionary Work

One of our lay members has a list of eighty-five regular readers of our missionary magazine, the *English Present Truth*, and is an all-round earnest missionary worker. The personal recital of her experience may be of interest to other lay workers:

"It has been requested that I should briefly state some of the experiences which have led up to soul winning as a lay member. I do so with a deep sense of gratitude to God that He has first of all imparted to me, so unworthy, the precious truth of the everlasting gospel. He has given to me a vision of the world's great need, a passion for souls, an urge within, which has compelled me to put forth efforts to win others. God has blessed my efforts and rewarded my patient toil by fruitage. I know of no joy like the joy of seeing souls follow their Lord through the watery grave of baptism and take their stand upon the word of God, when you know that they are there because you have responded to the call. Deeply conscious of my limitations, I am driven to rely wholly upon the Lord. 'Teach me, O Lord, how to cooperate with Thee,' is my constant prayer.

"As soon as I gave my heart to God, I realized I was saved to serve, but not until I met the Adventist believers did I learn the most effective methods in soul winning. When we came to live here, the people did not know of the Bible Sabbath. Now we have a company of believers rejoicing in the Lord, my own dear father being one of the first fruits. He has done valuable work in Harvest Ingathering each year. His prayers are a great help to me as he sends me forth with his blessing and is so willing to spare me. Our young people's leader, Brother Jenkinson, for whom we labored by visits and tracts and *Present Truth* for many years, at last consented to attend a Bible study. Pastor Morrison was then with us. Six months later he and his wife were baptized and are very staunch for the truth; also three other members.

"My mind goes to the home of a local preacher and his wife, two very earnest souls. For months Pastor Munson and I have been going to their home to give Bible studies (Pastor Munson giving the study). They drink in the truth. Their expressions of gratitude to God, their sincere prayers for more light, and their desire for others to share the privilege with them, indicate their appreciation of the message. We are

expecting, with further patient toil, to see these souls won and enter a life of greater usefulness. When I first went to the door, they refused to buy a paper because it was Sunday. Before I went away, they had bought a copy of 'Bedtime Stories.' The interest has been followed up for four years.

"Another one had been in touch with our people twenty-eight years ago, but had lost all trace of us. She had always cherished in her mind the Sabbath. I went to the door with *Present Truth*, and she told me she had been looking for us all those long years. She came to a Bible study in our home and has recently been baptized.

"A family took *Present Truth* for many years without being particularly interested in it. Invitations were given to meetings. A change came when we persuaded the wife to say she would come; the message laid hold of her heart. I was asked to go to her home each week to have a Bible study. The husband, though not opposed to us, went out when I came. There were just three of us for several weeks, then the husband began to attend, at first believing the Bible contradicted itself; but soon he became convinced that it did not. He has now become so interested that he attends regularly, and no longer goes

to the football match on Sabbath afternoons, but, with his wife and family, comes to the gospel tent, where Pastor Munson is holding a series of meetings.

"It is the 'extra mile' that counts in visiting when there is no sign of fruitage. 'To God be the glory, great things He hath done,' but He is waiting to do greater things for those who will lay themselves on the altar of service. Much needs to be done before there can be an invitation to sit down and study with them. It is not always convenient, unless by appointment. Sometimes it is a helping hand in a practical way; sometimes ministering to them in sickness, it may be a prayer, some inquiry you can make for them, a pleasant chat. But I always aim to have a principle and stick to it, and above all to leave a good impression for the minister who follows. You will then be assured of an invitation to visit them again.

"I am so grateful for the small part I have been permitted to have in advancing the truth, and it has been a great source of inspiration to find my pastor always more than willing to go with me to visit any one where a contact has been made. He is never too busy or too tired. These are the things that encourage us in missionary endeavor."

Lay Evangelism Brings Courage to Our Churches

BY E. H. WILCOX

President, South Brazil Union

THE work of the Lord is the same in all the earth. We are all working together for the salvation of souls. The South Brazil Union Conference, with headquarters at São Paulo, Brazil, believes strongly in layman evangelism. We have been greatly pleased with the work done by our church officers in different parts of the field, and also with what the members of the different churches and groups have done to help in carrying forward a strong campaign for the winning of souls.

During the past year we have taken a special interest in helping our church officers organize their churches and groups for work. I must say that we have a loyal group of men at the head of our churches and groups here in the South Brazil Union Conference. They are men who love this truth and who are interested in seeing souls won to the Lord. They are faithful workers for the cause of God. We have helped them to organize baptismal classes in

their different churches and groups, and have placed in their hands a series of studies to be given to each class, along with a class register, and they have prepared many souls for baptism.

The leaders have not done all the work, but they have given certain studies to different members of their church, who have helped prepare these baptismal classes by sharing in giving the studies. All have shared in visiting these people interested in the truth, and have done all possible

Free-meal cafeteria in Sweden's southernmost metropolis, Malmö.



Consecration Renewed Daily

HOWEVER complete may have been our consecration at conversion, it will avail us nothing unless it be renewed daily; but a consecration that embraces the actual present is fresh, genuine, and acceptable to God.—*Review and Herald*, Jan. 6, 1885.

to encourage them to continue their studies. They have prayed with them, thus helping them to a deeper consecration.

This class of work has brought encouragement to many churches and groups where for several years there has not been a baptism until this past year. One church that I had the privilege of visiting and spending two Sabbaths with last year organized two baptismal classes, one with fifteen members and the other with seventeen. Four years had passed since they last celebrated a baptism there, and all rejoiced as they saw new souls won to Jesus, and also in the fact that they had been instrumental in reaching them.

In our larger churches, such as the São Paulo church, special classes have been organized for training church members to give Bible readings and to hold public meetings. Several who attended these classes are now holding meetings each week in different places. They are full of courage, and rejoice to see souls won to the Lord.

As a result of the faithful work done by the lay members and conference workers, over 600 were baptized during 1933. This is by far the largest number of souls won in any one year in the South Brazil Union. We thank the Lord and take courage. May the Lord bless our faithful laymen and our workers as they labor unitedly for the saving of souls.

If we want the sunshine to be in our souls, to be upon the future as upon the present, to be clear of all shadows, to be shine through all clouds, it must be the sunshine of God's presence in our hearts; we must have faith and hope in God.—*Samuel Greg, in the Keswick Calendar*.

HEART-TO-HEART TALKS WITH OUR READERS

By The Editor

Our Camp Meetings

How Shall We Obtain the Greatest Good From These Gatherings?

THE camp meeting season is one of refreshing for the church of Christ. Through the years it has brought great blessings to many of God's children. New revelations of His character have come to them. They have recognized, perhaps more deeply than ever before, their own lost and undone condition without Christ, and have been led to make a new consecration of heart and life to Him.

I am wondering what the annual convocations this year will bring? What will the camp meeting bring to you? This will depend, of course, upon the character of the meeting, upon the spirit accompanying the presentation of the gospel, but primarily and chiefly it will depend upon the personal attitude which you take toward the meeting. You go to meet with your brethren in seeking a special blessing from God. If you seek for this blessing with all your heart, you will find it.

Christ will be at the camp meeting to welcome you; His Spirit will brood over the gathering. His eye will be upon His children and His ear will be open to the cry of every longing heart. Your blessing will not be dependent upon what others receive, because there is a direct personal relationship existing between you and the Master.

Those who preach the word may even be poor speakers. The message may be given with faltering words and presented in a rambling manner. Even so, you may obtain a rich blessing from God. In my own personal experience through the years, I have obtained some of the richest blessings under the preaching of those who were far from eloquent. The Spirit of God has used the humble word spoken with mighty power as He has brought it home to my own heart, revealing to me my need and inviting me into a larger fullness of divine blessing.

Begin now, in your own home, to seek divine refreshing. Pray God to reveal, by the divine agency of His Holy Spirit, the sins which separate you from Him. And as those sins are brought to your mind, confess them. They may be sins against members of your own family. They may be

wrongs you have done your neighbors. Possibly you have been unkind, impatient, envious and jealous, critical of others, dishonest in deal, withholding from your neighbor and from the Lord their just dues.

Whatever the sin may be, make it right! You cannot afford to permit one sin to separate you from God and to destroy your confidence in taking hold of His blessing. Sin will destroy this confidence. If you are going on in known sin from day to day, if you are pursuing habits that you know are wrong, when you seek God for His blessing, that sinful course on your part will rise up like a great mountain and shut off your vision of heavenly things, bringing to you the spirit of condemnation instead of assurance. If you pray for the Spirit, remember that one of the first office works of the Spirit is to convict of sin. If you put that sin out of your life, then the Spirit is ready to lead you a step farther, possibly revealing to you other sins, but giving you in the end, after the sins are confessed, the assurance of God's sweet forgiveness.

Take your family with you to camp meeting. Encourage the unconverted ones to go. The meeting may be the means, under God, of bringing them to a saving knowledge of Christ. Invite your neighbors to go along. They may find the blessing you seek. And go, if possible, to remain through the meeting. In these days of rapid transit, by way of steam trains, interurbans, and automobiles, the tendency on the part of many is to spend only the week-ends at the camp. This, it seems to me, is a great mistake. I am sure that those who go to remain through the entire meeting obtain a richer and more satisfying blessing than those who spend only a little time.

You will find at the camp meeting many things to test your Christian spirit. Arrangements may not be just what you would desire. You will not find the conveniences in camp life that you have at home. Be patient. Do not become irritated and criticize the camp arrangement. Remember that God permits these little trials and vexations in life for devel-

opment and Christian growth. Upon the vegetation of earth He sends the storm as well as the sunshine. He sends the strong wind as well as the gentle zephyr. But these are all necessary in the development and stabilization of vegetable growth. It is the mighty tempest that leads the oak to send its roots still deeper and more firmly into mother earth. And this is God's purpose in permitting trial to come into your life.

Take plenty of clothing and bedding so that you will be warm during the cold nights and days. Eat plain, simple food, and eat moderately. Many who are used to hard work at home and are thus able to partake more freely of food, in their physical inactivity at camp meeting are in danger of eating too much. This deadens the sensibilities of the mind, and they are unable to comprehend spiritual things as they should. Do not depend upon cold food during the camp, but every day partake of warm food or drink. Avoid confections in your dietary. Very largely, if not entirely, avoid sweets. Eat very sparingly indeed of ice cream and pastries. These are not the best of foods at any time, and their use at camp meeting is particularly unfortunate.

Take time for rest, and see that your children get proper rest. This will be the best nerve sedative that you can find. We are the most inclined to be irritable and nervous when we are physically weary.

Do not mistake the social life of the camp meeting for the blessing of God. It is pleasant to meet old acquaintances, brethren and sisters and friends whom we have known through the years. It is proper that we should exchange experiences and relate to one another the way in which God has led us. But this cannot take the place of communion with the Lord. I have known of some through the years who used the camp meeting as a sort of pleasant outing. They went for the social life it brought them, rather than for a spiritual blessing. Do not confound the two.

Be prompt at religious services. This will encourage promptness on the part of others. It will speak encouragement to those who have charge of the meeting, and it will put you in a condition of mind and body to receive the greatest blessing.

Avoid the spirit of sight-seeing. Remember that you are at the meeting primarily to seek God and His blessing, and not to view the sights of a great city. If there are objects of interest near the camp worth seeing, you can well afford to take a

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Conducted by Promise Kloss

Don't Poison My Mind, Please!

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"UNEASY rests the head that wears a crown," runs an old adage. Poisoning is a convenient and unobtrusive way of ridding oneself of an enemy, or of one who stands in the way. Monarchs, from time immemorial, have placed special safeguards around the food and drink served them. In some cases a faithful dog, in others, a trusted servant, and in still others, one of the royal family, was assigned the dangerous office of food taster, often with fatal results. But was not the life of the monarch more valuable than all else, and therefore worthy of any sacrifice?

Poisoning of the body is generally accomplished by underhanded means, in secret, or at least in a way in which the poisoner's identity may be kept unknown. But there is a kind of poisoning which is becoming alarmingly prevalent. It is done openly, brazenly, ruthlessly. For poisoning of the mind, although no less deadly, has become fashionable.

The American Declaration of Independence declares "that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." The pursuit of happiness is my God-given and state-protected right. But this right is contested. I am not allowed unmoled to enjoy my friends. The character racketeer has placed me under toll.

The character gunman's weapon is not the sawed-off shotgun, nor the baby machine gun. This slayer is more civilized. His method of slaying can most nearly be compared to a combination of poison gas and germs. Oh, yes, he is very modern! Have you ever met him? Foolish inquiry! In the streets, trains, street cars, and drawing rooms, the highways and the high seas, in the palace and in the hovel, may be found this sapper of the foundations of the happiness of the world. His weapon, strange and sad to say, is the God-given power of speech, one of the

points of distinction between man and brute. But no brute in the employment of his unsheathed claws, no serpent in the use of his cruel fangs, can equal the deadliness of the character wrecker.

His method is familiar: "Haven't you heard anything lately about John? Poor chap, I feel sorry for him! Everybody is talking. I am telling you because I know you have been a good friend of his, and perhaps you can help him." Or, that method more deadly still, of innuendo, of suggestion: "If I were you, I would save myself embarrassment. Mrs. Blank is a wonderful woman, but she is a bit odd. She doesn't enjoy company." And under volley after volley from the artillery of this cruelest of all killers, our estimation of our friends is lowered, our confidence is weakened. "We first abhor, then endure, then embrace," this worst of all enemies.

Recently the writer was in the company of a sincere Christian for some little time. Confidence was cultivated by this constant contact. But, painful to relate, he began to depreciate this one, interpret the motives of that one, hold up to scorn the

other, until I began to wonder if there was any one among his acquaintances who was worthy of confidence or respect. Oh, yes, he did not say anything really bad about his wife or daughter!

I claim the right to keep my mind clean. I want to enjoy my mind. I want to line memory's walls with sweet remembrances of the friendships of youth and manhood. I want to retain this gallery of the soul unmarred, intact, for the enjoyment of my declining days. I hereby give public notice to all these modern poachers on the divine rights of others, "No trespassing. Private property."

This is my prayer: O God of hosts, Thou who didst make man in Thy divine image, who didst impress upon his soul Thy own immaculate likeness, help me to respect the rights of others. Help me to remember that—

"There is so much good in the worst of us,
And so much bad in the best of us,
That it ill behooves any one of us
To find any fault with the rest of us."

Help me when I lie down at night not to have to regret the expression of anything that would lower in the eyes of others one made in Thy divine image. Help me to speak good when good can be spoken, and otherwise be silent. Give me the courage to do right though the heavens fall. Amen.

Happy Rainy Days

MRS. DELAP was tired, more nerve tired than muscle tired. A heavy dent sagged between her two brown eyes. With a quick movement she closed her dripping umbrella and stood it in one corner of her friend's little front porch, and hurriedly slipped out of her soggy rubbers. But before she could knock, Grace Dudley had opened the door.

In the quiet room Mrs. Delap relaxed. It did not worry her that the rain wept miserably at every window, that a low wind whined at every crack. She sighed softly. At home it had been different.

"How restful you are!" she cried; "but I suppose the children are down at Auntie Mary's."

"No; they're all here," Mrs. Dud-

ley replied, "but they're playing farm in the other room."

"Playing farm," echoed Mrs. Delap puzzled. And again, "Playing farm! My children couldn't play *anything* a day like this, without raising the roof! They nearly drive me distracted with their noise, and they're never satisfied with anything five minutes at a time! It's, 'What can I do now, mother?' the livelong day."

"Oh, it's the 'Play Farm' that does it," deprecated Grace Dudley. "The children like it better than anything. It entertains them for hours upon hours; they never seem to tire of it. I never let them fly from one thing to another. You see," she hesitated, "I don't want them to be fickle or vacillating in their work. I want

to teach them a certain stick-to-itiveness, and I can teach them best through their play.

"They draw upon their own resources, not mine. Now I never would have thought of all the elaborate details connected with their 'Play Farm.' They did it. They have come to be quite resourceful. After I have started some busy work for them, they know they must depend upon their own inventive genius to keep it going. They must find a way out of their difficulties themselves. The training will stand them in hand after they are grown. Come and see the 'Play Farm,'" invited Mrs. Dudley.

She led the way to the other room, old-fashioned in its bigness, and light and cheery and covered with linoleum. Back, out of the way, was a modest space marked off with chalk, a space for each child, and here they were playing happily. They looked up with a shy greeting for the guest who entered, and went on with their play work.

"This is Buster's farm," explained Grace Dudley, "and here is Robert's, and over there is Mabel's. Chalk doesn't hurt the linoleum; it can be wiped off in a moment with a damp mop," she apologized; "and it prevents any conflict of boundaries among themselves or with me. They chalk the fence lines, too," she explained.

Then she turned to one corner and pointed to an old kitchen table with roomy drawers beneath. "This is the paste factory and general storage room. Here, all their things are kept. There's a drawer for each child, and they know that anything left around on the floor after they are through with their play is apt to be confiscated for kindling."

"Teaches them to be orderly, and to wait on themselves, not to depend on some one else," mused Mrs. Delap soberly. "But don't they play other things?"

"Oh, yes; they've a lengthy list of games, but," thoughtfully, "Play Farm' holds them longest and oftenest. I think, perhaps, it is the creative work that is so attractive. Think how it is with us. Don't we like to create something, all of us, even if it's just a crocheted mat, or a quilt block, or a new dish for dinner?"

They Make Everything

"You see, they *make* everything that goes onto their farms," Grace Dudley explained. "They find the pictures in the advertising sections of our papers and magazines. You'd think they were finding gold mines from the zest they put into it. Daddy's had to stipulate that they

mustn't cut into a magazine till he is through with it," laughed Mrs. Dudley.

Bending, she took an envelope from one of the old table drawers; it was labeled "Prize Hens" on the outside. She took from it one of the children's cut-outs. "They make their own cut-outs from the pictures they find in the papers. They paste them on post cards or bristol board, leaving a standard tag at the base, but cutting closely around all the rest. Then they cut a notch in the center of the standard tag, and bend half of the standard forward and half backward, so the cut-outs will stand alone. This, is 'Lady Elizabeth,' prize hen. Her picture was in the town paper just after the poultry show. The children pounced on it at once, and 'Lady Elizabeth' was on the parade for weeks after whenever they played farm. But I see it's 'Langshans' and 'Leghorns' in favor today."

She glanced quizzically across the miniature farms. "I declare, they know more about poultry than I do. I hardly know the difference between

Repulse Evil Thoughts

THERE are thoughts and feelings suggested and aroused by Satan that annoy even the best of men; but if they are not cherished, if they are repulsed as hateful, the soul is not contaminated with guilt, and no other is defiled by their influence.—*Review and Herald*, March 27, 1888.

a Minorca and an Orpington, but Robert does, and he's learned it all by making homemade cut-outs."

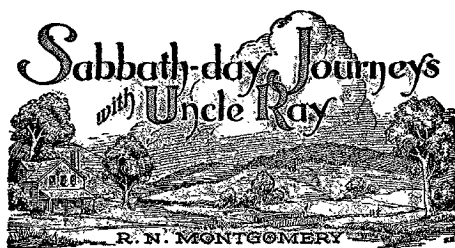
She motioned toward where the little girl was busily spreading cut-out "crex" and "Congoleum" on her farmhouse floor.

"Look," she laughed; "did you ever see such an assortment of laundry and kitchen supplies? I suppose there isn't an advertised article I don't know through the children's cut-outs, at least anything that can be of possible use to a farmer or a farmer's wife."

"But don't they collect—too many?" wondered Mrs. Delap.

"My, yes; they keep them stored in envelopes daddy has furnished. Sometimes it's a fruit farm they run, and sometimes it's a dairy ranch, according to the interest of the moment. Nothing but dahlias would do last fall during the dahlia show."

Mrs. Delap followed her hostess back to the firelit room, with little murmured gasps: "Of all things! And so simple! Of all things!"—*Ruth Fargo, in the Oriental Watchman*.



"THE earth in the days before the flood was one vast zoo," continued Uncle Ray, "with no cages. Uncounted numbers of foxes, raccoons, opossums, wild dogs, wild cats, rabbits, minks, otters, deer, elks, moose, panthers, and scores of other animals made the country what the Indians would call 'the happy hunting ground.' More fossil remains of grizzly bears are found than there are live ones today. In the Connecticut valley are found no less than one hundred fifty different tracks of animals, large and small, imprinted in stone. This stone was once mud in which this vast menagerie trod.

"Then there were mammoths and mastodons which were much like elephants in shape, but having long, reddish-brown hair and longer curved tusks than the elephants. They were so plentiful as to leave a great supply of tusks or fossil ivory scattered over the earth. As this ivory has been uncovered since the flood, it has been gathered by the ton and sold to be made into umbrella handles, piano keys, ivory ornaments, such as earrings, bracelets, and broaches, as well as for inlay work on furniture."

"Where are these mammoth fossils found now?" Alice asked.

"Well, they have been found in practically all parts of the earth," Uncle Ray answered, "but the greater number in Siberia. Not only have the bones been discovered, but some mammoths on which the flesh and hide were well preserved have been dug out of ice glaciers in that frozen land. They have been kept in cold storage through the centuries. One mammoth was found badly crushed, with grass and leaves in its mouth, showing that it was caught and buried suddenly by the flood and frozen solid by the cold which came upon the earth at that time. When it was cut open and the stomach examined, it contained young, tender branches and cones of the pine and fir tree. This and other skeletons were taken to what was then St. Petersburg, Russia, and mounted in the state museum there, where also the eyeballs of another were preserved. Who knows but that those very eyes once saw Noah as he preached to the wicked people before the flood, warning them to escape destruction?"

The WORLD-WIDE FIELD

THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM SHALL BE PREACHED IN ALL THE WORLD FOR A WITNESS UNTO ALL NATIONS; AND THEN SHALL THE END COME. MATT. 24:14

Seventh-day Adventists at the World's Fair

BY JOHN C. THOMPSON

THIS is written a few days before the opening of the 1934 Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago. The fairgrounds are a center of intense activity. Thousands of workmen are laboring day and night to have everything in readiness for the opening on May 26. Hundreds of trucks and passenger cars rush in and out of the grounds, hauling materials and men. Long queues of would-be employees stretch out from employment windows where thousands of minor workers are being signed up to assist in the multitudinous tasks connected with the running of the fair. Already the elongated buses are running back and forth over the course of the grounds, transporting free of charge all those who have business within the grounds. And it is only those who have some definite business who are allowed to enter, that being evidenced by their possessing passes issued by the central pass bureau.

Final preparations are being made on grounds and buildings. The long drouth of the spring throughout the Middle West is counteracted partially by the prolonged use of hose and sprinklers on the vegetation. The roads and walks of last year are being resurfaced. Final coats of brilliant paint are being applied. The more than one hundred new exposition buildings are being completed. So fast and efficiently are the men working that what seemed an impossibility a few weeks or even days ago is daily being realized before one's eyes. Undoubtedly the exposition will be ready for its opening a few days hence.

It is more than a trite expression to say that the fair will be much bigger and better than last year—not more extensive in area, but rather smaller to save the footsore sight-seer all unnecessary walking. The southern end of the fairgrounds is at 35th Street this year instead of 39th, the exhibits that lay between last year being moved closer in. The Travel and Transport Building now marks the south end of the grounds. The features retained from last year have been changed or rearranged, and

many new ones added. The Midway group of buildings and entertainments have been removed to North-erly Island, and in their place have sprung up remarkable replicas of Old World villages. It is said that nothing like them has ever been shown at any other exposition. They are an effective reproduction of Old World scenes.

In three general respects has the fair of 1934 changed from the one of 1933: First, there is an improvement in the types of concessions as well as an increase in the number of exhibitors. More stress is being placed upon the cultural, with free symphony concerts each day. The Ford Motor Company presents the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and the Swift Packing Company sponsors the Chicago Symphony. In addition to instrumental and vocal programs presented by the fair management in the Floating Theater, strolling minstrels will wander through the grounds at night.

The second marked change this year over last is in respect to cheaper prices. While the admission price of 50 cents remains, the cost of seeing many of the exhibits and concessions has been reduced. In 1933, according to a certified audit, the 22,565,859 visitors to the fair spent \$1.17 on an average inside the grounds. This included food, transportation, and en-

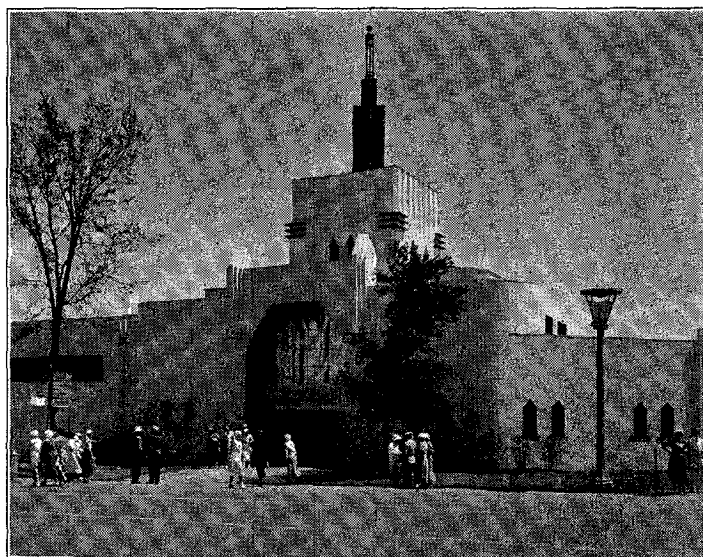
tertainment. All important exhibit buildings are free: General Exhibits, Electrical, Motor (including Ford's new giant display), Religious, Science, Travel and Transport, Federal, Foreign, States, and more than 100 others. The admission to approximately one hundred concessions ranges from 5 to 25 cents. The toilet facilities are free this year also.

Third, the use of lighting and color is different this year than last, not only on the buildings, but in the water. The gigantic new fountain, the world's largest, will be a brilliant and inspiring spectacle. The use of electricity in lighting will be much more effective than last year. The plan of the grounds is also improved, and a new color scheme imparts new value and attractiveness to the buildings. In brief, a striking improvement has been imparted to the display as a unit. Access to the fair this year is easier, and circulation within the grounds freer and cheaper. More attention will be paid to the comfort and convenience of visitors.

"That Is Marvelous"

Undoubtedly all who visit the Hall of Religion, and it was second only to the Hall of Science last year in popularity, will be greatly impressed by the exhibit of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Our 1,000 square feet of floor space immediately adjoins the central lobby or rotunda. Only today was the beautiful, large world globe delivered and set in position by its makers. The comment of the custodian of the building aptly

Hall of Religion, Century of Progress Exposition, where the Seventh-day Adventist exhibit is displayed.



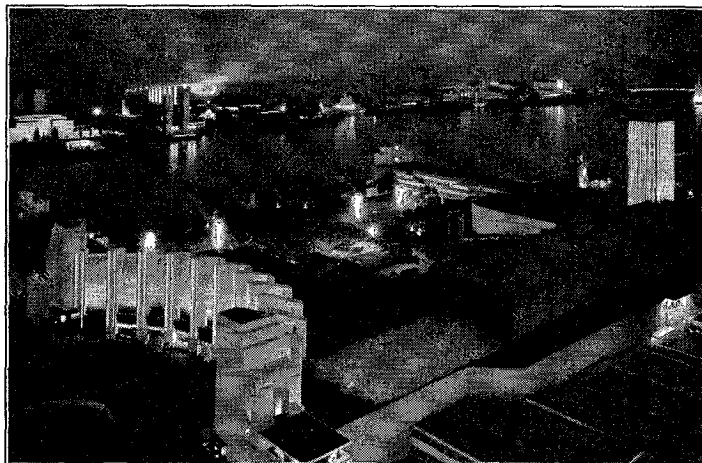
describes it. As he stood gazing upon its brilliant colors and beautiful lights, he turned to me and said, "That is marvelous!" It does make a striking impression as it slowly turns upon its axis, tipped at the proper angle, with nearly a thousand multi-colored lights glistening like diamonds. It is perhaps no exaggeration to say that no such globe has ever before been built: of aluminum construction throughout, employing an entirely new lighting principle far simpler, but more effective, and so conceived and built as to provide for all possible emergencies. In short, it is a scientific triumph. Only a firm skilled in the manufacture of scientific apparatus and instruments of precision could have overcome all the engineering difficulties presented by this concept. Located right off the main concourse of the hall, under a brilliant neon sign, "Seventh-day Adventist Exhibit," against a background of black and mulberry, the effect is indeed striking.

But this is only one of the features of our exhibit. The large life-size painting of the Christ, especially done for our booth by an experienced artist, flanked on both sides by the decalogue; the display of denominational publications in 157 languages; the sample copies of all English-language publications; the special display of Mrs. E. G. White's books; forty transparent pictures of our institutions throughout the world, set in attractive specially made cases;

many pictures, statements, and quotations; and last but far from least, the striking display of our work for the blind,—all these combine to present our message and our work in a most telling manner to the millions of World Fair visitors. May God bless it all to the glorifying of His

General View of
World Fairgrounds
by Night

Hall of Science
is foreground; La-
g o o n, Northerly
Isle, and Lake
Michigan, in the
distance.



name and the advancement of His cause!

The *Chicago Tribune* recently stated that "a visit to the renewed exposition will be a new and richer experience for even the visitors of last year. The best has been retained and improved, and the added features and improved conveniences justify the boast that the Century of Progress of 1934 is a fresh triumph, and offers a new and richer experience to the American people."

Chicago, Ill., May 22, 1934.

Greater New York Conference Session

BY F. D. NICHOL

THE twenty-third biennial session of the Greater New York Conference was held on May 14 and 15, in the Temple, New York City. This conference, situated in the heart of the greatest city in America, and drawing largely from city membership, is not able to avail itself of the joy of an annual camp meeting in the way that other conferences can. Yet the fact that the session had to be held in the four walls of a building in the heart of a roaring metropolis, did not prevent the delegates and others from receiving a blessing from the Lord, or from laying strong plans for the enlargement of the work in this great center.

The Greater New York Conference ranks first in population among all the conferences in North America. There are 8,448,704 people living within the boundaries of this field. From the report of the president, W. H. Heckman, we glean the follow-

ing facts: In the last twenty-five years, the membership has grown from 920 to 3,247. In the four-year period from 1908 to 1911, that is, the first four years of the last twenty-five, the tithe was \$83,904. In the last four years of this quarter century, the tithe was \$580,707. The corresponding increase in mission offerings was from \$35,576 to \$312,402. The report gives the record of baptisms from 1922 to 1933. With minor variations, the totals have been upward, so that in 1933 the highest figure was reached, namely, 307.

During the last biennial period, there was an increase in the number of reporting members, which indicates increasing activity in home missionary work. The tide that has set in toward greater enrollment in our schools, reflects itself also in Greater New York. The Sabbath school membership is 98 per cent of the church membership, which is a very substan-

tial increase in percentage over the preceding biennial period, and reveals strong promotion on the part of the Sabbath school leaders. The report also reveals that 75 per cent of all the youth in all the churches in the conference are a part of the organized Missionary Volunteer Socie-

ties. The soul-saving value of the colporteur work was revealed in the fact that during the past two years there have been at least 102 persons baptized who were first introduced to the truth by some literature evangelist. During the two-year period there was an average of thirty-three colporteurs reporting each month. These sold a total of \$43,996 worth of literature.

Definite plans were laid for the strengthening of evangelistic endeavor in the conference.

Two churches were voted into the sisterhood of churches, one of these a Yugoslavian church, the first Protestant Yugoslavian church in the great polyglot city of New York.

The two days of meetings were filled with a spirit of hope and courage, despite the tremendous task that confronts this conference, a task unique, probably, so far as all the conferences in the United States are concerned.

No basic changes were made in the personnel of the conference. W. H. Heckman was returned as president, and J. E. Osterblom as secretary-treasurer.

Messages of courage and inspiration were brought by W. A. Spicer and C. K. Meyers. The writer enjoyed the pleasure of fellowshiping once again with the workers and members of the Greater New York Conference.

"ONE critical speech, disparaging the messenger of God, may start a train of unbelief in some mind that will result in making of none effect the word of truth."

North American News Notes

IN answer to repeated requests for an effort following a funeral service conducted last fall by A. H. Rulkoetter, a series of meetings was started at Florence, Kansas, on Sunday evening, April 1. Elder Rulkoetter and A. C. Griffin started the meetings and they were then continued by Elder Griffin and M. H. Jensen. At the end of six weeks thirty-five new believers had been baptized and a church organized. Another baptism is being planned in the near future, at which time it is hoped that the total of new believers will be increased to fifty or more.

From reports and results received from other parts of the State it is quite evident that the entire field is ready for the harvest.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

EIGHTEEN hundred dollars coming in from money willed to the Iowa Conference, enabled our committee to plan for three good-sized efforts beginning in June,—R. E. Griffin and company in Waterloo, J. R. Nelson and company in Sioux City, and R. S. Fries in Des Moines. Our force of workers is small, but our courage in the Lord is large. Our Penny-a-Dish Cafeteria has fed 25,000 in four months' operation. A benefit lecture netted us \$100 to help pay for the equipment.

R. S. FRIES.

TWENTY-TWO were baptized Sabbath, May 5, at Payette, Idaho. These have accepted the truth as the result of Brother and Sister M. J. Jackson's efforts.

J. W. TURNER.

Our Camp Meetings

(Continued from page 17)

little time after the meeting closes for trips of this character.

Seek that experience in God for yourself that will enable you to help others. Labor for those who know not Christ, kindly and practically. It is better, as a rule, to perform this labor outside of meeting, than during the revival service; although during this service it is appropriate always to give a kindly word of encouragement to those who feel impressed to renew their consecration, but lack strength to make the decision.

Stand ready to respond to the appeals for help. Remember that God has given to you a knowledge of the blessed gospel in order that you may

help to carry that knowledge to others. Hence, when appeals are made for the cause of foreign missions, for the work of evangelism at home, for the support of any department of God's work, be ready to the extent of your ability to respond, rendering to God a thank offering for His blessings to you.

We look for great things from our camp meetings this year. This is the crisis hour of the world; it is a crisis hour for the church. Some are losing out in their experience. Some are saying in their hearts, "My Lord delayeth His coming." The call now, as never before, is for loyalty, for consecration, for earnest, faithful endeavor. May we stand ready to do our part, to fulfill our high and holy commission, to cooperate with God in the salvation of lost mankind.

F. M. W.

NORTH AMERICAN CAMP MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES FOR 1934

Atlantic Union	
Southern New England, So. Lancaster, Mass.	June 22-July 1
New York, Union Springs	June 29-July 8
Canadian Union	
Maritime, Memramcook	June 21-26
Ontario-Quebec, Oshawa, Ontario	June 28-July 8
Manitoba-Saskatchewan:	
Winnipeg	July 6-10
Saskatoon	July 10-15
Alberta, Lacombe	July 19-29
British Columbia:	
Kelowna	Aug. 2-6
Vancouver	Aug. 8-12
Central Union	
North Dakota, Jamestown	June 15-23
Minnesota, Hutchinson	June 21-30
Iowa Regional Meetings:	
Sioux City	June 21-24
Davenport	Aug. 16-19
Des Moines	Aug. 23-26
Nebraska, Lincoln	Aug. 10-18
Kansas, Manhattan	Aug. 16-25
Missouri, Clinton	Aug. 24-Sept. 2
Columbia Union	
New Jersey, Trenton	June 28-July 8
East Pennsylvania, Wescoesville	July 5-15
West Pennsylvania	July 12-22
Chesapeake, Catonsville, Md.	July 26-Aug. 5
Ohio, Mount Vernon	Aug. 9-19
West Virginia, Parkersburg	Aug. 23-Sept. 2
Lake Union	
Wisconsin, Portage	June 14-24
Indiana, Bethany Park, Brooklyn	June 14-24
Michigan, Grand Ledge	Aug. 23-Sept. 2
North Pacific Union	
Upper Columbia, Granger, Wash.	June 14-24
Washington, Auburn	July 26-Aug. 5
Oregon, Gladstone Park	July 26-Aug. 5
Montana, Bozeman	Aug. 2-12
Pacific Union	
Southeastern California-Arizona, So. Calif.	
Junior College, Arlington	June 14-24
Arizona, Prescott	July 18-22
Southern California, Regional Meetings	
Central California, Fresno	Aug. 3-12
Southern Union	
Carolina, Charlotte, N. C.	June 15-24
Youth's Conference (White), Orlando, Fla.	July 4-7
Southwestern Union	
Texas, Keene	July 26-Aug. 5
Arkansas-Louisiana, Shreveport, La.	Aug. 3-11
Texico	Aug. 9-19
Oklahoma, Guthrie	Aug. 16-26
Union Colored Camp Meeting, Shreveport, La.	Aug. 23-Sept. 2

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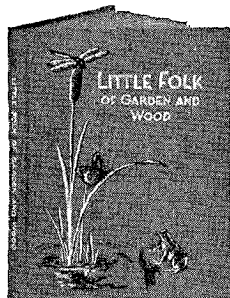
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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

A TELEGRAM from J. H. Nies, secretary-treasurer of the Iowa Conference, reads as follows: "T. H. Jeys killed today [June 6] by train while crossing track in car." Elder Jeys was chaplain at the Iowa Sanitarium, Nevada, Iowa. He has been a frequent contributor to the REVIEW. We extend to his sorrowing relatives our Christian sympathy.

Missionary Sailings

MISS MARTHA HARMS, nurse, sailed from Germany in January, by the P. & O. Steamer Line, to Bombay, and has already taken up her work in Jalirpar Hospital in East Bengal.

Nils Dahlsten and family left Sweden in April, via the Siberian route, for Manchukuo, his former field of labor, with the prospect that he might pass on to the far northwestern province of Sinkiang to help develop the pioneer work already begun there.

Dr. Horace Hall, medical superintendent of the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital, sailed from Los Angeles on the S. S. "President Wilson," April 28, returning from furlough to resume his service in that interesting mission field.

Miss Beatrice Gore, of the White Memorial Hospital, Los Angeles, California, sailed from New York on the S. S. "Olympic," May 17. Miss Gore has been appointed to assist Dr. Emma Hughes in the Bobbili Mission Hospital in South India.

Mrs. W. E. Baxter, with her daughter Elizabeth and her son William, returning to Costa Rica, Central America, sailed from New Orleans, May 19, to join her husband, W. E. Baxter, superintendent of the Central American Union Mission.

Elder and Mrs. B. C. Clark and family, returning to China from furlough, sailed from Seattle for Shanghai, on the S. S. "President Grant," May 26.

Our prayers and heart interest follow these earnest workers who either go out for the first time or return to their posts in distant parts of the earth.

W. E. HOWELL.

Medical Work in South Africa

A ONE-SHEET report of medical work in the Southern African Division for 1933 gives brief but telling figures covering a number of medical stations, the doctors, nurses, and other workers, and a summary of the patients treated for the year. While this report is given in terse form, it represents a volume of work which would no doubt make quite a showing if given in detail.

In the five unions of the division there are twenty-seven mission stations where medical work is being conducted. That in itself is really a big item. It indicates the interest of the Southern African Division in medical work. No doubt this work is accomplishing results.

There are eight doctors in charge, assisted by twenty-four nurses, nine other European workers, and fifty-three native

workers, making a total of ninety-four workers.

The number of patients visited for the year is 406,443. One station, at the Malamulo Mission, lists 120,749 patient visits for the year. Some stations run into the thirty thousand.

There are three leper colonies, with 266 leper patients. In some instances there are lepers on the out-patient list.

These figures do not cover all that has been done in health lines in this field. Much instruction is given in disease prevention. This is of value, not only to the native population, but to our native and European workers as well. It is a rather hard time for the European workers, for if any are taken sick or are sent home on furlough because of illness, it leaves all the more to be done by those remaining.

In connection with the report of Dr. E. G. Marcus, of the Southeast African Union, we learn that during 1933 eleven lepers were discharged as "arrested cases." Thirty lepers were baptized. The British Empire Relief Association has granted money for the brick huts at Malamulo, and already there are over 100 of these huts built.

Calls are coming for other medical help, and it is hoped that some of the most urgent calls may soon be filled.

L. A. HANSEN.

The Hour 'Is Come'

TRAVELING from South America to Europe, years ago, I met on the boat a Congregationalist pastor, a Brazilian. We had some good hours talking of Scripture. We had studied that picture of last-day world missions in Revelation 14: 6, 7. But when he learned I was a Seventh-day Adventist, he rather earnestly suggested that we ought not to take our effort into places where Protestant effort was already represented.

"Well," I said, "if Protestant pastors would preach this message foretold for the last days in Revelation 14, we would not need to set our standards there."

"But we do preach it," he said.

"Very well," I suggested; "here is this message we have been looking at. It begins, 'Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come.' Paul preached in his day of the judgment 'to come.' Now this scripture in Revelation 14 calls upon us to preach that the hour 'is come.' Are you and your fellow pastors preaching that the hour is come?"

"I think we are," he said.

"Well, brother, when did it come?" I asked.

"I don't know," he said, and added: "I have never studied the book of Revelation. Some day I want to study that book."

I then explained that for the giving of this message of the judgment hour it was needful for the Lord to call out a people who had studied these prophecies, and who could give the definite gospel message called for at this time.

Before the Lord appears the second time, a message of preparation was to sound, proclaiming the hour of God's

judgment come, and calling men of all nations to "keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." As the judgment hour began, the movement proclaiming the message was to come. There is just one movement that has done this,—the advent movement of the prophecy, bringing forth the Seventh-day Adventist people, of many nations and tongues. It is the only fulfillment of this prophecy of Revelation 14 that can be pointed to in all the world. This work rose at the right time—in the times of 1844 and following—and ever since the cry has been sounding in the very terms of the prophecy, "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come."

That which the prophet John saw in vision and described ages ago, we see fulfilling today. And what a privilege to have a part in the movement fulfilling prophecy!

W. A. S.

Colporteur Gains Continue

THE April summary of colporteur sales reveals another good gain. For the first four months of this year the colporteurs for the entire world report 1,152,945 hours of service, and sales amounting to \$708,151.47. The gain for foreign fields is 19 per cent compared with the corresponding period of last year. For ten consecutive months now our sales have shown a gain in North America. The gain for the first four months of this year is 35 per cent.

Many of our conferences in the Southern and Eastern fields are developing their colored work. Assistant field leaders are supervising this phase of our work.

Magazine sales are increasing. Our foreign literature sales have increased 60 per cent thus far this year. Our leaders are pushing every line of literature endeavor to increase the sales. A goal of 1,000 souls won directly by colporteurs in North America for 1934 is also our objective.

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