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The Spirit of the Martyrs

By A. V. Olson

RECENTLY Brother Brennwald, our division treasurer, and I were down in Southeastern Europe, attending a meeting of the union committee of the largest union we have in our Southern European Division.

The union colporteur leader has just rendered his report for the year 1936. It is a good report indeed. Notwithstanding the financial crisis that is still holding this country in its grip, and the persecution that our colporteurs are constantly subjected to, there has been an encouraging increase in sales over the preceding year. Best of all, a large number of souls have been won for the Lord as a direct result of the labor and influence of the colporteurs. Before the end of the year, forty of these new converts were baptized, and a number of others will soon follow.

The statistical report placed in our hands by this colporteur leader is different, in one respect at least, from the usual publishing department reports. In addition to the ordinary column showing the number of colporteurs, hours worked, sales made, etc., I notice the following columns and figures:

Name of Conference	Number of Arrests	Days in Prison	Number of Beatings	Times Books Confiscated	Number of Prosecutions
	28	74	17	8	6
	20	60	10	15	3
	15	39	2	7	2
	15	176	6	13	8
	6	14	. 3	8	1
	7	40	2	5	1
Totals	91	403	40	46	23

These figures are for the year 1936 only. While they give but a faint picture of the hardships, trials, and difficulties under which the colporteur work must be carried forward in this field, they indicate clearly that the spirit of the Dark Ages is still alive here. At the same time it is cheering to know that the spirit of the martyrs of old is also alive today. It does our hearts good to come in contact with these brethren and sisters who have suffered so much for their Master.

These colporteurs are happy in the Lord, and they rejoice when they see men and women surrender their hearts and lives to Christ as a result of their labors. In a large measure the wonderful ingathering of souls that has been witnessed in this union during the last few years, has been due to the faithful work of our colporteurs. May God bless and prosper these consecrated workers, and keep them faithful until that blessed day when they shall see in the kingdom of God the full results of their sacrifices and sufferings, of their tears and their toils!

HEART-TO-HEART TALKS WITH OUR READERS by The Editor

Seventh-day Adventists and the Theater--Part III

Will Theatrical Plays in Our Institutions Keep Our Youth From the Theater?

It is not enough to argue that some of the theatrical plays which are being given in our churches and institutions are religious or historical in character, and therefore are educational. Even though this view is advanced by sincere Christian people, it is but the devil's argument, designed to be an entering wedge, with the purpose of ultimately opening a great gulf, making a complete cleavage, between Christ and His professed children.

The Devil's Little Iron Wedge

When I was a boy, I sometimes assisted my father in cutting wood and splitting rails. When a log or a block of wood was particularly hard to split, my father first used a small iron wedge. Driving this into the wood made a small crack, but the crack was large enough to insert a larger wedge, and then a still larger one, by which the log or block was split wide apart. Beware of the devil's little iron wedges. He has many of them, and he is seeking constantly to find some opening or weakness in our character building in which he can insert his wedge as a beginning to a larger and fuller entrance.

Satan uses the less objectionable plays merely as decoys. They serve to whet the appetite, to confuse the mind, to sear the conscience, thus preparing the way for indulgence in the grosser forms of evil. And these less objectionable amusements, instead of satisfying in our youth a desire for relaxation, and thus holding them from the theater and motion pictures, as some argue they will do, create a love of theatricals, and lead the youth to seek satisfaction in the exhilaration of the grosser forms of amusement to be found in the playhouses of the world.

Further Letters From the Field

This danger is recognized by some of our readers who have expressed very decided views relative to this question. We have received a number of letters of this nature. From this larger number we have selected three that we are printing in the REVIEW. There has been no collusion among these various writers. They write from widely separated sections of the country. One letter came from the Atlantic Coast, another from the Pacific Coast, and another from an inland town, one of the centers of our work. One of these letters was printed last week. We present two others at this time:

"I am writing to you in order to get your opinion on a subject which has troubled me for a long time. I should like to know whether it is right to show motion pictures in our schools, colleges, and other institutions. Where should the line be drawn between the proper ones and those which are not proper? Is it right to use the proceeds from questionable pictures to build churches or for investment goals?

"Pictures which have an educational value are ordinarily considered proper, but is it right to show a historical picture in which the educational feature is covered and destroyed by the scenes of fighting, smoking, gambling, and drinking? Is a picture educational if only a few of the incidents are historical and the main portion is purely fiction? How easy it is for Satan to gain a foothold in such pictures.

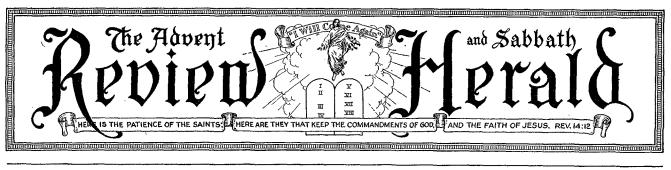
"Some of our young women recently attended a certain motion picture given in one of our institutions. In the picture one of the well-known actresses of the world today took the part of a great humanitarian, portraying a life of sacrifice and service. To these young people all this seemed very real and exciting, with its scenes of dancing, love-making, violence, and war. Nerves were tense, and emotions were stirred to a peak. After going to their rooms, these young women could no longer restrain their feelings. A state of near hysteria reigned, and it was long past the midnight hour before they could get their minds calmed down enough so that they could go to sleep. Is this a fitting and proper reaction to an educational program?

"I have been asked this question, If the latest moving pictures are shown in our schools, then why is it wrong to go to the theater and see the same thing, including the comedy and news? How shall we explain this to the young people?

Two Meetings-A Contrast

"On Sabbath morning announcements are made of two different meetings, one of the midweek prayer meeting and the other of a moving-picture program, with an admission charge. Let us take a look at both of these meetings. On the night the picture is shown, we see the auditorium filled to its capacity long before the time for the program to begin. We see whole families there-children, young people, and older people. All are waiting to see the educational pictures, but instead they are shown the ways of evil and wickedness which are made to appear desirable. It is all interesting and very exciting, but nothing is shown which will help them to live a better Christian life. A few days later we see some of these same children who viewed the picture, playing that they are fighting, smoking, and drinking. The young people find it easier to accept an invitation to see a picture in a

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Vision-Claimed

BY EDWARD J. URQUHART

He who beholds high vision, nevermore Is free to dally with a common task, Or linger idly on a sun-kissed shore,

Mid gayer hearts and lighter lives to bask.

His ears are tuned unto a single call,

His feet to hold unto the upland trail, His form to rise again at every fall,

To strive and strain and stretch and breast the gale.

To him the battlefields of life hold worth To body, brain, and spirit, unknown quite To palaces of pleasure, where the earth

Flaunts in his face her decorations bright.

Not his the feet to dance at music's urge, Not his a life for actions men applaud, Not his a heart to dwell where passions surge-His is a purpose higher and more broad.

Not his to linger where the earth holds court, Where sirens sing and mermaids weave their spell; But his the camp, the trench, the march, the fort, The smoke of battle and the bursting shell.

His to hold high the banner of his King, To carry on, however fierce the strife, And know the dauntless souls that battle bring— Afraid of nothing but ignoble life.

Not his to claim rewards of earthly span, But fairer gifts and purer and more broad; Not his the will to do the works of man, But his the work to do the will of God.

The Second Commandment

(Concluded)

BY M. L. ANDREASEN

The Sins of the Fathers

Some may concede the previous arguments who do not, however, see any justice in the wording of the second commandment that the sins of the fathers shall be visited upon the children unto the third and fourth generation. They would be willing to admit the justice of the contention that as a man sows he shall also reap, but they can see no justice in having the children suffer for their fathers' transgressions.

With this view we sympathize, and hasten to add that neither do we believe it to be God's intention that children should suffer for their fathers' sins. It does not seem fair and just that because the fathers have eaten sour grapes, the children's teeth should be set on edge. It would seem much fairer if he who committed the wrong should suffer for it, and no one else.

But the objection may immediately be made, Does not the commandment say that the sins of the fathers *are* visited "upon the children unto the third and fourth generation"? It does. Let us consider this.

First, note the exact reading of the commandment: "I, the Lord thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that

hate Me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My commandments.' Note particularly that the statement concerning visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation has ref-erence to "them that hate Me." Who are "them"? Does "them" refer to the fathers only? We do not believe this can be maintained. "Them" refers as well to the children as to the fathers. The intent, as well as the wording, is: the sins of the fathers will be visited upon the children unto the third and fourth generation, if the children continue to hate God. It is the third and fourth generation of them that hate. If the children do not turn away from evil, but hate God as did their fathers, then the natural result of heredity will continue to operate. It is the third and fourth generation of them that hate, upon whom this shall come. If the second or third or fourth generation ceases to hate, the threat is no longer effective; for there is no longer any third or fourth generation that hate. They now love God, and God graciously exempts them from the law of heredity. This is implied in the wording of the commandment.

Can this position be sustained by a clear word of scripture? We believe so.

The eighteenth chapter of Ezekiel discusses the question of children's suffering for the sins of the fathers. Israel had a saying, "The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." Eze. 18:2. To this God vehemently objects: "As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel." Verse 3. He then propounds the doctrine that neither righteousness nor wickedness is inherited. "If a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right," if he "hath walked in My statutes, and hath kept My judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord God." Verses 5, 9. If this same good man "beget a son that is a robber, a shedder of blood, and that doeth the like to any one of these things, . . . shall he then live? he shall not live: he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him." Verses 10-13. But suppose now that such an evil man "beget a son, that seeth all his father's sins which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not such like." Verse 14. What about him? Must he die for the sins of his father? "He shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live." Verse 17. "When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, and hath kept all My statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live." Then comes the statement of principle: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him." Verses 19, 20.

This puts the matter clearly. "The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son." This cannot be misunderstood. "The soul that sinneth, *it* shall die." It is not some one else who shall die, but whoever sins. Hence God says concerning the proverb common in Israel, "Behold, all souls are Mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is Mine; the soul that sinneth, it shall die." Verses 2-4.

Man Responsible for His Own Sins

These verses clearly set forth the doctrine that a man will be held responsible for his own sins, and that he will not suffer for the sins of his fathers. And that it has reference to more than moral responsibility seems clearly indicated in the use of the proverb concerning sour grapes. The statement apparently has application also to the physical results of transgression, to inherited tendencies and weaknesses due to sin. A son shall not, need not, suffer for the sins of his father. "When the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die." Verses 27, 28. Hence the admonition is given: "Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye." Verses 31, 32.

We believe this same doctrine is contained in the

second commandment. Sin is of such a nature that it ruins and kills all with which it comes in contact. There are natural results of sin with which God does not ordinarily interfere. If a man does evil, if he sows "wild oats," he may expect to reap ac-cordingly. His children will inherit the results of transgression and suffer with him. Sin always weakens and destroys, and in the course of a few generations it will have made such inroads that strong constitutions become undermined, and children sicken and die. Gradually the family dies out. It has killed itself. It has "run out." And perhaps that is well, for it would not be best to have evil perpetuated from generation to generation. Whole nations have thus disappeared from history and given place to other peoples of more primitive tastes and habits. The observing student will see these forces at work among nations today. No nation can long survive where sin flourishes in combination with fullness of bread and abundance of idleness. History itself declares that such nations are doomed. Eze. 16:49.

For the good of humanity, therefore, sin must reap its harvest. It is necessary that the results of sin become apparent in final extinction. Babylon fell because of its sins. Greece went down when its citizens became enervated through excesses. Rome was virile and strong until material prosperity ruined it. Thus it has been with many nations and peoples. It would certainly not be well to allow sin to flourish with impunity. Sin destroys itself.

But how about the individual who is caught in this vicious circle, and finds himself the heir of the sins of his forefathers? He bears these sins in his body; he suffers for them. We cannot close our eyes to the fact that we suffer because our fathers have sinned. We are weaker because of race sin. Is there no help? Must we suffer because our fathers have sinned? Is there no provision in the gospel to help such as need help and desire it? We believe there is. We believe that the gospel makes provision so that the children's teeth need not be set on edge because the fathers have eaten sour grapes. And this provision we believe we find clearly stated in the second commandment.

The proposition that the sins of the fathers are visited upon the children is clearly taught in the second commandment. As has been stated before, if the words "of them that hate Me" had not been added, the statement and condemnation would be absolute. But when the qualifying phrase, "of them that hate Me," is considered, the whole picture changes. It is now no longer an unqualified decree, but is dependent for its execution upon the attitude of those to whom it is designed to apply. If the children "hate Me," natural law will take its course. Sin will be visited upon the children. If the children, however, turn from their evil ways, the law of heredity is no longer operative.

This seemed to be new doctrine to some in Israel, for they inquired, "Doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father?" The answer comes back clear and distinct, "The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father." Eze. 18:19, 20.

Mercy Unto Thousands

We therefore accept the statement of the second commandment that the children bear the iniquity of their fathers only if they continue to hate God as did the fathers. In such cases God does not interfere with the laws of heredity. But when a son turns from the sin of his father, when he "hath executed My judgments, hath walked in My statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live." Eze. 18:17. This is in harmony with the commandment which says that God will show "mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My commandments." Ex. 20:6.

This plan of God's is eminently fair and just. It does not seem right that the children should bear the results of the sins of their fathers, unless, indeed, these children choose to walk in the same paths as the fathers. Even then, the fact that they suffer because of others' sins should be an incentive to them to turn away from sin and be saved. Every added suffering constitutes an additional reason to turn to God. If under these circumstances they still refuse to turn, if they deliberately choose to continue in sin, if even their sufferings do not cause them to decide for the right, they cannot plead injustice. God would gladly deliver them. His plea to them is, "Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?" Eze. 18:23. In anguish of heart he cries to them, "Why will ye die, O house of Israel? for I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye." Verses 31, 32.

The question may now justly be raised: If a son turns away from following the footsteps of a wicked father, will God suspend the law of heredity, and instantly heal the son from his deficiencies, physical and mental? To this we may answer that God may, or He may not. Let us consider further.

There are many inequalities in this world which God would gladly correct if men would let Him. Where sin abounds, God lets grace abound. That is often the best He can do, for that is all that men will let Him do. If God had His way, sin and sorrow would be no more. We have a beautiful illustration of this in the life of Christ. Wherever He went, healing and blessing followed Him. The statement is repeatedly made that Christ went about "healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." Matt. 4:23. He "healed all that were sick;" "He laid His hand on every one of them, and healed them." And to His disciples He gave "power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease." Matt. 8:16; Luke 4: 40; Matt. 10:1. We can draw no other conclusion from this than that if God had His way, He would banish sickness, as well as sin, and that all inherited or acquired sicknesses would be no more.

But God does not have His way. Of a certain place it is stated that Christ "could there do no mighty work, save that He laid His hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. And He marveled because of their unbelief." Mark 6:5, 6. In Matthew 13:58 it is definitely stated that "He did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief." Even as the limitation of the student is the limitation of the teacher, so our faith or lack of it is the limitation of what God can do for us.

We may take it for granted, then, that God is not only able but willing to undo the results of sin. The only question is whether it is best to do so under all circumstances. That question God alone can answer. There are certain lessons that can be learned only through suffering. Paul prayed three times that the thorn be taken out of his flesh, only to receive the answer that it was better for it to stay, with the word of comfort added that God's grace was to be sufficient for him. 2 Cor. 12:9. Christ prayed three times in the garden that the cup be removed, only to be told that He must drink it if man was to be saved. Luke 22:42. It is therefore not always God's will that suffering be avoided. For sufficient and good reasons God does not remove all thorns. But in such cases He gives grace and strength to bear the affliction.

We may therefore believe that ordinarily it is God's plan to heal and restore, but that in certain instances He sees that it is best not to do so. In such cases we are not to despair, we are not to cease praying, but as did Christ, we are to rest our case in God's hands for His will to be done, knowing that if God sees best to heal, He will do so, but if not, He will give sufficient grace.

It seems clear that in altogether too many cases we have been slow in bringing our problems to God. He will indeed visit the iniquity of the fathers upon the children if they hate Him, but He will show mercy unto thousands of them that love Him and keep His commandments. The showing of mercy has a direct connection with the visiting of iniquity upon the children. That is, if we believe that children suffer because of the misdeeds of their parents, then it must be that the showing of mercy has reference to the removal of this suffering, and that we may confidently ask God for healing and grace. It may be that our faith has not sufficiently taken hold of this promise.

We shall do well to explore more thoroughly this realm of faith. Some hold that there is nothing in the ten commandments about love and mercy, that all is law; but note the statement about God's showing mercy to them that love Him and keep His commandments. It is a beautiful promise.

This promise, God says, is to "them that love Me and keep My commandments." "Love" and "keep,"—these two go together. Some claim that they love God, but do not "keep." Others may claim to "keep," but do not love. The promise is to neither. It is only as a person loves and keeps that the promise holds. This is in harmony with John's statement that we know we love the children of God only "when we *love* God, and keep His commandments." 1 John 5:2.

The second commandment is more than a statute of law. It is a promise, one of the most precious promises in the Bible. It promises exemption from visitation of the sins of the fathers upon the children, upon the condition of love to God and cessation of hate. It promises God's jealous care over us as we abstain from worshiping other gods. It extends to us God's boundless mercy, care, and protection in exchange for our love and obedience. In this commandment the whole gospel is bound up. Its teaching is exceedingly broad. The unity of God; the worthlessness of idols; the protecting, jealous care of God; the wages and result of sin; the mercy of God; the condition of salvation; the necessity of keeping the law,-all is portrayed. May God help us to treasure His law more. In it is the whole duty of man revealed.

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Seventh-day Adventists and the Theater

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real theater. Sin does not look so bad after it is seen in the pictures a time or two. Truly 'by beholding we become changed.'

"But now the scene changes. It is prayer meeting night, and we see the old faithful members coming into this same auditorium. There are just a few of them; they are quiet and sober. Mothers and fathers have come to pray for God's blessings, to plead for the souls of their children, asking God to be merciful and to show them the better way and to lead them back to the family altar. They pray to be kept faithful to Jesus and to remember His admonition, 'Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.'

"What a contrast between the two meetings! Which one is more pleasing in the sight of the Lord? Which one will help us more to be separate from the world?

"I am thankful that there are still some of our young people who have enough will power to stand for the right, who have never attended any of these theatrical motion pictures shown in our institutions."

This letter, it seems to me, requires no answer through the columns of the REVIEW. The writer has set forth very clearly the evil attending exhibitions of this character in our own institutions. And he very justly draws a comparison between the attendance at such theatrical performances on the part of many of our people and the attendance at prayer meeting on the part of the few.

One of Our Ministers Writes

The second letter is from one of our ministersnot one who, on account of advancing years, is out of touch with present-day conditions or out of sympathy with the hopes and aspirations and reasonings of the youth of this denomination. He is still young in years and young in heart, but he expresses his very deep concern over some influences which he sees operating in the church. His letter describes a dramatized play which he witnessed, one Saturday evening, in one of our college chapels, and the reactions of his own mind.

"The whole scene was a theatrical dramatization, and the emotions alternated between weeping and laughter. Love scenes, with hugging and kissing, were prominent throughout. Much of the picture was educational and interesting, but to my mind it was worldly, and entirely foreign to our viewpoint and educational standards, as I have understood them.

"We left the place with the solemnizing effects of the Sabbath service pretty well destroyed. A worldly spirit pervaded the entire showing, and lingered in our hearts as we departed. It did not seem that we had been in a house where prayer was wont to be made.

"Now I do not want to place myself where I can do our young people no good, by being too extreme, but it really does seem to me that such motion pictures are to a worldly spirit what light wines and beer are to those struggling with the liquor habit. I think we should see, not how near we can come to the world, but how far we can shun amusements which are essentially worldly and degrading, and which lead the thoughts far from God.

Sowing for Worldliness

"It appears to me as if Satan, in these motion pictures, is inviting us to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. He shuts our eyes to the evil for the sake of the knowledge, some of which may be good in itself, but which, associated with the objectionable, becomes a decoy for evil. To me it appears that we are breaking down the line of demarcation before our young people, as well as before our older people, and are sowing for a harvest of worldliness. Churches that have tried to cope with worldly influences by making these entertainments church affairs, have lost their youth to right principles, and have at last had to let the young people go to all kinds of worldly amuse-We know the results. The same policy ments. followed in our churches will produce the same results, will it not?

"I think we could show pictures of our mission work, of the advancement of God's cause, of different countries and conditions, which would make our young people missions-minded and do real good. But when we show such pictures as I have described, we are whetting the appetite for all kinds of worldly amusements."

Why Print These Letters?

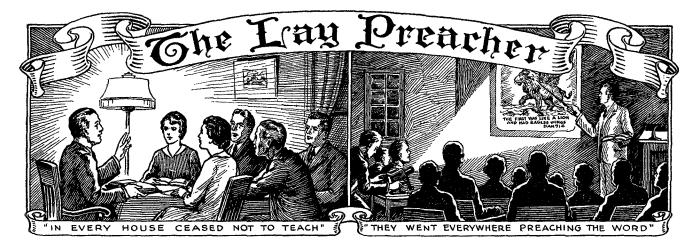
Why do I print in this column these letters from our readers? For several reasons: First, to show the dangers which confront us at the present time, the inroads which the spirit of worldliness is making in the church; second, to present the salient reasons these writers offer for sounding warnings against these evils, reasons why our institutions should exclude from their program, entertainments of this character. We give these letters because they represent the earnest convictions of the large majority of our people against theatrical entertainments.

When we point out sin in the church, none should understand that we believe that the church as a whole has departed from God and has gone after the world. Elijah lamented that he was the only one in all Israel who was true to God. But the Lord assured him that there were still seven thousand who had not bowed the knee to Baal or kissed his image. And I am confident that there are many thousands in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the large majority in fact, who are true and loyal to the principles of this message.

Do you inquire, Is it wrong to see any moving picture? Is a picture sinful simply because it moves? Are there not proper pictures which may be thrown upon the screen and witnessed by the rank and file of our readers? Indeed there are. I have taken pleasure through the years in seeing a number of such presentations, pictures which I considered wholesome and uplifting and educational in their influence. Regarding this phase of the question and the manner in which we may discriminate between the good and the evil, I shall speak more definitely next week.

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"SELF-MASTERY is the essence of heroism."



Looking to Our Laymen to Help Finish the Work

THESE are days of opportunity. During the entire history of this movement there has never been a more opportune or propitious time for acquainting the people of the world with the great outstanding truths of this movement. Swiftly conditions are changing. The people of the world are bewildered and confused. Strife and violence, agitation and the spirit of hate and fear and war, abound everywhere. The old established order is breaking down in the face of a demand



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for new and untried things. No wonder the people of the world become confused and staggered by the rapidly changing conditions!

It is in just such a time as this that the message of God for this last generation is to be proclaimed with the greatest vigor and power. This is a work and a responsibility that rests upon every believer. The following important statement from the Spirit of prophecy calls for that very kind of service:

"The unselfish labor of Christians in the past should be to us an object lesson and an inspiration. The members of God's church are to be zealous of good works, separating from worldly ambition, and walking in the footsteps of Him who went about doing good. With hearts filled with sympathy and compassion, they are to minister to those in need of help, bringing to sinners a knowledge of the Saviour's love. Such work calls for laborious effort, but it brings a rich reward. Those who engage in it with sincerity of purpose will see souls won to the Saviour; for the influence that attends the practical carrying out of the divine commission, is irresistible.

"Not upon the ordained minister only, rests the responsibility of going forth to fulfill this commission. Every one who has received Christ is called to work for the salvation of his fellow men. "The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come.' The charge to give this invitation includes the entire church. Every one who has heard the invitation is to echo the message from hill and valley, saying, 'Come.'

"It is a fatal mistake to suppose that the work of soulsaving depends alone upon the ministry. 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. 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.

"Hundreds, yea, thousands, who have heard the message of salvation, are still idlers in the market place, when they might be engaged in some line of active service. To these Christ is saying, 'Why stand ye here all the day idle?' and He adds, 'Go ye also into the vineyard.' Why is it that many more do not respond to the call? Is it because they think themselves excused in that they do not stand in the pulpit? Let them understand that there is a large work to be done outside the pulpit, by thousands of consecrated lay members.

"Long has God waited for the spirit of service to take possession of the whole church, so that every one shall be working for Him according to his ability. When the members of the church of God do their appointed work in the needy fields at home and abroad, in fulfillment of the gospel commission, the whole world will soon be warned, and the Lord Jesus will return to this earth with power and great glory. 'This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.' "-""Acts of the Apostles," pp. 109-111. We entreat every believer to respond to this might:

We entreat every believer to respond to this mighty appeal. Shall the Lord have to wait longer for the spirit of service to take possession of the people? We trust that there shall no longer be delay in this matter. The call today is for universal action. Let us go forth praying that the spirit of service may be poured out in ever-increasing measure, and that the present "Win One" movement may be greatly blessed of God in winning many souls to a knowledge of His precious truth.

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The Divine Purpose

WITH ringing clearness and convincing emphasis, the apostle Peter sets forth a stirring challenge to the church in these well-expressed words: "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." I Peter 2:9.

Another prophet of old surely pictured the conditions which were to prevail in the last days when he said, "Behold, the darkness shall cover the

earth, and gross darkness the people;" and then he adds these most encouraging, heartening words, "but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee." Isa. 60:2.

God's promises in behalf of, and His purpose for, His chosen people are set forth in unmistakable language in the scriptures quoted. Repeatedly the writings of the Spirit of prophecy refer to the divine purpose for the church. Thus we read in "Steps to Christ:" "The only way to grow in grace is to be disinterestedly doing the very work which Christ has enjoined upon us,—to engage to the extent of our ability in helping and blessing those who need the help we can give them. Strength comes by exercise; activity is the very condition of life."—Page 85.

The Plan Includes All Believers

A definite time has been planned by God in which we are to do His work, and a definite time has also been set by our heavenly Father when His work is to be finished. And further, this peculiar people, chosen to show forth His



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praises, to be His light bearers, must have a definite experience with God and in the things of God. The plan and purpose includes all the believers.

"The Saviour's commission to the disciples included all the believers. It includes all believers in Christ to the end of time. It is a fatal mistake to suppose that the work of saving souls depends alone on the ordained minister. All to whom the heavenly inspiration has come, are put in trust with the gospel. All who receive the life of Christ are ordained to work for the salvation of their fellow men. For this work the church was established, and all who take upon themselves its sacred vows are thereby pledged to be coworkers with Christ. . . . Whatever one's calling in life, his first interest should be to win souls for Christ. He may not be able to speak to congregations, but he can work for individuals."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 822. There are at least two things that stand out in God's

purpose for His people concerning which there can be no question. One is that by being true to this purpose, the church will receive great blessing; the other, that this plan and method outlined by Him "who cannot err," is the one that will most effectively reach the lost. Because God, who has given to "every man his work," has also promised and provided the required power and wisdom for accomplishing the purpose outlined.

We repeat anew the instruction, so often presented, that the church members should be encouraged to take up the most simple lines of work, and soon they will be prepared to launch out into broader fields. Those in need of instruction should be carefully taught in both theory and practice; and those who lack interest to put forth any effort should be tactfully and prayerfully labored with until they join the ranks of workers in the church. Then, as we organize the church for real efficient service, district the territory to be worked, and lead our believers into the field, we have every reason to believe and to expect that God will give the increase. As the world is mobilizing its forces for the greatest conflict of the ages, is it not only reasonable, but timely and urgent, that we mobilize every possible agency and talent in the church for the finishing of the task committed to our hands?

This present year should mark a new and greater era in universal and personal soul-winning service for God's remnant church. May workers, church officers, and lay mem-bers consecrate all they have, and bend every energy, to this most worthy objective.

The Constraining Love of Christ

When the life of Christ takes possession of a person, there must be expression of that life. It will be as "a well of water springing up" and bubbling over. Having a deepseated love in our hearts for God and our fellow men, we cannot but be glad to give and to go. The divine principle and nature is expressed thus, "God so loved the world, that He gave," and so we must give ourselves in loving service. Experiencing the indwelling and constraining love of

Christ in the life, a follower of the Master will be impelled to go out and seek the lost for Christ. This will be the normal activity and the great consuming burden of the Christian. He will use whatever secular pursuits he is engaged in as a means of paying expenses, but his chief concern will be the winning of men and women for Christ. Thus God's purpose for his life will be fulfilled.

The conclusion of all this is inevitable. God's program and purpose call for an every-member evangelism. Constant soul-winning activity on the part of every church member is the life of Christ normally expressed, and this alone will keep the church in vigorous health; whereas abstaining from and neglecting the work of soul winning results in the suppression of the spirit of Christ in the heart, bringing apathy and weakness to the church.

Nothing is more certain proof of a low spiritual vitality than church trouble. There is no place for strife where spiritual life grows and abounds. When strife comes in, love has gone out. Troublemaking and soul winning can never abide together, either in the same heart or in the same church, and God's purpose be attained.

If the church needs to express the divine life in order to keep in spiritual health, the lost need to see the divine life expressed in order to desire to possess it. There is a great truth in the admonition, "So live that those who know you, but do not know Christ, will want to know Him because they know you." "When we give ourselves wholly to God, and in our work

follow His direction, He makes Himself responsible for its accomplishment. . . . Not once should we even think of

failure. We are to cooperate with the One who knows no failure."-"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 363. "In working for perishing souls, you have the compan-ionship of angels. Thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand angels are waiting to cooperate with members of our churches in communicating the light that God has generously given that a people may be prepared for the coming of Christ."-"Testimonies," Vol.

IX, p. 129. Let lay evangelism ring its mighty summons to our believers in all parts of the world while the days of oppor-tunity are still before us. May our army of lay preachers and lay Bible workers be increased and better instructed to go forth proclaiming the word of truth with power; and may all members, young and old alike, in every church, in every Sabbath school, and in every Missionary Volunteer Society, be fired anew with love for the lost, and consecrating all to Christ, let them determine to render wholehearted service for God in speedily finishing His work in all the earth. STEEN RASMUSSEN,

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We Will Win the "Win One" Way

"For the conversion of one soul we should tax our resources to the utmost."-"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 22.

most. — I estimonies, Vol. VI, p. 22. "One . . . soul saved is of more value than worlds."—Id., Vol. I, p. 513. The year 1937 is declared to be a "Win One" year by the recommenda-tion of the General Conference. An edition of 100,000 "Win One" prayercovenant cards, providing space for members to join the "Win One" League, was sent to the churches in North America before the close of 1936. Shortly afterward, urgent calls



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came for more of these personal workers' cards, and a second edition of 10,000 was printed. These, too, have been sent to the field. Thus we have reason to believe that considerably more than half of our constituency in North America have joined the "Win One" League for 1937.

Outside the North American Division there has been an equally enthusiastic response to the world call to personal evangelism that went forth from the Fort Worth Autumn Council. Every division, so far as we have been able to learn, has joined us in taking up the slogan, "Win One," until today it is sounding and resounding in scores of different languages and dialects, and is duplicated and reduplicated on hundreds of pages of resolutions that have been duly and solemnly voted in nearly every continent and island field of the world. As if caught up by magic wings, the phrase "Win One" has been carried from shore to shore. Our people are singing about it, preaching about it, formulating resolutions, charts, sign boards, and reading courses about it, and are lauding its purposes and objectives in magazines and periodicals the world around. And now-we must go and do it!

We need not call attention to the fact that we ought to win souls. We know that. Long has God been waiting for just this kind of service from the church. Moreover, we all mean to have some part in this revival of personal soul-winning service when it does appear. We desire it. And-we are going to have a part in it now.

On your personal relation to this very important movement, my brother, my sister, hangs the destiny of this world and its millions of inhabitants. We are told that if the united action of this people were positive and earnest,-unqualifiedly and constantly so,-in eight and one-half years every soul among the 1,750,000,000 people of this earth could be importuned for Christ. If the response of the laymen of this denomination should be indifferent or negative, and our conference workers were left to finish the work, we are told that even though we grant that each worker might reach fifty souls a year for Christ, it would require 3,000 years to cover the world effectively for Christ. Do you, my brother, want God to wait 3,000 years more before the consummation of His work of love in the world?

Most emphatically our answer is, "No." We dare not follow such a course. It would mean the loss of even our own souls, as well as our blessed hope, if we did.

The time is at hand. We have but one course to take. The time is at hand. We have but one course to take. We must finish the work the "Win One" way, and we will do it by beginning to pray for one soul now. "Begin to pray for souls."—"Testimonies," Vol. I, p. 513. Fasten your "minds upon one soul after another, saying, 'Lord, help me to save this soul.'"—Id., Vol. VI, pp. 412, 413. And God has promised, "Whatsoever ye ask . . . I will do." W. H. BERGHERM,

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Heeding the Call

WE have come to a new hour in the history of our great task. A new awakening to the grave necessity of finishing the world task in this generation is stirring the lay brethren and sisters everywhere. There is a drawing together of the ordained workers and the laity. We see a new light in that oft-quoted statement that the work will soon be finished when church officers and laity unite fully with the ministry in the great effort.

This is coming to be more and more fully realized throughout North America and in all the world Church boards are endivisions. couraging the formation of Bible training classes in the churches, and many brethren and sister are searching the Scriptures and seeking to know how to teach the truth to their neighbors. God is greatly blesing these faithful efforts. Thus hundreds and thousands four lay brethren and sisters, including the youth, are ging forth into the neighborhood and community to hold Bible studies and cottage meetings.

cottage meetings. One phase of the work, long und veloped, but now coming into prominence, is preaching by laymen. There are in our churches many men of ability and consecration who are capable of preaching the me age with clearness and power; and today, perhaps as never before, God is touching the hearts of these men, and alling them to un-dertake more definite responsibilities for the advancement of the third angel's message. These are men whom the of the third angel's message. These is men whom the Lord has "appointed" as truly as He I is "appointed" the ordained minister. In Christ's time the laymen called to service outnumbered the twelve apostle nearly six to one. These "other seventy also" were sent orth to preach the word, and it is marvelous how well they did it, even though they had not received the same training as the chosen twelve.

Today, as in the early days of the Cristian church, the Master would have us understand that it is a fatal mistake to suppose that the work of soulsaving epends alone upon the ministry. . . . God will send forth into His vineyard many whó have not been dedicated to he ministry by the laying on of hands."—"Acts of the Apo tles," p. 110.

A Hundred Workers Where Now Is One

Further definite instruction has been given to the rem-nant church in the following: "If men n humble life were encouraged to do all the good they ould do, . . . there would be a hundred workers for Chr t where now there would be a hundred workers for Chrit where now there is one. God takes men as they are, an educates them for His service, if they will yield themse ves to Him. The Spirit of God, received into the soul, will quicken all its faculties."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 251. "In the com-mon walks of life there is many a ma patiently treading the round of daily toil, unconscious that he possesses pow-ers which, if called into action, would raise him to an equality with the world's most honored men. The touch of a skillful hand is needed to arouse those dormant facof a skillful hand is needed to arouse those dormant faculties."--Id., p. 250.

It is the duty of the ministry and the church to look over the flock, and find men of native ability whose hearts are aflame with a deep love for this mess ge, and to lay hold of them and encourage them to attem t greater things for



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God. Surely we need today "a hundred workers for Christ where now there is one." God has them, they are among us, and He is calling them. The need of preparing these men for larger service is recognized by the leaders in God's cause, and lay preachers' councils are being held in many conferences in North America, as well as in other divisions. These councils make it possible for conference presidents and home missionary secretaries to spend two or three days in study, prayer, and counsel with groups of laymen who have had successful experience in soul winning, and with others who are ready to enter more fully into the laypreaching work. These occasions have proved to be very helpful. The instruction is practical, teaching how to secure the use of schoolhouses, halls, unused churches, and other inexpensive places in which to conduct efforts.

As a further help to encourage and to impart instruction to lay preachers, a bimonthly publication, known as The Lay Preacher, is issued from the office of the General Conference Home Missionary Department, and is sent to all authorized lay preachers. The first two issues of this bimonthly have met with a hearty welcome in the field, and the mailing list is being steadily increased.

Thirty-Five Won to the Truth

As an example of what is being accomplished, we cite several somewhat recent experiences of lay evangelists. brother in Wisconsin who came out from the Catholic Church was so happy in the new light and in deliverance from darkness and superstition, that he began immediately to work for his Catholic relatives and friends. Before the year ended he had brought thirty-five people into the truth. This brother is an earnest personal worker, visiting the sick in his neighborhood and praying for them, and giving Bible studies. He also conducts public efforts, and each year, for a number of years, he has presented a class of new converts to the conference for baptism.

Another lay brother held a public effort in a large dance hall-quite an unusual place. During the last twelve months, fourteen people have been won to the truth through his labors. In one lay preachers' council, eleven lay brethren reported having brought twenty-two new Sabbathkeepers into the conference during 1936.

Again we say, We have come to a new hour in the history of our great task. God is leading His work and His people in marvelous ways. W. A. BUTLER,

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$\sim \sim$ The Helping Hand of Dorcas

"This world is . . . the workshop of God, where we are to be fitted up to unite with sinless angels in a holy heaven."-"Testimonies," Vol. II, p. 187.

The great Master Workman has set in operation in His workshop many kinds of activity, and many specialists are employed for the perfecting of the technique of character building and soul winning. There are some who preach, some who pray, some who sing; there are others who prepare and scatter the printed page; there are workmen skilled in "rightly dividing the word of truth" through the media of Bible studies and cottage meetings; there are others who go in search of foreign-language-speaking neighbors, and present to each the printed page in his own tongue; some care for the sick, and teach the gospel of health and healing for soul and body; then there are the loyal, efficient campaigners, who meet the public year by year to inform them of the constant advance of the gospel and to solicit the financial support which the Lord impresses hearts to give.

Over in one corner of God's workshop is another group of specialists, arduously at work and increasing in efficiency and extent of operations. This group is known as the Dorcas Society, whose members prepare to minister pri-marily to the temporal needs of humanity, but are well qualified to blend with their ministry the spiritual repair of sin-sick, discouraged souls, bringing courage and hope to those who are waging a losing fight with the adversities of life, and proving to them that "a friend in need is a friend indeed."

A Strong Factor in Christian Service

This corner of the Master's workshop is largely left to "mothers in Israel," whose practical and thrifty ideas the are a strong contributing factor to the strength of the



Elder and Mrs. W. C. White Preparing to Send Forty-four Sacks of Clothing to Madison, Tennessee, for Worthy Students in the South-This Clothing Was Collected by the Dorcas Societies in the Pacific Union Conference

great cable of Christian service that stretches from church to church. These godly women are as much a part of the laymen's missionary movement as is any other group of God's workmen, and without them many doors of entrance for the truth would remain unopened and much suffering and want would be passed by unnoticed.

Decided growth in the number and activities of Dorcas Societies has been apparent during recent years, and at the present time the majority of our churches have wellorganized bands of willing, efficient workers who can be depended on for any emergency need, both within and without the church.

When the devastating floods swept over a large portion of the United States in the early weeks of 1937, our Dorcas Society workers were among the first to rally from the shock of the appalling situation, and begin earnest efforts to send on relief in the way of clothing, bedding, dishes, furniture -anything and everything obtainable which could serve in reestablishing wrecked homes. Conference home missionary secretaries helped to extend the call, directed the routing of supplies through proper channels to reach our own Seventh-day Adventist brethren and sisters in the stricken areas, and as far as possible cooperated with the Red Cross for the relief of suffering everywhere. Tons of clothing, food, and other supplies were quickly collected and sent on their way; and when the general Flood Relief Offering was taken in the churches on February 20, many Dorcas Societies drew upon their funds for cash donations.

Clothing for Worthy Students

Some months ago Elder W. C. White, of St Helena, California, was informed by personal acquaintances engaged in educational work in the Southern States, that there was a large group of students attending the selfsupporting schools in the South, with a view to fitting themselves for the Master's service, who were actually suffering for lack of bedding and clothing. It was stated that this was a "group of most promising students, whose parents and friends could not do anything for them, and that some would be obliged to leave school unless they could receive help in the matter of clothing." Elder White has long been an earnest champion of the needs of our missionary work in the South. After he had conferred with T. L. Oswald, the home missionary secretary of the Pacific Union, a call was sent out to the Dorcas Societies in that union only, asking that clothing be gathered and shipped to a central point.

The response was beyond expectations, both in quickness and volume; and in a short time Elder White and his wife were able to ship forty-four large canvas bags filled with clean, wholesome, patched, and mended garments. We are favored with a photograph of these veteran workers as they stand beside the shipment, just before it was rolled away. Concerning the arrival of the shipment at its destination, one of the teachers wrote as follows:

"The clothing arrived almost as soon as your letter, and I took it up to our 'Community Service Room' and opened up the bundles. You cannot imagine how delighted we were to see all those good warm garments. Before night, many of the jackets, trousers, shirts, and coats were in use, and I wish you could know how proud and happy the boys were."

A Dorcas Society Booth

Dorcas workers in other States are caring for the needs of worthy students in many of our academies and colleges. In Michigan a special effort is being made by the societies to provide comfortable bedding for all colporteurs who come to the annual camp meeting and have no one to provide for them. This is a real need, and will prove a blessing to the faithful literature evangelists. A permanent Dorcas exhibit booth is being erected on the Michigan campground, to serve as headquarters and information booth for all Dorcas workers throughout the conference at the annual assemblies of believers. This is a wise move for establishing the Dorcas work on the same permanent basis as the conference bookstand, post office, and other essential conference units.

A new avenue of service in "ministering to the necessity of saints" lies in cooperating with church boards to see that every needy family in the church is supplied with the RE-VIEW. It is considered just as essential to help provide spiritual food to build up the spiritual life and to keep in touch with the advancement of the third angel's message, as to provide temporal food; and in cases where Seventhday Adventist families are entirely unable to subscribe for the REVIEW, a reserve Dorcas fund will be kept in readiness, subject to certain specifications and restrictions which are deemed essential.

In the words of the apostle Paul, we appeal to leaders in all branches of the great layman's missionary movement to "help those women" who are "fellow laborers, whose names are in the book of life" (Phil. 4:3); and in so doing there will be developed a broader basis for understanding and cooperation, and a thousand times more will be accomplished in the great task of preparing the world for the Master's coming. GRACE D. MACE,

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Left: Native Evangelistic Effort in South Africa Right: Robert, Lay Evangelist of the Maswakas



Finishing God's Work in Darkest Africa

MARVELOUS are the results of humble efforts put forth by weak but consecrated instruments in the Zambesi Union Mission at the present time. God is gathering His chosen ones from among the heathen, and is demonstrating what can be accomplished through them when He sets His hand to finish the work.

Our force of workers is totally inadequate to cope with the hundreds of calls that are made annually, and even if we had the men to send, we do not have the means with which to send them. So we must look to our laity.

At the Demu camp meeting last year (1936) our people were urged to go out and carry the gospel to the unentered sections. Four laymen responded, and decided to hold an effort in the Zambesi country. As a result 453 persons are interested in the message and are preparing for baptism. Our present problem is the shepherding of this new flock.

Samson, one of our native evangelists, is a cripple, but that does not hinder him from preaching the gospel. For a time he attended Rusangu Mission. Then he left, and we heard no more of him until word reached us that he had a number of interested people in a section of the country we had not yet entered. He called for some one to come and help care for the interest. When our evangelist visited him, he found about ninety people preparing for baptism, and thirty were baptized.

Robert Ngoma, of the Maswaka tribe, from Chotobekele's village, is small of stature. His face, though scarred with tribal marks, radiates the joy of salvation and his hope of eternity. He is hatless and shoeless, but one foot is covered with part of an old woolen garment. He limps along slowly from place to place. Curiosity led us to inquire concerning the covered foot, and we learned that only portions of two toes remained, and that the entire foot was covered with virulent sores. Indications point to but one conclusion,-leprosy,-but Robert does not know that he is a victim of the dread disease.

As an illiterate heathen he went to work in the copper mines, and remained there for some years. Then he returned to his kraal. One day he decided he would learn to read, as he had seen some other natives do. He got a primer, and after much perseverance, learned to decipher words. Then he sent to our Musofu Mission for a book. He obtained our baptismal manual, spent much time trying to read it, and learned the truth from it. Then he told others of the good things he had learned. Native police informed him that he would either have to stop preaching or go to jail. He replied, "You may take me to jail, but I cannot stop preaching." He continued to study the baptismal manual and the Testament, which he acquired later, and to teach his friends. He has aroused an interest in the message in seven villages, and ninety-four people are preparing for baptism.

As we see what God is doing through men just won from heathenism, men who have only a meager knowledge of reading, but who are filled with the Spirit of God, we are convinced that God will finish the work on time in "Darkest Africa." J. B. Cooks.

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Laymen's Movement in Australasia

THE time has come in the great advent movement when every Adventist congregation should be a live missionary society, and every Adventist believer an earnest worker for souls, aflame with the love of God and the last warning message.

Here in Australasia, as in other places, this conviction is deepening in the hearts of both leaders and people, with the result that our constituency is now participating in active missionary labors to a greater degree than formerly. More than 70 per cent of our entire membership now report regular missionary labor for others.

The gravity of the present world situation is a challenge to our whole missionary outlook, for it must be acknowledged that through the years many have lost sight of a part, at least, of the original pattern that was left with us for the evangelization of the world.

However, in the new urge to the individual members of the denomination in connection with the 1937 "Win One"



A Company of New Believers in Australia. This Is the Fruitage of a Layman's Mission Conducted by a Pressman From the Publishing House and a Teacher From the College

effort, and also in the simple but effective missionary plan associated with the present Sabbath school lessons, and the Bible training classes springing up everywhere in connection therewith, we believe we are launching into the greatest aggressive work in the history of the movement, which will help to bring in the grand finale of the gospel work and the return of our Lord.

Layman's efforts are being conducted at the present time in South New South Wales, North New South Wales, Queensland, and other places, with good success. Only the other day, the writer was visiting the press at Avondale. It was inspiring to talk with some of our pressmen there regarding the efforts which they are conducting. One of these brethren, together with the instructor in business methods from the college, enthusiastically launched a layman's mission in a little township some twenty miles distant, which resulted in a church of forty-two members. One of these is now in training at our Sydney Sanitarium.

Our pressman missionary is the elder of this church. During the week, at night, he goes to a township four miles distant to hold Bible studies with interested people, and then at the close of each week he journeys the long distance to care for his flock. He has faithfully trained the members, both adults and young people, to work for others, and they have caught the true missionary spirit. Having tasted the joy of this personal soul-winning work in connection with layman's evangelism, our good brother declared, "I am ever so much happier since I took up this work; and besides, think of what it has done for the whole church here, and for the young people. And," he added, with a light shining in his eyes and a deep earnestness in his voice, "the interest is still growing, the fires are still spreading, and we hardly know how to keep up with them. The Lord has greatly blessed, and it is wonderful."

With a deep sense of the fact that neglect of this very kind of work has, in the past, been one of our outstanding weaknesses as a people, and realizing that there is no other way to finish the work in all the world, let us as leaders in the work determine, under God, that the year 1937 shall see everywhere a great advance in the mobilization and training of the whole church as a mighty, prevailing, spiritual force that can be wielded in the final struggle.

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Upper Left: Clarence Winters, of St. Johns, Antigua, British West Indies. Brother Win-ters Is a Lay Member Who Raised Up a Church at Cedar Grove. He Walked Five Miles Each Way to Get to the Meeting

Upper Right: Oswald Walker, of Plymouth, Montserrat, British West Indies. Brother Walker, as a Lay Member, Brought One Hundred People Into the Truth Before He Was Employed in the Conference Work. Last Year There Were 115 Baptized as the Result of His Work

Lower: A Church of Fifty Members in a Suburb of Havana, Cuba. These People Were Won to the Truth as a Result of the Personal Effort of the Office Secretary at the Union Office

How It Has Been Done

THE slogan "Win One" is working in the Antillian Union, as is evidenced by the large numbers added annually to our membership in this island field. Humble lay members, both old and young, have by earnest work for Jesus raised up large groups, which have later de-veloped into flourishing churches. This is true in many places throughout the Greater Antilles. E. E. Parchment, one of the faculty members of the West Indian Training one of the faculty members of the West Indian Training College, at Mandeville, Jamaica, refers to recent develop-ments in a country community known as Asia, as follows:

"It is just two years now since the work was started at Asia. It began in a very small way. A brother felt impressed to hold a cottage meeting, using the Week of Prayer readings. A growing interest was soon apparent. The aged woman who opened her house for the meetings, though blind, was spiritually alive. She finally consented to take out the partition wall of her house, and let us have the space of another room, reserving for herself one little corner room as living quarters. It was not long before the added space was also overflowing, and it seemed that the only way to accommodate the people was to erect a church building.

"A piece of land was purchased from a man who had refused several times to dispose of it when businessmen approached him, and a church building was erected on it. So we now have a building with a seating capacity of over 250. The number in attendance at our meetings has been so great that the brethren believe it will be necessary in the

very near future to erect an addition to

the building. "During a recent series of meetings con-During Miller, assisted by others from the college, there were many nights when we had to conduct two meetings, as the church was packed to seating and stand-ing capacity, and many people stood on the outside. So after we had dismissed the first meeting, the second audience assembled and gave close attention to the sermon. The adjoining districts are calling for the message, and these new, earnest believers are out every night of the week except Sabbath night, holding cottage meetings in the community. Surely the Lord is working mightily in this place, and a harvest of souls is being reaped for His heavenly kingdom.

"Another very interesting development is the organization of a church of nineteen members in the leper colony in Jamaica, the result of personal work by one of our lay members who is an inmate of the colony.

"An organized church of nearly fifty members, with a Sabbath school attendance of about 120, has been raised up in our union-office neighborhood in Vibora, five miles from the center of the city of Havana. This group of believers is the result of work begun three years ago by Sister Mable Head, our union office secretary, who first met an elderly woman (now deceased) and won her to the truth. From that small beginning the work has continued to grow. These new believers are earnest workers, holding Bible readings and conducting cottage meetings in near-by sections of the city. Thus the leaven con-tinues to spread, and soon there will be other groups, all the outgrowth of that simple personal effort in handing out some papers to a woman who called at the union office and of later visits to this woman's home.

"We have excellent congregations of be-lievers in Cuba, Jamaica, Haiti, Santo Domingo, Porto Rico, the Bahamas, and Cayman Islands, all as the direct result of the good work of our lay members. Eternity alone will reveal the results of the faithful efforts of these lay members; and God, who keeps a correct record of every effort, will

give the reward 'to every man according to his deeds.'

A. R. OGDEN, President, Antillian Union.

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"Warn the World" Chapels in China

THERE is an inscription written in large characters over the doors of Seventh-day Adventist chapels in China, which helps all to remember God's purpose in establishing His church. It is "Ching Shih Tan," or "Warn the World Chapel." And when China, with its quarter of the world's population, is warned, the commission of Christ should containly he pear its accomplishment. Today although certainly be near its accomplishment. Today, although advances have been made in all kinds of mission endeavor during the thirty years of the advent movement in the land of Sinim, it is becoming more and more evident to the leaders that in order to transform that inscription into fact, the members of those chapels must be trained for and called into the army of Prince Immanuel.

Our hope of finishing the work in China is in God's use of a consecrated laity. If the "Win One" movement could be fully set in operation, all China would be reached with the third angel's message in a few years. Our laity are courageously accepting the challenge laid before them. Practically all our churches observe the first Sabbath missionary service and the fifteen-minute weekly service. About half of them are organized into bands, and our last report showed Bible workers' training classes in more than a hundred churches.

Some time ago there came to my attention an expe-

rience which illustrates the possibili-ties in the efforts of even the illiterate layman. A humble boy who works on the college farm, and who is classed as an errand boy, was sent to Nanking to purchase some fertilizer. While there he entered into conversation with one of the employees of the firm selling fertilizer. In his simple way this lad told of his joy in the Christian's hope. The Spirit used this errand boy's words to impress this employee so greatly that he attended our church and became really interested in our message. Later, he moved to the northern part of the province, but sent down his tithe, and stated that he was keeping the Sabbath and hoped to be baptized in the near future. During my visit to the college a few days ago, I learned that this young man had been bap-tized, and is working in the school to earn money to attend certain Bible classes. It is a simple story, but a

true one. It illustrates the potentialities in all, even the illiterate members, who are doing their part. More than a thousand Chinese found the truth last year by the faithful witnessing of our humble laymen.

In spite of the unsettled conditions and great problems which face us on every hand, we are united in purpose with our Commander and comrades. We hope soon to rally with the rest of the faithful church throughout the world, and thus hasten the day when it may be truthfully said of our task, "It is finished." L. E. REED.

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Loyal Helpers in Central Europe

Some of our churches in the Central European Division are not able to take as active a part in our mission plans as in former years, but it is encouraging to see the spirit of devotion to the work of the gospel which leads the church members to find new ways for carrying on the Harvest Ingathering and Missions Extension work with noteworthy success.

There are some localities in this field where our church



"Welfare Sale" of Foods and Needlework, Vienna, Austria

members do not have permission to distribute our literature. Singing bands are also prohibited, and it is not possible to use our periodicals in soliciting funds from house to house. Therefore we must find new ways of reaching the people and carrying on the work. Although it is true that our Harvest Ingathering receipts in 1936 were less than in 1935, yet we are thankful to the Lord for what we were able to accomplish in the face of many new and difficult situations; and though the outlook for the present year is not much better, we have confidence that the Lord will give us new victories.

During last winter our churches took a very active part in the great national winter welfare work of the German people. Thousands of our brethren and sisters helped to meet the great social need by the sale of welfare stamps and cooperation with women's welfare groups. The full report of these general welfare activities makes a very commendable record.

And not only in Germany have our church members taken an active part in relieving the social need, but also

A Group of Believers in North China Won to the Truth by Brother Guan (Tall Man, Second From Left), a Zealous Lay Worker



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in nearly all territories of the Central European Division, plans have been worked out which have brought help to many needy families. All this work is inspired by the Spirit of Christ, who gave us the example of going about doing good. Therefore we should never grow weary in this service.

For the advancement of the missionary endeavor in all our churches, we are planning—

1. To give away or to lend our periodicals to friends and relatives and to distribute literature at every opportunity. 2. To sell our literature wherever and whenever this is

2. To sell our literature wherever and whenever this is possible and the authorities permit.

3. To have prayer for specific persons of our acquaintance whom we desire to win for Christ and His word.

4. To issue personal invitations to our meetings, that souls may be brought under the influence of God's Spirit.

5. To visit the homes of acquaintances and relatives and give Bible readings in order to teach them the word of God. 6. To mail missionary letters and literature to acquaint-

ances and relatives living in other localities, in the hope of interesting them in the study of the Holy Scriptures.

By carrying out these plans, we are going forward step by step, and it is encouraging to see the number of Bible readings held in family circles greatly increasing throughout our field. Now as never before we must seek to overcome prejudice toward Christ and the Holy Scriptures. We trust in God, knowing that He will make good His promises and give victory to His cause. We know that the seed which is being sown at this time will bear fruit in eternity. M. Busch.

Activities of Lay Members in Southern Asia

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At the present time we are distributing literature in twenty languages of our field. Thousands of tracts have been scattered throughout the length and breadth of India, Burma, and Ceylon. Our believers, even though poor in this world's goods, are very hospitable, and are ever ready to provide food and clothing for the needy. In many of the villages of India there is no medical help available, so there is a wide field of service for our lay members in visiting the sick, ministering to their needs, and praying with them. Many people have been won to the truth through the simple, kindly deeds of our laity.

In south Travancore there is a young man who has built

a small dispensary, at his own expense, in his own language area. He received his training as a nurse at one of our hospitals in the Telugu field. He employs one of our trained mission nurses, also another helper to dispense medicine. His work is very much appreciated throughout the district, notwithstanding the fact that there is a large government hospital only four miles distant. Everything about the dispensary is clean and orderly, and speaks well for the good training this young man has received. He spends all his spare time in missionary work.

Not long ago he conducted a series of meetings in a building next to his dwelling place. The attendance ranged from 200 to 700, and at the close of the meetings a church was organized, with a membership of eighteen. It is at this place that we have established our first selfsupporting school, which has an enrollment of 105 students. Within two miles of this church, a second church has been established, and our brother has very recently opened another dispensary.

In the united province of Agra and Oudh there is a blind brother who is a' talented musician. He is a convert from Hinduism. A few years ago one of our Indian evangelists taught this blind brother to sing gospel songs, and he carries his Indian musical instruments and sings and plays to the people in the byways and hedges. The hearts of the people are softened as they listen to the songs of Zion and to the sincere prayers offered in their behalf, and great good is accomplished.

In east Bengal two boatmen have given Bible studies to people they have met on their trips up and down the river, and as a result two families have been won to the truth. In Burma there are a number of lay preachers who have been very successful in reaching the people. They travel about on foot, distributing tracts and preaching to the crowds in the villages. In northeast India a group of eighteen people are keeping the Sabbath and awaiting baptism as a result of the work done by lay members living in a neighboring village.

A brother in Madras, a watch dealer and repairer, has proved himself a real "fisher of men." He keeps a good supply of literature on hand, and passes it out to his customers. A sister in the Calcutta English church has had translated and printed, at her own expense, three tracts in the Nepali and Tibetan languages, and this literature is opening doors heretofore unentered.

We have a brother in the Telugu field who has been

A Harvest of Souls Through Laymen's Efforts in Jugoslavia. The First Ten of This Group Were Won by Colporteurs; All the Others Were Added Through the Missionary Work of the Lay Members



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lame from birth and has great difficulty in walking, yet he travels over vast distances, proclaiming the message of truth. During the last few years he has learned to read the Bible, and he has a wealth of Scripture at his command for answering every question. He is known in every town and village near his home as the missionary for truth. We shall never know this side of eternity how many souls this crippled brother has started on the right road.

Prospects for a larger laymen's missionary movement were never as bright as they are at present. We believe that every one who takes the name of Christ must bear His yoke of service, and that "every believer, educated or uneducated," can proclaim the message. Our aim is to arouse every believer in India, Burma, and Ceylon to a consciousness of the great responsibilities resting upon him. E. D. THOMAS.

 $\sim c$ The Laymen of Southern Europe

WHEN once the truth has found lodgment in the heart, there is an urge to tell it to others. In Southern Europe

this urge has been particularly strong, and there has been the added motive of necessity. In comparison with other divisions, Southern Europe ranks with China, the Far East, and Southern Asia as having a vast population with a small constituency and a v e r y inadequate working force.

In Řumania we now have 16,500 baptized believers, and 10,000 more





The First Sabbath School, Fifty-five Members, at Brava, Cape Verde Islands. A New Field Entered as a Result of the Efforts of Lay Missionary A. J. Gomes

ready to be baptized as soon as they can obtain permission to leave the state church. The large proportion of these 26,500 believers are energetic missionaries. Most of them are peasants. As they come in to sell their produce in the markets, they watch for opportunities to witness for the truth; and through the personal-contact method, many people are led to investigate and to accept the message.

In Jugoslavia the brethren cannot be held back. The union leaders are greatly perplexed to care for the growing numbers. During the last three years the number of believers has doubled, whereas the already small group of workers has decreased in numbers. Organized work is in its infancy. We have no songbook in the language, and whole congregations sing any melody that seems to adapt itself to the words. To complicate matters, there are fourteen different languages to cope with in this cosmopolitan nation. Above: Delegates to the District Missionary Convention in Nanking, China

Left: A Church Raised Up by Laymen in South Travancore, India Right: Lay Preachers in the Telugu Field. To the Right, Leaning on His Staff, Is Brother Reuben, a Cripple From Birth

In Italy the spirit of home missions is alive. Of Spain little can be said just now. A fine group of students is in our college in France, preparing to return to Spain to assist their brethren as soon as possible. The fire has caught in Portugal. The believers are scattering the edition of *Good News* they have prepared. A. D. Gomes, the superintendent, writes, "We Portuguese love Ingathering, and wish it would last all the year long!" Down in the Cape Verde Islands a fine work is being developed. A Portuguese-speaking brother from the Hawaiian Islands returned to his home in the islands, and soon had a group of eighty listeners. He insisted on having a worker come, until his plea could no longer be resisted. We now have an organized church, a chapel free from debt, and a flourishing work.

Lay preaching is becoming more popular. Doctor Nussbaum, himself a self-supporting lay evangelist, tells us of several laymen in Rouen, France, who are preaching in the surrounding towns and villages. In Alsace we have one lay preacher who has won as many souls as any conference evangelist.

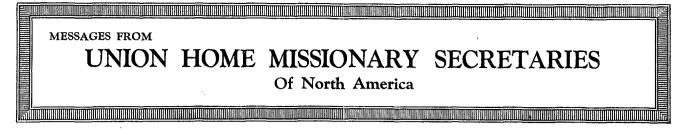
The program which confronts us is that of harnessing this earnest spirit which inspires our church members in the Southern European Division, and guiding it in the regular recognized channels. Hundreds of Dorcas Societies have been organized, and a good welfare work is being carried on in many places. At the winter council of the division leaders, resolutions were adopted which, if faithfully carried out, will place Southern Europe in the lead of lay activities throughout the world.

HENRY F. BROWN.

Gon's holy, educating Spirit is in His word. A light, a new and precious light, shines forth from every page. Truth is there revealed, and words and sentences are made bright and appropriate for the occasion, as the voice of God speaking to the soul.—"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 132.



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Southern Union Conference A Worthy Example

Too much cannot be said about the great importance of lay evangel-ism. If the work of God is to be finished in this generation, every man, woman, and child who knows present truth is needed. Heaven expects diligent service from every one whose heart is aglow with love for Him who died in his behalf.

Perhaps not all can work in the same way, but there are many avenues through which they can do conse-crated soul-saving service. Our Lord is not content to have us work by

We must do all we can to aid and encourage others proxy. to labor, but never, never will what they do take the place of what you and I ought to do. You must become a soul winner. I must be a fruit bearer for Christ. This is a matter of personal responsibility, which cannot be shifted to another because of lack of time, money, or education. How many stars will there be in your crown? in mine?

In that quaint old Georgia city of Savannah, there lived a dear brother who had really learned to place first things first. His chief business in life was to win souls to the Master. He was a busy man, and was industrious and thrifty. Early dawn found him at work, and his place of business seldom saw his departure till dusk; but wherever he was, morning, noon, or night, he represented his King.

Promised Daily to Help Some Soul

In the early days, when Brother Crawford had first known the truth, he promised God that no day should pass without his doing something to help lost sinners find their way to Christ; and until this venerable patriarch closed his eyes in the last sleep, he ceased not to speak daily of Christ Jesus and to teach concerning Him. His methods were varied, but they were blessed with results.

A small memorandum book containing the names and addresses of persons for whose salvation Brother Crawford prayed and labored, was ever with him. Constantly the list grew as new interests were added, and noticeable checks appeared here and there on this list of almost two hundred names, indicating the persons who had been won. With his own hand he inscribed his name and address,

and a brief message on various missionary papers which he faithfully placed in reading racks at strategic places in his city. This practice he continued, down through the years until limitations of age, as he advanced into the eighties, forced him reluctantly to discontinue the service. It was my pleasure, while pastor of the church where he held his membership, to baptize one family from among the many he had won by personally developing interests discovered or created through tract racks.

Improved Opportunity in a Grocery Store

Not long ago, while talking with a certain member, I asked him how he came to a knowledge of our under-standing of the Bible, and he told me it was through Brother Crawford. He met him in a grocery store, where the press of customers caused some delay. While waiting, he passed the time of day with the elderly gentleman, who immediately entered into a conversation that swiftly led to present-day happenings and their meaning. In answer to questions, various tracts were produced, and the man went away loaded up not only with literature from a pocket that was dedicated to this use, but also with an interest in the The interest called for Bible studies. These were truth. conducted sometimes two and three in a week. The result

was that the man accepted the truth, became a soul winner in turn, and has himself led a whole family to God.

Space will not permit a recital of the numerous conversations, missionary letters, Bible studies, cottage meetings, public services, and other means used by this consecrated man of God in winning from sin so many wanderers. He found time, amid the press of a busy life in the commercial world, to write numerous newspaper articles, address various social and fraternal organizations, and conduct, for Christians of other persuasions, services that were of an altogether nonprejudicial nature. He was indefatigable, and Heaven blessed his efforts with scores of souls.

A few months ago, Brother Crawford laid down his labors and went to his rest. But when the roll is called "over there," if they are faithful, more than a hundred men and women will greet him, grateful for his love and zeal which women will greet nim, graterul for his to to that the led him on in a supreme effort to "win one more" for Christ. R. G. STRICKLAND.*



North Pacific Union Conference

A Soul-Winning Church

THE greatest days of this message are ahead of us. In Isaiah 13:12 we read, "I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir." The flame of soul winning is leaping from heart to heart, and our church councils are accepting their responsibility for training the members to engage in personal work. The Holy Spirit is our great teacher. Simple deeds of love are being blessed of God. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting to be gathered in. L. A. Reynolds, the home mis-



L. E. Esteb

sionary secretary of the Upper Co-lumbia Conference, relates the following experience to show how the laymen in that field are being blessed in their efforts for others:

"Some time ago I conducted a quarterly meeting service in a church that had not had conference help for more than a year. During the testimony meeting I was impressed by the wonderful spirit of unity, kindness, and love existing among the members, and asked them to tell me how the message came to them. The deacon of the church

replied as follows: "'Our church elder has conducted two efforts right here in this church, each effort lasting six weeks. When the first series of meetings ended, we had so many interested people we felt we could not stop. We called on the conference for a minister, but could not get one. So our local elder went right back over the same subjects for another six weeks, and God wonderfully blessed his work.

'We succeeded in getting a conference worker to come and baptize the new members, and here they are, seventeen of them. Our elder conducted the preaching in the eve-ning, and cut wood during the day for a living; the church members did the praying and the visiting. We all had our part. We decided that the best way to help out in a real layman's effort was to be present each evening, and with but one or two exceptions every member of the church was present every evening. We are proud of our little church, and rejoice in the wonderful blessing of the Lord on our efforts the past year.'

* Since writing this article, Elder Strickland, has been transferred to the Atlantic Union, to become home missionary secretary of that union.



R. G. Strickland

"It was an inspiration to witness their earnestness and zeal, and a joy to be among them."

At one of our camp meetings, a mother and her daughter determined to go home and put forth more definite effort to reach their neighbors with the truth. They began by holding cottage meetings and following up the interest. When they returned to camp meeting a year later, they were accompanied by four families who were rejoicing in the truth and desired to be baptized.

What these and many others are doing in winning souls to Christ might be multiplied manyfold, if all who could, would respond to the call of the Lord and go out to win a soul for Christ. One aim throughout the North Pacific Union is, "Each one win one in 1937."

L. E. ESTEB.

Southwestern Union Conference

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A Willing People in the Southwest

THE spirit of evangelism is tak-ing hold of the believers in the Southwestern Union, and every-where our people are anxious to know how to work for God. Dur-ing the last five years our faithful laymen have won to the truth an average of two souls every three days. We have a mixed population, resembling in some respects a foreign mission field. There are Indians, Mexicans, French, Italians, a large German-speaking group, and over two and a half million Negroes, besides the strictly American population. It is an interesting field, with vast opportunities and possibilities.



C. V. Anderson

We now count our lay preachers, not by tens, but by the hundred, and they are doing good work. Our sisters, through the Dorcas Society, are engaged in welfare work and home nursing, thus doing much to break down preju-dice. Literature distribution is increasing as the burden for souls takes possession of our members.

A brother who attended a recent church officers' meeting, a bricklayer by trade, said to me at that meeting, "I have been listening to the call for lay evangelists until my heart burns. I want to do something, but what can I do?"

That is the inquiry we hear on every hand, and it is our responsibility, as leaders in the layman's movement, to help every member find his place in the work of God. The purpose of God concerning our church members is clearly stated as follows:

"God calls upon every church member to enter His service. . . . Every one must learn to work, and to stand in his place as a burden bearer. Every addition to the church should be one more agency for the carrying out of the great plan of redemption."-"Testimonies," Vol. VIII, p. 47.

A widow living on a small farm hired men to assist during seedtime and harvest. Several men who were employed by this woman had become Seventh-day Adventists, and because of this, others seeking employment were warned not to go near the place for fear of being changed into Seventh-day Adventists. But one young man laughed at the warning and went to work. The first morning, after breakfast, our sister told the young man that she was a Christian, and always began the day by reading a portion of Scripture and praying. He was invited to remain, and he did so. She chose an appealing text and prayed ear-nestly for the President and her country, and for the young man himself. Some years later it was my privilege to meet this young man. He had become a Seventh-day Adventist and joined the colporteur staff. He told me of his experience in finding the truth, and concluded by saying, "The Adventists won me to the message by the mani-festation of a genuine Christian life. I am glad I went

to work on the widow's farm." The "Win One" movement is well started, and we believe it will demonstrate that the Southwest responds to the appeal of God's Spirit through a consecrated people. C. V. ANDERSON.

Atlantic Union Conference

THE year 1936 brought many encouraging reports of missionary work by laymen and of the success that has crowned their efforts. Over 46,000 Bible readings and cottage meetings were held last year, re-sulting in the addition of 355 converts to the faith through the efforts of laymen.

One church, desiring to extend its missionary work, secured a list of the names of persons in a near-by town, and began the systematic mailing of thousands of copies of Present Truth. Interesting and favorable replies to questionnaires A. Grundset were received from these persons, and to them the Signs of the Times was sent. The interest

grew until it seemed necessary to hold a tent effort there, with the result that we now have a good group of believers in that place.

One brother says, "A year ago I called at a house for an Ingathering offering, and during the conversation I arranged for Bible studies. As a result of the studies in this home, a mother, her son and daughter, and a neighbor are keeping the Sabbath."

An isolated family has been faithfully working its terri-tory with *Present Truth* and the *Signs*, and now reports a Sabbath school with an attendance of from forty to fifty every Sabbath. Some have been baptized, and others in

Bible study classes are awaiting baptism. Plans have been laid for a strong "Win One" movement, and for strengthening the missionary organizations of all our churches in all branches of missionary work for 1937.

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Central Union Conference

OUTSTANDING among our activities in the Central Union is the lay preachers' and Bible workers' movement. It is truly wonderful to witness boys fifteen years of age going out on their own charges, holding public efforts, and giving Bible readings, to try to save some one for the Lord. We have a number of workers of this age who are do-ing just this kind of service.

Then, at the other end of the life line, we have a brother and his wife, eighty-one and seventy-nine years old, respectively, who, for the first time in their lives, began only

E. L. Cardey

about a year ago to do public work for others. This brother told me the other day that he had reared nineteen children, either his own or children of other people. Now, in the last years of his life, he has felt that he might do something for the Lord by preaching the message. Upon the invitation of a woman of his ac-quaintance who was somewhat interested in his religious belief, he and his wife drove about twenty-five miles from his home to a little community church and began a series of meetings.

After he had held two meetings, the weather became very rainy, and the mile of the road nearest the church was so bad that he told the people he could not come any more. This woman said, "We'll pave the road for you this week." True to her promise, she got the farmers together, and they hauled sand and made the road passable for the next Sunday night. This elderly brother, with his wife, continued night after night and week after week. He is not an educated man. He told how it drove him to his knees

to know what to give to the people from night to night. After a year of endeavor these dear elderly workers re-port fourteen people keeping the Sabbath. Several have already been baptized, and there is still a large interest to be cared for among people who have not yet begun to keep the Sabbath.



A. Grundset

God is calling our laymen from the plow and from the factory. Also our boys and girls are being called from their studies, and are responding to this appeal to give some time to soul winning.

This movement must go on, and will go on, until around the circle of the earth tens of thousands of men and women will, in a very definite way, proclaim God's last message of mercy. We are sure that in all our churches God has hidden ones who will yet shine as stars in the darkness of the night, as colaborers with God in finishing His last work in the earth. May we as leaders seek to encourage every one who hears the call to go out and do something in a definite way in soul winning while the day lasts.

E. L. CARDEY,

Columbia Union Conference Souls Longing for the Truth

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In the Columbia Union, 2,944 persons have been brought into the truth by the efforts of the laymen during the last five years. More than 50 per cent of our member-ship are engaged in soul-winning activity, and every kind of missionary endeavor is being used to reach the souls for whom Jesus died. It would be of interest to know

the circumstances surrounding each individual case, but of course such description would leave no space for other important matters, so only two illustrations are cited.

A brother in the church was E. A. Manry deeply impressed by reading the following statement from the Spirit of prophecy: "There are many who are reading the Scriptures who cannot understand their true import. All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in."-"Acts of the Apostles," p. 109. He fell on his knees and asked God to direct him to one of the Apostle share the Bible are being studied with a

of the homes where the Bible was being studied with a longing for help to understand its meaning. Then he began by going from street to street in his search. Not the first day, nor the second day, did he find the home he sought. Eventually the family was found, but not in the way the brother had in mind.

In the same city a sister was selling Crisis books. A man purchased two of the books, and later ordered several more. He voiced an interest in the message of the books. Word of this interest was brought to our brother. He went to the home, and found, to his joy, that the wife of the man who bought the books was an earnest Bible student, and was anxious to learn more of the truth. Bible studies followed, and this woman, with her children, came into the church.

Several years ago a brother sold a book to a woman. ecently, while out in Harvest Ingathering, another Recently, brother called at the home of this woman, and found that the book had been read and reread, and that an interest in the truth was apparent. A few Bible studies followed, and the family embraced the truth. Their love for souls caused them to turn their attention to their many relatives.

Two years have passed, and now ten of the relatives. Two years have passed, and now ten of the relatives are rejoicing in the blessed message. This present year, with the "Win One" program en-thusiastically carried out, should see thousands leaving the ranks of the enemy and joining the army under the blood-stained banner of Prince Immanuel.

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E. A. MANRY.

ART little? Do thy little well, And for thy comfort know, Great men can do their greatest work No better than just so.

-Goethe.

Pacific Union Conference

About ten years ago one of our members in the Pacific Union Conference studied the truth with a Catholic woman. The woman became deeply interested in the message, and finally accepted it. But her two daughters were very much opposed to the message, and perse-cuted their mother so bitterly that she was never baptized. After two years the mother died. The daughters still strongly opposed the truth. They lost sight of Adventists until about a year ago.

Two of our sisters in that city who were engaged in missionary

work came to the home of one of the daughters. They entered into conversation with her, and when she learned that they were Adventists, she told them how she and her sister had persecuted their mother, and what a sweet, peaceful Christian life their mother had lived. She asked the women if they would kindly come to her home and give her Bible studies, so that she, too, might be the kind of Christian her mother had been. The godly life of that mother created in the heart of her daughter a desire to be a Christian.

A church officer, after attending a church officers' meeting at the beginning of 1936, decided to make a special effort to win some one to the truth. She joined the Bible training class, and entered heartily into the studies. One morning while she was hanging out her washing in the back yard, her mind was on the Bible study outline presented in the last lesson she had studied, and unconsciously she went over the questions and answers in an audible voice.

The next-door neighbor heard her talking to herself, and asked what it was all about. Considerably embarrassed, she explained that she was practicing on how to give a Bible study. So the neighbor woman said, "Why not come over and practice on me?" The invitation was accepted, and the studies continued week by week. That neighbor

is a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church today. The Lord admonishes, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." Let us, by God's grace, make this year the greatest soul-winning year in the history of our work. T. L. OSWALD.



Joys and Pleasures

BY TILLIE JACKSON TULLET

SINCE I have had the second birth I care not for the things of earth; My joys and pleasures are above, In that dear home I've learned to love.

I love to talk about that home, And long with loved ones there to roam, Who now are sleeping 'neath the sod, Just waiting for the trump of God.

I long to walk with saints of old Upon those shining streets of gold, And there converse with loyal men Who feared not fire nor lions' den.

I long to meet the martyr band Who for the truth did nobly stand, And mingle with the angels bright Who guarded me both day and night.

I'm homesick, and I long to see My Saviour coming back for me; To hear Him, as He holds my hand, Bid me enjoy that sinless land

No earthly pleasure can compare With my bright hope of being there, And with the ransomed take my place, Prepared by His amazing grace.



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T. L. Oswald

Canadian Union Conference

THE territory comprising the Canadian Union Conference extends over vast distances, making it necessary for the union home missionary secretary to arrange long itineraries, and to be absent from his office at the union headquarters for long periods of time. The request that Elder Gerrard furnish an article as a part of the union secretaries' symposium in this Layman's Special REVIEW, did not reach him in time to enable him to comply. We are glad, however, to pass on the message which he brought to the union secretaries' convention held in Hinsdale, Illinois, a few weeks ago, for we believe that



P. D. Gerrard

weeks ago, for we believe that what he said then is true in even greater degree at present. At that time he said:

"In the Canadian Union we have an extensive territory and a very small constituency, but the same spirit of service which is moving upon the hearts of believers throughout the world is with us. We are of good courage, and have set our faces toward the goal of bigger and better things."

While it is regretted that Elder Gerrard's report is missing at this time, still we rejoice in the fact that the Canadian Union is well organized for advance in all branches of missionary activity, and we hope that a more complete and up-to-date report can appear in print at an early date.

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Ohio Dorcas Societies in Action

IN Ohio our Dorcas Societies have been doing valuable work all through the time of depression. Nearly fifty societies are registered. Besides these, there are several other groups doing similar work that have not been listed.

The value of any work is revealed in the hour of test or emergency. The Ohio Dorcas Societies have stood the test well in the emergency of the recent flood, which has not been equaled by anything in recent history. As soon as it became apparent that "Old Man River" was intent on rising higher than ever before, we sent out an S O S call to every Dorcas Society and church. Within three days, three tons of clothing (10,000 garments) and food were gathered and voluntarily brought to conference headquarters at Mount Vernon, where the members of the local Dorcas Society arranged, sorted, mended, and packed the articles of clothing, carefully listing the various garments. They also added many bundles of clothing gathered up from the members of the Mount Vernon church.

The conference van, manned by the regular driver and the conference home missionary secretary, left headquarters with this valuable load of necessities for points accessible in the flooded area. We succeeded in entering Portsmouth over roads of higher altitudes than the direct route, which was under water. Happy indeed were we to find all our people safe, and our church serving as a place of refuge for our brethren and sisters and their friends. All were of good courage, and very thankful for the needed supplies brought to them so promptly.

This three-ton consignment of clothing and food was only the beginning. A second announcement was sent out, and the response indicated that every society was at work, making bedding and wearing apparel, as well as collecting, cleaning, and mending everything imaginable in the nature of clothing. Tens of thousands of garments are now ready to be picked up by our conference truck, food supplies are being stored, and money is coming in from all over the State. A third S O S call included furniture and household effects, to care for those who lost everything in their homes. Accompanying the call was a regular Dorcas report blank, which is used for listing all materials on hand,-food, clothing, bedding, furniture, etc.,-and also indicates where such supplies are stored, awaiting call for shipment or to be picked up. The response has exceeded anticipation, both in quantity and in carefulness in reporting. While all this is going on in the eighty units of the conference, a central committee is in action for surveying the needs in the flood areas. Each family is being visited, particular needs ascertained, and clothing, bedding, food, household goods, etc., will be gathered up from, or shipped by, the Dorcas Societies now at work, and delivered to needy families according to requirements. Such a program increases the value of the hard work done by the societies, preventing congestion and placing supplies where they are most needed. Truly such an emergency demonstrates the possibilities of service vested in our Dorcas Societies, and is convincing evidence of the value of a permanent organization in the church, ready for united action in meeting a gigantic need and efficient in providing help in about forty-eight hours.

This relief work by our Dorcas Societies is not confined to our own people. Each unit cooperates with the local Red Cross and other welfare groups, in supplying both money and materials, besides responding to the direct call through our central organization. That the help of our Dorcas workers has been appreciated by the public is indicated by frequent press notices. The emergency call has been nobly answered, and the needs are being supplied as rapidly as we can enter the flooded zones.

GEORGE BUTLER.

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Lake Union Conference

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YEARS ago the servant of the Lord gave the following testimony: "My brethren and sisters, it is too late to devote your time and strength to self-serving. Let not the last day find you destitute of the heavenly treasure. Seek to push the triumphs of the cross, seek to enlighten souls, labor for the salvation of your fellow beings, and your work will abide the trying test of fire."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 56. Thousands of faithful believers in the Lake Union Conference have accepted the challenge to Christian service. Hundreds of



C. S. Joyce

men and women are rejoicing in the truth, and whole churches, newly organized and active, stand as monuments to the faithful efforts put forth by these humble laymen.

In the western part of Illinois, one of our laymen, a businessman and an elder in the church, with a burden on his heart for souls, laid definite plans to bring the truth to every person in a certain village near the church. First he obtained the confidence and cooperation of the church members, organized them for service, and systematically distributed literature for a number of weeks preceding public services. During the summer months he held meetings in the American Legion hall two nights a week, and presented in simplicity and power the truths of the advent message. In the fall a company of twelve were baptized, and later a church of seventeen members was organized. This church is the direct result of a 100-percent laymen's effort. It is a missionary church, and reached its Ingathering goal in 1936.

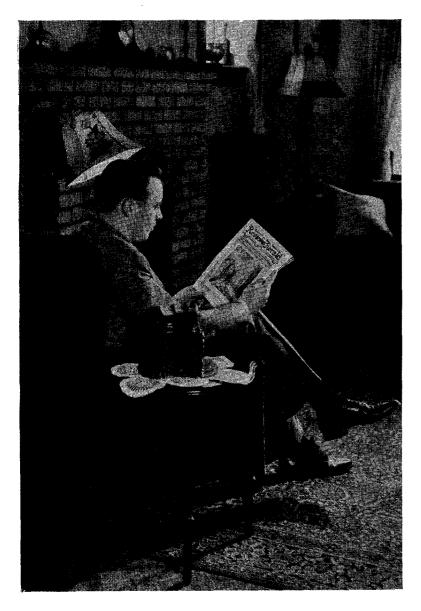
One of our lay preachers in Indiana, a deacon in the church, accepted an opportunity to conduct Bible studies and public meetings. With the cooperation of the church he succeeded in organizing a Sabbath school of forty-three members, as shown in the group on page 21.

members, as shown in the group on page 21. These lay efforts in soul winning can be duplicated many times. Suffice it to say that 3,350 souls have been won to the truth and added to the church during the past five years in the Lake Union Conference through the faithful efforts of our laymen. C. S. JOYCE.

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NEW occasions teach new duties, Time makes ancient good uncouth; They must upward still and onward Who would keep abreast of truth.

–Lowell.



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Fruitage of a Lay Preacher's Work in Indiana

The Work of the Laity in Michigan

WE rejoice not only in the increasing activity of the laymen in Michigan, but also in their manifestly deepening spirit of earnestness and consecration. In "Christ's Object Lessons," page 402, is this significant statement: "It is not the length of time we labor, but our willingness and fidelity in the work, that makes it acceptable to God. . . . He regards more the love and faithfulness with which we work than the amount we do."

To illustrate the spirit manifested by our believers in Michigan, I take pleasure in quoting from a few letters recently received. One brother writes:

"For the past year, I have endeavored to devote one day each week, aside from Sabbath and Friday evening, to missionary work. In our last Harvest Ingathering campaign we found several interested families, and I have held a cottage meeting weekly since. As a result, a family of six are now keeping the Sabbath, and a man in another family has just begun keeping the Sabbath. Two other families, not yet members of the church, are already paying tithe."

An earnest sister states: "I am happy to say that it has been my privilege to 'Win One' to the service of the Master. During the past year I have regularly visited a near neighbor, and we had Bible studies and prayer together. On Sabbath afternoon, February 18 of this year, she gave her heart to God. There is no joy like the joy of being used of the Master to bring a soul to the Saviour."

Dorcas Society at Work in Oakland, California. (See Article, "The Helping Hand of Dorcas," by Mrs. Grace D. Mace, page 9) An isolated member writes: "Out of thirty-four homes visited in this community, I have had the privilege of reaching thirty-two with literature on the message, and have conducted Bible studies and cottage meetings with a number of people. Two families have already accepted the message, and others show a special interest."

message, and others show a special interest." During the year 1936, two lay evangelistic institutes, attended by 120 earnest lay members, were held in Michigan. Six Bible training classes reported forty-eight members completing the course, and at the present time we have in operation thirteen Bible training classes, with a combined membership of 218. The leader of a large Bible training class writes: "You would be pleased to see the good work the members are doing. They are enthusiastic in their studies, and several are already giving studies regularly each week."

These are just a few of the many experiences that encourage our hearts here in Michigan. E. R. POTTER.

A Temple of the Holy Ghost

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Some men were burying an aged saint some time ago. He was very poor, like many of God's people—poor in this world, but very rich in the other world. They were just hastening him off to the grave, wanting to get rid of him, when an old minister, who was officiating at the grave, said: "Tread softly, for you are carrying a temple of the

"Tread softly, for you are carrying a temple of the Holy Ghost."

Whenever you see a believer, you see a temple of the Holy Ghost.-Moody.



MISSIONS EXTENSION PROVIDES ASSISTANCE

WAITED THIRTEEN YEARS IN NIGERIA

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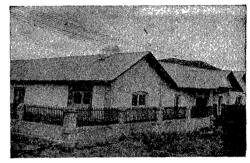
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Juliaca Clinic, Lake Titicaca Mission, Peru, South America

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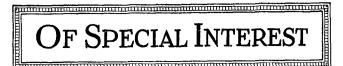


The Missions Extension Offering will be taken April 24. Order your books now, so that you can have your offering ready in time.



Watchman

April 1, 1937



Our Layman's Number

WE trust that the reading of the soul-winning messages and experiences set forth in this issue of the REVIEW, will stir every heart to greater faithfulness in personal witness-ing. This is the highest work committed to man. A sister writes: "I have just won a soul to the Master. She is my nearest neighbor, one for whom I have worked and prayed for over a year. On February 13 she gave her heart to God. O, there is no joy so great as that of being used by the Master in soul winning.

Reader, have you experienced that joy in your life? This privilege may be yours too. May we suggest to the elders of churches that we can bring no greater help to our churches than is afforded through the promotion of the "Win One" League. Let us keep the "Win One" objective constantly before our people in 1937. HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

General Conference Medical Department

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THE General Conference work is divided into departmental activities, such as the Sabbath School, Home Missionary, Missionary Volunteer, Educational, Publishing, Re-ligious Liberty, and Medical. These departments are all staffed for the purpose of carrying on these particular lines of work

The Medical Department is a very important member of this group. For several years this department has been only partially staffed. L. A. Hansen, for many years an associate secretary in this department, has carried the chief responsibility in directing its activities. Miss Kathryn Jen-sen has served for several years as associate secretary, especially in charge of nursing education. At the time of the last General Conference session, Elder Hansen asked to be released from further service in the department. As it was not possible to complete arrangements for staffing the department at that time, he was asked to continue until plans were perfected.

A commission was appointed to study the needs of the department and nominate a secretary and associates. This commission reported to the last Autumn Council, and the General Conference Committee was requested to follow up the matter until all arrangements were completed. We are happy to announce that these efforts have succeeded, and that the department is now organized for service. The personnel of this department is as follows:

H. M. Walton, M.D., secretary; M. A. Hollister, I. J. Woodman, and Miss Kathryn Jensen, associate secretaries.

bottor Walton is a physician graduated from the College of Medical Evangelists. He has grown up in connection with our medical work, having spent many years in our medical institutions. He has personally served in prac-tically every capacity connected with a sanitarium. At the time the General Conference obtained his release to take this work, he was serving as medical superintendent of the Loma Linda Sanitarium.

Elder Hollister has had a long experience in connection with different phases of our medical and health work. He was trained as a nurse. He has had a large experience in institutional work. His long experience as a local and union conference president qualifies him to do excellent service in our program of health education, as well as to serve as a counselor to institutional boards and managers.

Elder Woodman's connection with the department is in a special line of service. He was called from his position as president of a large local conference to assist in the work of locating the graduates of our medical college. Elder Woodman has been very successful in this line of endeavor.

Miss Jensen's work is well known, as she has served a number of years in counseling our nurses' training schools. She has labored faithfully in helping to maintain this work on a high and efficient level. She has also done much to encourage the organization of classes in home nursing.

The medical work carried on in connection with this cause is one of vast magnitude. Our sanitarium work in the United States is well known to our people. In other countries we have many important institutions. In the foreign mission fields, there is a large and growing medical work. We are continually recruiting and sending out to these fields, physicians and nurses to engage in medical missionary service. To counsel these workers and institu-tions, to help strengthen all phases of their work, to help recruit medical workers to assist in all these places, is a part of the activities of the Medical Department

Another important function of the Medical Department is to give leadership and direction to our health-education work in all our conferences and churches. A wealth of material has been given to this people on health reform. The time has certainly come when every believer in this movement should put into practice in his own life the great principles of health reform. We believe this is what the Lord calls for.

"We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work. The world is a lazar house filled with victims of both physical and spiritual diseases. Everywhere people are perishing for lack of a knowledge of the truths that have been com-mitted to us. The members of the church are in need of an awakening, that they may realize their responsibility to impart these truths. Those who have been enlightened by the truth are to be light bearers to the world. To hide our light at this time is to make a terrible mistake. The message to God's people today is, 'Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.'

"On every hand we see those who have had much light and knowledge deliberately choosing evil in the place of good. Making no attempt to reform, they are growing worse and worse. But the people of God are not to walk in darkness. They are to walk in the light, for they are reformers."—"*Testimonies,*" Vol. VII, p. 62. To assist in making this work effective, the staff of the

General Conference Medical Department have consecrated their lives and energies. J. L. MCELHANY.

$\sim \sim$ Her Works Do Follow Her

I HAVE just received word of the death of Sister Agnes Wellington, our first baptized member among the Mosquito Indians in Nicaragua. She was not a worker, and not even a leader in the church to which she belonged. She had never attended school even for a day in all of her seventy-five years; nevertheless, the words, "Their works do follow them," certainly apply to Sister Wellington. When the sermons and studies of some highly educated people will have been forgotten, the influence and example of Sister Wellington's humble life will continue to bear fruit.

It was in the year 1910 that she came to Charles Brooks, who is a self-supporting worker in the swamps of Nica-ragua, and said: "Mr. Brooks, I had a dream last night in which a white man told me that you had a message for me." Brother Brooks stopped his work long enough to look at this woman, and wonder what he should say. Then, remembering that he had been looking for opportunities to teach the truth, he said: "Yes, I do have a message for you. Jesus is coming soon, and he wants us to keep His commandments." After a short conversation, she said: "All right, I shall meet with you tomorrow." That was Friday, and on the following day she met with the Brooks family for Sabbath school, and when I visited her about two months ago, she had not missed more than four Sabbaths in these twenty-six years.

When, because of many days of rain, it seemed unwise for even our worker to wade through mud and water one block to the church, Sister Wellington would walk one mile, and be there early in the morning. She would sing and pray by herself, and in the evening, after sunset, she would again wade home.

Should you have gone to her home prior to her death, she would have shown you a large pile of tithe receipts that she had been saving for twenty-six years. You would not have found one receipt for more than ten cents, and you would have found most of them for one cent.

While living, she was instrumental in bringing others to her Master. May her example serve to stimulate others to a greater consecration, even though she has passed on. CHESTER E. WESTPHAL.