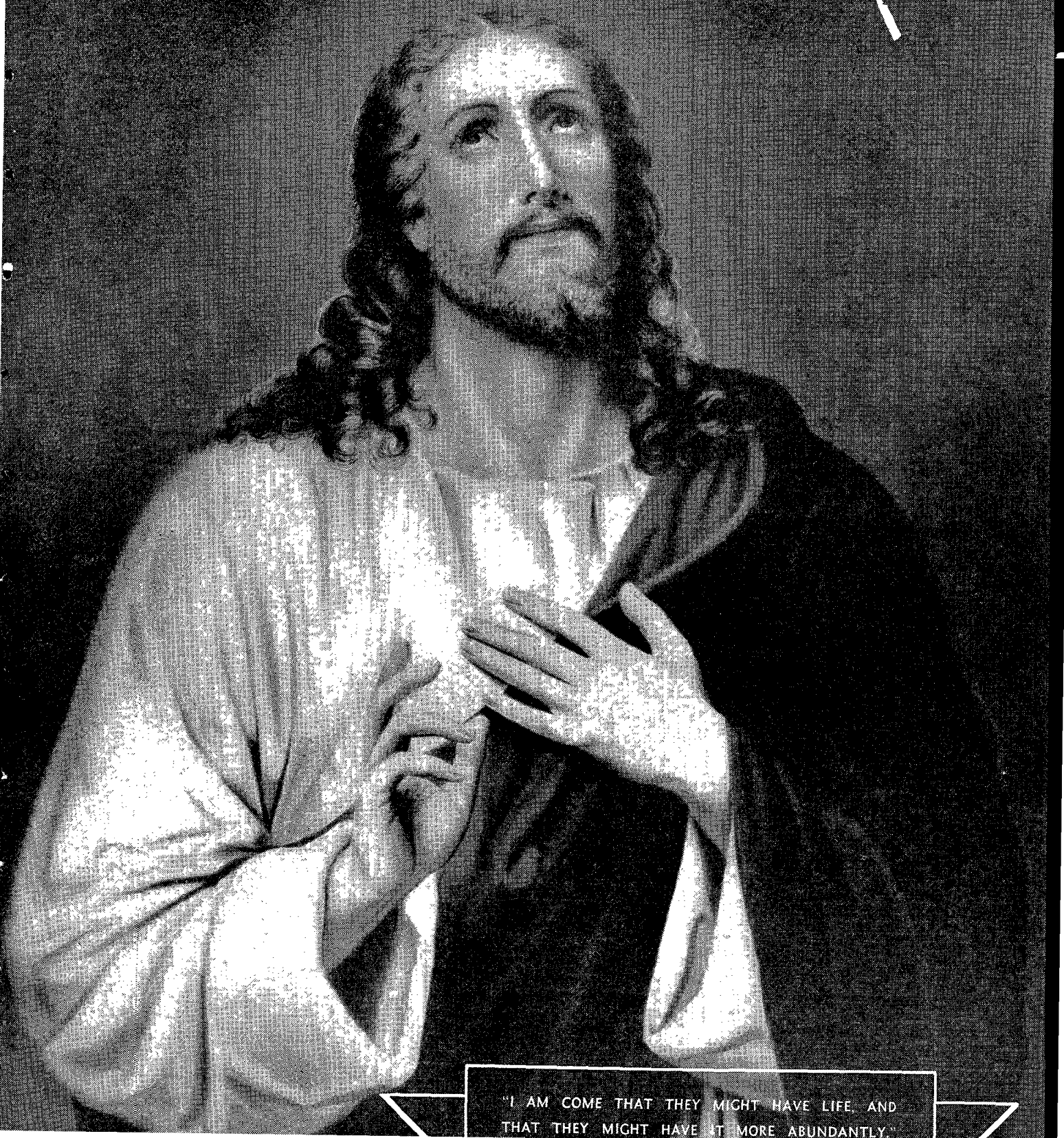


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"I AM COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE, AND
THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY."



All Heaven Is Interested in the Speedy
Finishing of the Work of the Gospel

A Call to the Church

By J. L. McELHANY

This issue of our church paper is dedicated to the great work of evangelism. Those who speak to us through these articles set forth the imperative urgency of this work. In this hour of supreme crisis in the history of the world, every entrusted talent or capability for soul winning must be utilized to the utmost.

Prophecy is fulfilling. On every hand appear the omens of our Lord's return. This is the time when the church must reveal to every nation the glorious truth of God. Everywhere men are looking for reality. We must bring them face to face with real issues. This is no time for apologetic, halfhearted appeals. We must, by the grace of God, move the wills of men and lead them to the acceptance of loyalties to God. The unborn millions of our cities and rural areas must bring a new challenge to the church of God. To meet the need of the hour there must continue to be in preparation an ever-increasing group of consecrated workers who, sensing the need of the millions, will reach out for the baptism of the Spirit of God to bring men face to face with the claims of Jesus Christ.

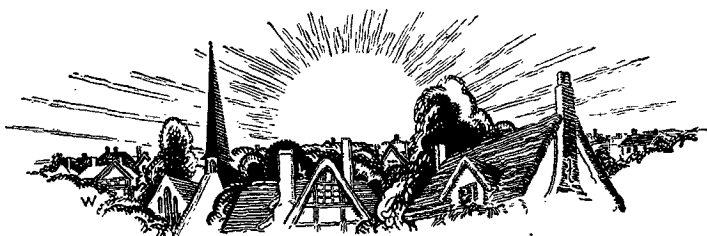
The successful prosecution of evangelism is the foremost responsibility of the church. We are facing the

challenge of a world which in many respects is spiritually decadent. Yet, perhaps at no time in the world's history were men more conscious of the need of divine help.

Someone has said, "Evangelism is sharing Christ with others. The winning of others to Him is the greatest work in the world. It brings deep and abiding satisfactions. For a true Christian is never so happy as when he is working for others and winning souls for Christ.

We, like Paul of old, must recognize that God has graciously entrusted to us the stewardship of His truth. We must demonstrate this truth in a light and radiance that all can see. In the words of the prophet Isaiah, we will say, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. . . . And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising." Isa. 60:1-3.

May God's blessing rest upon every one of you—evangelists who speak to the multitudes, institutional workers who diligently foster the interests of God's cause, lay workers who so faithfully minister in the churches. May we all unite in this great hour for the greatest soul-winning endeavor of all time.



The Last Hour

By Clara Thwaites

The sunset burns across the sky;
Upon the air its warning cry
The curfew tolls, from tower to tower.
O children, 'tis the last, last hour!

The work that centuries might have done
Must crowd the hour of setting sun;
And through all lands the saving Name
Ye must, in fervent haste, proclaim.

The fields are white to harvest. Weep,
O tardy workers, as ye reap,
For wasted hours that might have won
Rich harvests ere the set of sun.

We hear His footsteps on the way!
O work, while it is called today,
Constrained by love, endued with power,
O children, in this last, last hour!

GOD called the church into existence to reveal His eternal purpose to men. The responsibility of every member of the church is to make known His salvation to the ends of the earth. The apostle Paul declares:

"To me who am less than the least of all the saints has this work been graciously entrusted—to proclaim to the Gentiles the gospel of the exhaustless wealth of Christ, and to show all men in a clear light what my stewardship is. It is the stewardship of the truth which from all ages lay concealed in the mind of God, the Creator of all things—concealed in order that the church might now be used to display to the powers and authorities in the heavenly realms the innumerable aspects of God's wisdom." Eph. 3:8-10, Weymouth.

A knowledge of the gospel constitutes a stewardship of truth. This is a sacred trust. We are bound under heaven to the work of soul winning. The primary and fundamental purpose for which the church exists is to win men and women from sin and disobedience and to prepare them for the kingdom of God.



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FRANKLIN BOOTH,
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The Advent Hope

EVANGELISM'S THEME

By W. G. TURNER

MORE important than the latest news of the war, more up to date than today's headlines, is the fact that Jesus is coming again. Of the 7,950 verses in the New Testament 318 mention the second coming of the Lord. That is one verse in every 25. More is said about His second coming than is noted in Scripture about the Lord's supper, about baptism, about heaven or hell, or even regarding the deity of Christ. Is it not, therefore, important that as evangelists we proclaim this wonderful truth which is considered so extensively in God's Word, and which is such a comfort and incentive to the church on earth? If we search the Scriptures, as our Lord commands, we shall find that more is spoken on the subject of His second advent than almost any other.

In the well-known Voice of Prophecy program, now listened to by millions throughout the Western Hemisphere, the opening chorus always thrills:

"Lift up the trumpet, and loud let it ring:
Jesus is coming again!
Cheer up, ye pilgrims, be joyful and sing;
Jesus is coming again!"

In these few lines of song alone there is a message that can lead men and women to Christ. This blessed hope has always inspired the believing children of God. In Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth (1 Cor. 16: 22) we find the word "Maranatha." This literally means, "The Lord is coming." It was a common form of salutation among the Christians of Paul's day. It constantly brought to these early believers the consciousness that in this blessed event the conditions of persecution and the hardships of their way would be ended, and the fullness of eternal joy would one day be theirs.

The Hope of Men

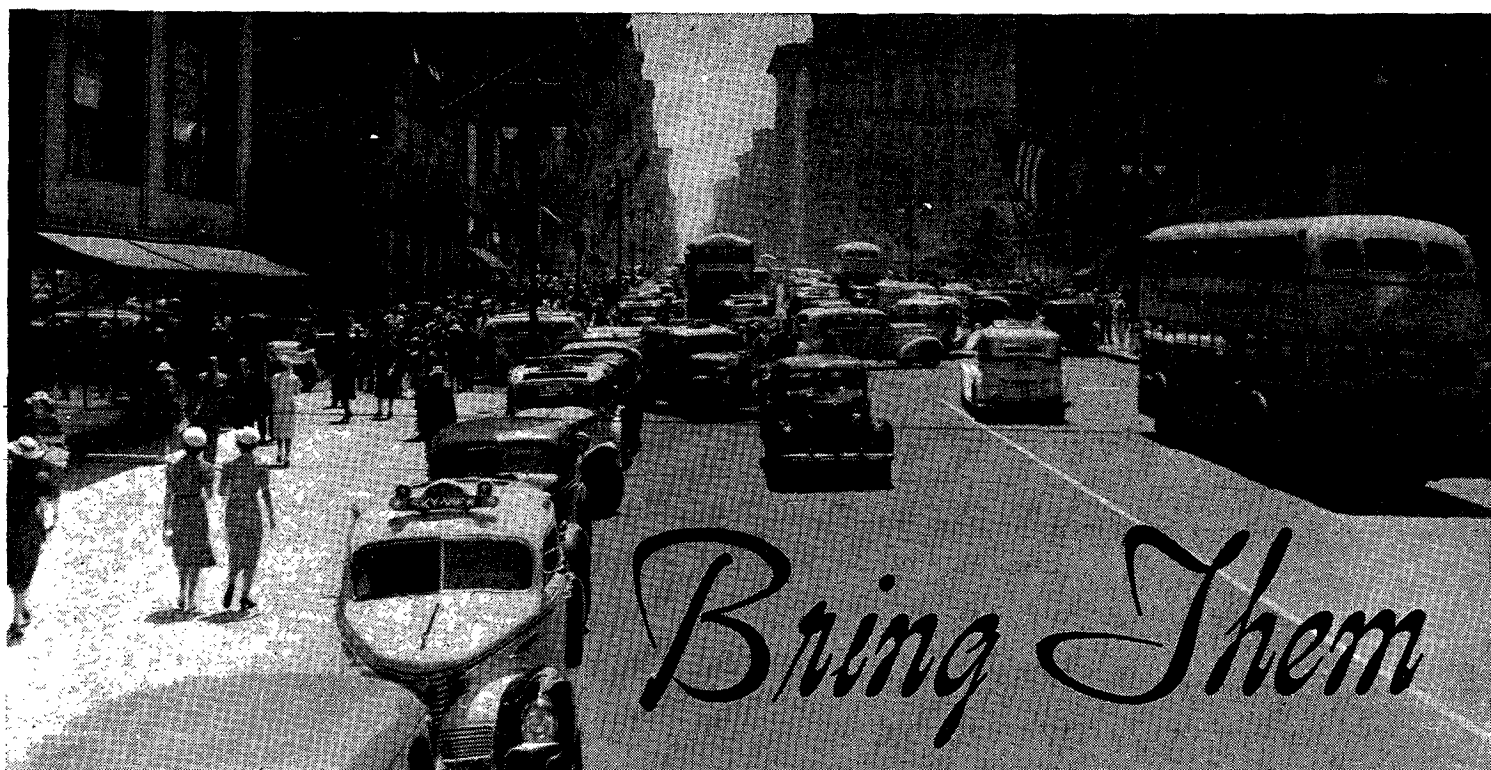
To impress the hearts of sinners, to create and develop an interest in things eternal, nothing can be more important than the announcement, Jesus is coming again! From Edenic times men have been awaiting the restoration of that which Adam lost through sin. The human race now hopes for a grand new world. Today plans are being laid on every hand to bring these hopes to fruition. This world is to be a man-made world, but it cannot continue, because human planning is inadequate to meet the demands of this hour. What a wonderful opportunity is ours to proclaim God's way and to reveal the glories that shall unfold as the result of the second coming of our Lord. It is ours, brethren, to announce to a waiting, longing world the approach of a kingdom wherein the blight of sin, the clash of arms, the roar of battle, the destruction of cities, the covering of death, the dread of pain, or the tears of sorrow never again shall mar the joy of the redeemed.

We have within our grasp a message that contains the most sublime, the most glorious revelation that God could give the sons and daughters of Adam. It is the message of a coming Saviour and King. Such a theme has ever thrilled the souls of men. Enoch rejoiced in it; Old Testament writers oftentimes spoke of it. The apostolic

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"Look Up, . . . for Your
Redemption Draweth Nigh"





TRIANGLE PHOTO

"Go Out into the Highways . . . and Compel Them to Come In." Right: Thousands in Cleveland Hearing the Advent Message—Typical of the Work Being Done by Our Evangelists in the Large Cities

EVANGELISM'S greatest hour lies just ahead. "A special message is now to be borne, a message that will pierce the spiritual darkness and convict and convert souls."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VIII, p. 36.

This wonderful statement applies to the very time in which we live. These are the days of the latter rain, and the harvest will be even more abundant than in the days of the apostles. As men move away from the ghastly spectacle of war, their minds perplexed, their hearts heavy, they need a message of comfort and of certain hope. They need to hear a clear call to repentance.

Just before Pentecost "all men mused in their hearts" and all people were in expectation. Those conditions provided the opportunity for Pentecostal results. Similar conditions exist today.

World Looking for Another Wesley

A few years ago we were negotiating with the owner of a theater in old London for the use of his premises for Sunday night meetings, when suddenly he interrupted our business conversation with these words, "You know, gentlemen, for many years I have been a keen student of history. Of course, it may seem strange to you that I am engaged in the amusement business, but that is another story. My reading and observation, however, have led me to some very strong convictions. I believe we are living in times similar to those of John Wesley. I am not a religious man, but I know how people are thinking. What the world needs today is a voice. We need

another Wesley. You may use my theater, and I wish you success." We left, surprised, happy, but sobered. What a challenge! Men listening for a voice! The world looking for a Wesley! But Wesley was the product of his time.

In Wesley's day England had just passed through a great political crisis. The Catholic court of the House of Stuart was overthrown, and the new regime of the House of Orange was established. Great political changes resulted. In 1707, when John Wesley was but a lad of five, Scotland was added to England, making Great Britain. A program of expansion was begun which later brought some of the most bitterly contested problems in British history. These conditions called for clear thinking. Men needed a message. The established church had lost its power. Tragic social conditions presented a challenge. Vice and degradation, sorrow and sin, abounded on every hand. Thousands were longing for hope and comfort; as in the days of John the Baptist "the people were in expectation." And right there the Wesleys arose.

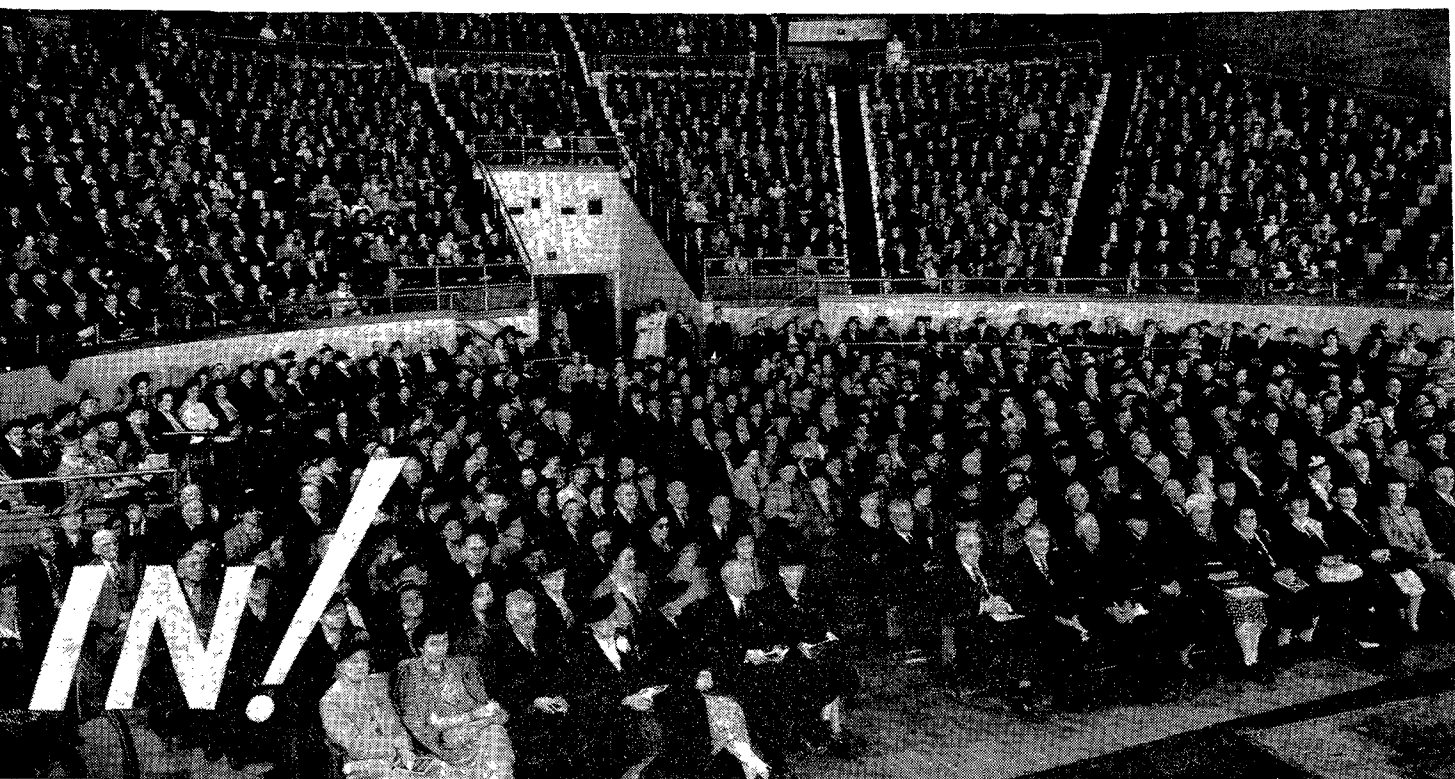
Out of that tragic hour came an evangelism unsurpassed perhaps since apostolic days. Men were looking for reality. They found it. And the eighteenth century is still called the Evangelical Century. The political upheavals and the social degradation became the evangelistic opportunity; the challenge became the church's chance.

A greater challenge and a greater chance are ours. Today the whole world is in agony. "Civilization has

been undergoing a frightful process of self-burial," says one. Broken homes and broken hearts are everywhere. Cities which for centuries have been centers of commerce and culture are today heaps of rubble and ruin. Materialistic philosophies which have dominated the halls of learning for the past half century have reaped a terrible harvest. Terrifying indeed has been the result. A bomb-blasted world, nursing its wounds, needs the gospel of comfort. Not one nation, not even an empire, but rather the whole world is awaiting the message of the "blessed hope." Out of their agonies men have discovered that they need guns less than they need God; cannon less than they need Christ; bombs less than they need the Bible; tanks less than they need truth; powder less than they need prayer; that the iron cross means less to them than the cross of Christ. A truly great discovery! But what a frightful price has been paid for that discovery.

Amidst their miseries men are realizing that they do not live by bread alone. To this disillusioned and wounded world the Lord is sending us to preach the gospel of peace and to herald the coming of the Prince of Peace. It is a great hour to come to our task. But for this very hour God has raised up the advent movement.

"We need another Wesley," declared our friend in London. Yes, we do! We need more—we need a thousand Wesleys! A mighty cause beckons us on. The greatest things in the work of God are just ahead of us. We have



EVANGELISM'S *Unparalleled Opportunity*

By R. ALLAN ANDERSON

the Elijah message. What we need is Elijah's power. For such a task we need the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

A Greater Work to Be Done

One hundred years ago the advent message arose, and was proclaimed under the manifestation of the power of God. "In some countries there was the greatest religious interest which had been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century." But under the loud cry of the third angel a much greater work will be done. "By thousands of voices all over the earth, the warning will be given. . . . The message will be carried not so much by argument as by the deep conviction of the Spirit of God." —*The Great Controversy*, pp. 611, 612. For that ingathering of souls God has been preparing His workers.

What a privilege to be living at the time of the final triumph of the church of God! The world is busy with giant political problems. Great issues are challenging the keenest thinkers of the age. But our work in this hour is to bring to broken hearts the good news of a Saviour crucified, risen, ministering, and coming again. Out of the holocaust of war will doubtless come a great program of reconstruction. Cities will be rebuilt, and a new era of travel and communica-

tions will be ushered in. The "city of tomorrow" may be different in some respects from the city of yesterday, but men's need of salvation will be just as great.

When we pass through a city what do we see? Just a moving multitude whose lives are blighted by strife and discontent? Are our eyes on halls of trade or houses of industry? Is the city merely another place for sight-seeing, or do we, like the Saviour, discern in those congested areas a waiting harvest. When Jesus "beheld the city" He "wept over it." "When He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion." That moving mass constituted both a call and a challenge.

"I am instructed to point our ministers to the unworked cities, and to urge them by every possible means to open the way for the presentation of the truth."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 123.

The messenger of the Lord had a heart burden for the masses. Do we?

G. H. Towne's description of the large cities should stir our souls to prayer:

"Roof tops, roof tops, what do you cover?

Sad folk and bad folk, and many a glowing lover;

Wise people, simple people, children of despair—

Roof tops, roof tops, hiding pain and care.

"Roof tops, roof tops, oh, what sin you're knowing,

While above you in the sky the white clouds are blowing;

While beneath you agony and pain and grief and strife

Fight the olden battle, the olden battle of life!"

Offering Christ to the World

Yes, the millions of our cities are fighting the battle of life and crying for the bread of heaven. "I offered Christ to about a thousand people," runs the oft-repeated phrase in John Wesley's journal. His entry of August 23, 1739, reads, "I once more offered Christ to justify the ungodly." Significant words—*offering Christ*. That is evangelism. Sharing Christ with others becomes the very passion of the Spirit-filled Christian.

Stephen Zweig records an incident which occurred during the awful days of the French Revolution. Those were dark and dangerous days. To the accompaniment of muffled drums, Louis XVI, the condemned monarch, began his tragic journey through the streets of Paris to the place of execution. This was a supreme moment in France's struggle for liberty. A crowd,

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THE SPIRIT AND

STRENGTHENING

THE church of Christ is an apostolic body placed in this world to bear witness to the gospel of salvation. The tempest of contemporary history is forcing the church to become conscious of her apostolic mission. Unless this happens, there is grave danger that the evils of our day will soon choke the work of the gospel to the point where the Spirit of God will be withdrawn from the earth. But the work of the gospel need not be crowded into a corner. There is a part which the church must play if the kingdom of Christ is to come quickly. "God has qualified His people to enlighten the world. He has entrusted them with faculties by which they are to extend His work until it shall encircle the globe."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VII, p. 51.

Perhaps the outstanding reason for present-day evangelistic failures is to be found in the prevailing tendency to separate evangelism from other ministerial and church activities. It is altogether too commonly expressed among us that our work is classified into various kinds of services. We speak of executive, or administrative, work, of pastoral and departmental work, and other diversities of activity. It is true that the Bible recognized these various gifts, and they do still exist in the church, but we forget too

often that all these activities are combined in the "work of the ministry."

Public Evangelism a Vital Factor

However, it still remains an established fact that public evangelism is a vital factor in the over-all program of evangelism. It has "pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." The spirit and power of preaching is still the most effective way of winning men to Christ. This being true, it becomes logically clear that the effectiveness of evangelistic preaching must be exploited to the fullest possible extent if we are to attain the greatest possible success. The evangelistic program, therefore, must make provision for the most effectual presentation of the Word of truth.

The first matter to be considered is time: when the campaign is to begin; how long it is to last; how many meetings are to be held, etc. Experience should have taught us long ago that the evangelist cannot always determine beforehand how long a period of time will be required to conduct a successful effort. Some efforts can and should be concluded in three months, or even sooner than that.

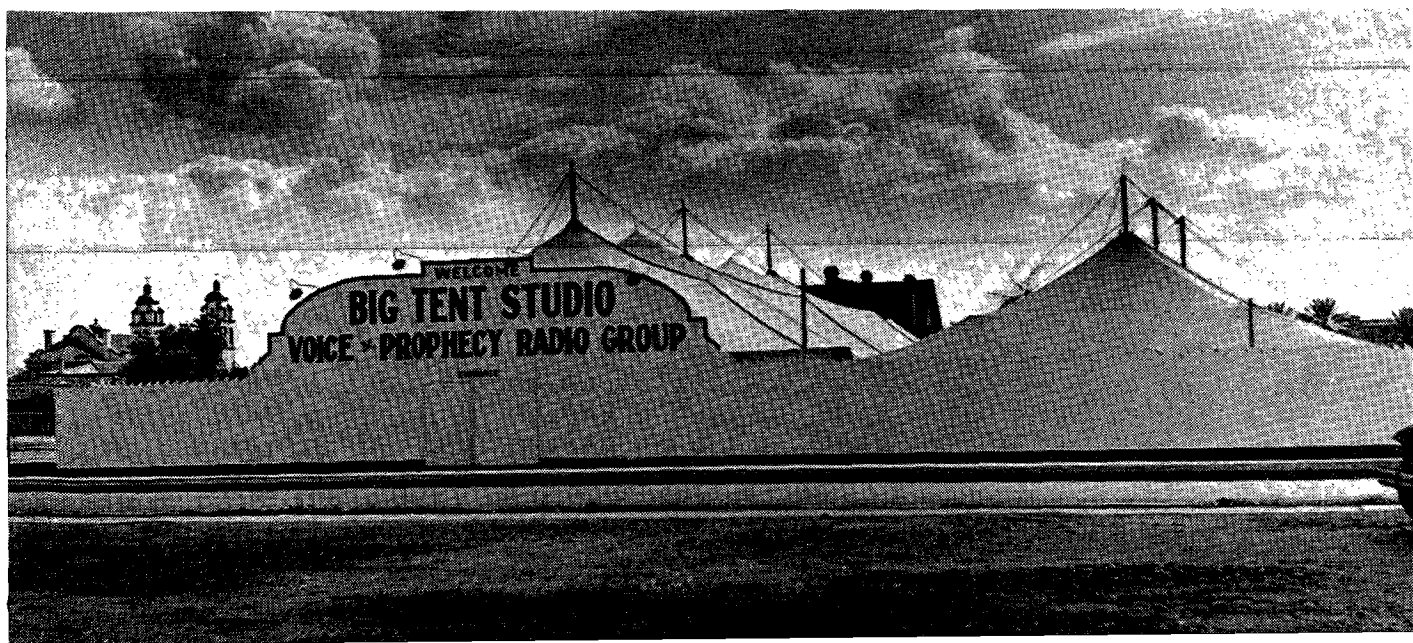
In Addition to the Heavy Radio Program,
the Voice of Prophecy Group Conducts
Large Evangelistic Campaigns From
Time to Time

But by far the greater number of efforts are barely started in three months. All too often the preaching of the message stops just when the people are beginning to be aroused. What is still worse, the effort is too often quickly "bound off" and the evangelist leaves the work of finishing it to a stranger, and sometimes to no one at all. Surely God is not pleased with that kind of evangelism.

Time is a most important factor in soul winning. The gospel is likened to a good seed. Some seeds grow and mature faster than others. A squash will ripen in three months' time, but it takes years to grow a tree. The gospel seed needs time to grow, to produce the mature plant, and finally the harvest. What would we think of a farmer who planted but never reaped? What must God think of evangelists who are always planting but never reaping?

A Sustained Program

Our experience in evangelism has taught us that the work of soul winning is a failure unless it is part of a sustained program. The first step toward failure in an evangelistic effort is already made when we block out a certain limited time period for the effort. Usually when that particular period has passed, the desired



POWER of the Message

THE EVANGELISTIC PROGRAM

By HERBERT L. RUDY

results have not been attained, but as the time is up, the meager harvest is quickly gathered, and the program ends with that.

We have no right to go about God's work in that manner. The Lord has sent us out to preach the gospel and to keep on preaching it. The tree planted by the springs of water continues indefinitely to draw from the flood below. It often takes years for it to produce fruit. All this time it draws from the living springs that surround its roots. So it is in the things of the Spirit. The gospel seed falls into the fallow ground of the broken heart. With some it grows quickly, but with the majority it takes much time before the Word bears fruit in the life. With still others it takes years—yes, even a lifetime. Then how can we set a

school in operation, and plans in the making for an ever-growing and expanding work. With such a program the evangelist must plan on pursuing the work in that particular center until he has reaped the fruit of his own preaching and until the over-all program has reached sufficient maturity to allow another minister to take over the work without losing any of the people who have accepted the message. Such planning may require one man to carry on an aggressive evangelistic program for one, two, or even more years. New work should not be turned over to a successor until the newly organized church is supplied with well-trained officers who can assume the detailed responsibilities of the church. Then, when the new minister arrives, he can

ministers and church officers."—*Gospel Workers*, pp. 351, 352.

"Christian is to be united with Christian, church with church, the human instrumentality co-operating with the divine, every agency subordinate to the Holy Spirit, and all combined in giving to the world the good tidings of the grace of God."—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 96.

There is no limit to the growth that can come to the church which follows the Lord's blueprint for evangelism. From the smallest child to the oldest member, the work of soul winning can be made effective both in saving those already in the church family and in reaching out into the community for those who are outside the fold.

It requires diligence, self-sacrifice, and the love of Christ to carry on a sustained and successful program of evangelism. There must be no slothfulness in planning, and once the work is started there must be no turning back because of obstacles that may confront the task. The minister is bound to the work until his part is fully accomplished. He has no right to leave his work unfinished in one place to go somewhere else, even though the grass at the next place may appear ever so much greener than where he is laboring.

Finally, even though we have perfected our great program of evangelism, have organized bands and campaigns, have utilized advertising, the laws of crowd psychology, good music, and all that, our efforts will be a failure if the burning passion for lost souls is missing. Someone has rightly said, "Nothing but the passionate desire of multitudes of men, who have found in Christ salvation, to commend Him to everybody else will do what is needed" in soul winning.

The amount of spiritual longing in the world today is incredible. A rich harvest of souls can be reaped all around us. Surely the time has come for the church to become conscious of her apostolic mission in the world. God grant that we may reach out in every direction, strengthening our soul-winning work and gathering in an ever-increasing harvest of precious sheaves to the glory of God.



O. E. BRUNER

These Brethren All Used Tobacco for Over Fifty Years but Now Stand Freed by the Power of God in the Advent Message

limit to the time required for a successful effort, especially a *brief* period of time?

What, then, is meant by a *sustained* evangelistic effort? It is one that does not run out. Many efforts are stopped because the preacher's stream of truth has dried up. Other efforts are killed in their inception by either overfeeding or underfeeding the hearers. "Where there is no vision, the people perish," and where there is no farsighted planning in evangelism the efforts fail. Sustained evangelism is a part of a large, far-reaching work program of the church.

The proper perspective for an evangelistic effort where there is no organized church is to continue the effort until a strong church is organized, a house of worship erected, a church

enlarge the work, reach out into new territory, and add to the number of believers both in the church already organized and in new places worked from the one center.

Enlist the Whole Church

At this point the enlistment of the whole church for evangelism enters into the program. "The leaders in God's cause," which includes evangelists, "as wise generals, are to lay plans for advance moves all along the line. In their planning they are to give special study to the work that can be done by the laity for their friends and neighbors. The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of

RADIO evangelism by Seventh-day Adventists is no longer an experiment. The radio is not a medicine of doubtful value to the church; its worth has been conclusively proved. Among the many last-day inventions and discoveries that have come by the providence of God to help spread the gospel message, none is greater than the radio. It is the outstanding means of communication today.

In a speech before the third annual radio conference, sponsored by Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri, on November 18, 1944, Commissioner Paul A. Walker of the Federal Communications Commission said:

"Communications have come a long way since King Agamemnon by means of beacon fires reported to his Greek subjects his victory over Troy. Contrast his ancient method of communication with that used to report the invasion of France. . . . It was almost like being at the scene of battle. The most remarkable developments in communications have come in the past fifty years."

The secret of the elusive wireless was unlocked in the year 1887 by Heinrich Hertz. Marconi demonstrated that these waves could be used as a means of communication in 1901. Our Government was assigning definite frequencies in 1912, and in 1920 the first commercial station went on the air in Pittsburgh.

Greatest Means of Communication

Now there are 900 standard stations, 46 frequency modulations, and 6 television stations in use in North America. It is estimated that by 1940 there were some 50,100,000 radio sets in use in this country. Approximately thirty million American families own radios. More people own radios than own automobiles or bathtubs.

"Today radio reaches more people than any other medium. Among America's media of mass communication, radio, the youngest, has become the biggest, the most popular, and the most powerful."—WILLIAM M. O'NEIL, President of WLW, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Since radio is the greatest means of communication the world has ever known, can anyone doubt that it should be used to spread the message of good news? The powerful influence that radio has on the thinking of the people can scarcely be estimated.

While it is true that radio is a mighty aid in evangelism, still it must be recognized that it is only the "air arm" of the church. Before this dreadful war started, many predicted that all that was necessary for one nation to win was to have a sky armada of airplanes—that in this way whole nations could be made to surrender. However, the war has demonstrated that while the "air force" is necessary



A Typical Local Radio Broadcast, Part of the Evangelistic Program Conducted in St. Petersburg, Florida

Reaching Hearts in the Home With RADIO

to "soften up" the enemy, still we need the artillery and the infantry to go in and possess the land. Likewise, we can send the bombs of truth over the air, knowing that hearts will be softened and friends made for the truth. Results in converts, however, will be much larger when personal contact is made either by public evangelistic meetings or by Bible correspondence courses.

Radio Programs and Follow-up Work

In the Oregon Conference we have used radio to a large extent in our evangelistic program, but we realize that ours is only one of hundreds of radio programs that are being used by God to reach hearts. Our program is known as "Builders of Faith." At present we are on the air from 1 to 1:30 P.M. each week day. And on Sundays we have a 9 to 9:30 broadcast over a more powerful station. Until recently we also had two late night broadcasts on Saturday and Sunday nights from 10:30 to 11. Owing to change in station policy, we had to discontinue this, and we are now negotiating for a Sunday night hour on another station. "Builders of Faith" also broadcasts over two other stations three times weekly by transcription.

We should not make the mistake of thinking that Sunday is the only good day for broadcasting. The daily broadcast will secure a regular listening audience. It is estimated that twenty million women listen daily to daytime serials. Advertising companies recognize the value of these weekday, daytime broadcasts. So should the church.

Radio rallies also are an excellent means of awakening interest in the message. These meetings provide personal contact with those who have heard the radio evangelist but have never seen him in person. A strong spiritual appeal for surrender can be made in these services.

Occasionally large meetings can be conducted between evangelistic efforts. Recently "Builders of Faith" sponsored a public meeting in a large downtown hall in Portland, Oregon. The prophetic motion picture *The Birth of a New World* was shown, and one of our Seventh-day Adventist boys who was returned from prison camps in Germany told his experiences. Although the hall had over thirteen hundred seats, many extra chairs were brought in, and still people had to stand out in the hall. The people were told that after the expenses were paid the offering would go for our

radio work. The offering amounted to \$340. The total expenses were less than one hundred dollars.

The Bible correspondence school plan is a marvelous way for the listening audience to study the message, and it is a good means of contact. A high percentage of those who finish the course will accept the message. Our church members are becoming radio-minded, and they like to secure enrollments.

Calls for Help

The radio evangelist finds many doors of opportunity opening to him. Radio friends call on him to pray for them or their loved ones. He is asked to visit the sick and to conduct funerals. All these occasions present definite opportunities for soul winning.

Recently I was called to a home in which a broken-hearted wife had just received a letter from a chaplain overseas telling how her husband, a sergeant in the Army, had been killed in battle. In her time of need she asked for me. I had a most encouraging visit with her and other members of

the family, reading portions of the Scriptures and praying with them. Shortly thereafter she sent in an offering to the radio work and expressed her appreciation for my visit. The book *Seeing It Through With God* was sent to her, and not long afterward she wrote as follows:

"I want to thank you for the books that you have sent. *Seeing It Through With God* has been a big help. I wish everyone who must receive a two-star telegram could read this book. I am enclosing a check for \$10 to assist the work that I know has helped many others as it has me."

No doubt if the records of all our broadcasters were studied, and if we had a map showing those places from which people have written who hear the gospel and where we have no churches, we would be amazed. I am sure such a map would reveal hundreds, perhaps thousands, of villages and cities previously untouched by our evangelists. But now, through the radio and the Bible Correspondence School, the seed is being sown and interests are developing. Ere-

long we shall see a bountiful harvest.

A Sunday school teacher living in a town where we had no Seventh-day Adventist church took the Bible Correspondence Course. Before she finished the course she wrote, "I want to know about paying tithe. I always paid it to the ——— church, but I am not going there any more, and I am not yet a member of your church. Is it all right to pay it to your church anyway, since I expect to become a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church?"

After this woman was visited, she accepted the message wholeheartedly and was baptized.

Not long ago a letter came to the radio office which said, "I am writing to you because I listened to your program this morning, and I know you represent the Seventh-day Adventist people. I am a stranger here in Portland and have been wanting to know whether there is an Adventist church near where I live. I was brought up an Adventist and I get hungry to be with them. I enjoyed your talk this

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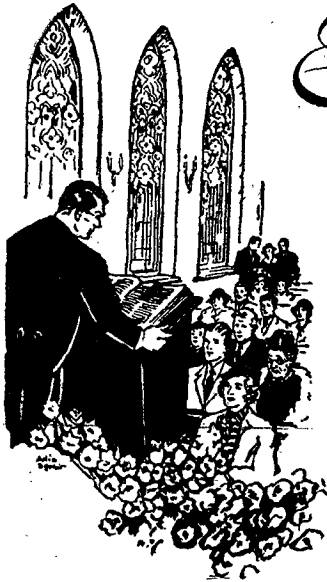
EVANGELISM

By R. H. NIGHTINGALE

Great success attends the use of this new medium of heralding the message



H. A. ROBERTS



Every Church A SOUL-WINNING

OUR work began in the fire of evangelism. Then it was called *preaching*. Today we call it *evangelism*. A series of meetings was called *an effort*; today, we speak of *an evangelistic campaign*.

Regardless of terminology, the driving power which pushed forward the mighty growth of this movement was a burning evangelism; and no less effort, no less zeal, no less fire, is needed in the ripening harvest in this eleventh hour. Nothing seems to stir our members today more than the words, "Have you heard the news about the series of evangelistic meetings to begin here in a few weeks?" Our people long to see the work finished. They have been sowing a long time, and it thrills their hearts to see the Lord's harvesting apparatus set up to start winnowing out the wheat. The seed sowing is as important as the harvesting, but the harvesting is more thrilling.

The results of a campaign are not so much in proportion to the size of the town as they are directly proportionate to the number of church members who are evangelism conscious and willing to work for the success of the campaign.

A Seventh-day Adventist church offers a perfect arrangement for complete evangelism organization. When an evangelist comes to your town, let your attitude be, "How can I help to make the meetings an assured success?"—Not, "I wonder whether he will get any results here; this is a hard place—not like other towns."

The co-operation of the church is essential to the success of a series of soul-saving meetings. We suggest seven ways by which members can help the next evangelistic campaign in their town. The importance of these is self-evident:

1. *Attend regularly and bring others.* Well-attended meetings not only encourage the minister but greatly increase the drawing power of the meetings as far as non-Adventists are con-

cerned. Increasing its mass gives more drawing power to the magnet. During the period of the evangelistic campaign, let other evening engagements take a secondary place. That is part of your investment in the campaign, and it is much more important than dollars contributed.

Make it your goal to bring not less than one nonmember a week to the meetings. You may bring out fourteen in vain. But the fifteenth friend may be the one who will join you in the kingdom. Don't give up too easily. Press your friends to attend,



Willing workers are always needed for literature distribution.

and pray for them, but do not press them to a decision in the matter of surrender. Leave that to the evangelistic workers.

2. *Be fervent in prayer.* Plan a set time daily for prayer on behalf of the meetings. It is a great lift to organize a *chain of prayer*. Beginning with the six o'clock hour in the morning, different members volunteer to take the successive hours around the clock when they will pray for the meetings. Such prayer should be not casual but intense, earnest, agonizing seasons with God.

If during some meeting the evangelist seems to be laboring under difficulty in the presentation of his message, bow your head in silent prayer and ask that angels of God may strengthen his mind and help the people to understand.

Members can be of great help to the minister if they will take their personal and church problems directly to God in prayer. Let the evangelist consume his time and energies in working for the other sheep which are not yet of this fold.

3. *Be a persistent optimist.* Never say a disparaging word about the meetings. If the attendance is low, thank God that some are attending. Noah preached one hundred and twenty years with a harvest of only eight souls. Talk up the meetings to

Good singing is an asset to any evangelistic effort. Join the choir and be regular in attendance.



everyone you meet. Your enthusiasm will be contagious. Speak of the meetings at the factory or in the office where you work. Praise the meetings when you talk with the one seated next to you on the streetcar. Always speak of the Bible-filled messages that fit our day. We *do* have a wonderful message, and we never err in praising that.

4. *Give your services in the choir or in the ushering.* Remember, punctuality and faithfulness are of utmost importance here. Some very zealous members are of little strength to a campaign because their efforts are so intermittent. Many will be the stars in the crowns of humble, loyal, and regular choir members, and of faithful, upright ushers. When asked what brought him to a decision to unite with the church, a new member proudly replied, "The face of the head usher." Little did that man realize what had produced such a face. In accepting the Sabbath truth that head usher had given up a paying position and had been reduced to a ninety-dollar-a-month income to support his wife and five children, two of whom were then struggling through college. One was graduated from medicine last year. An inner peace shone on that



Be regular in attendance at the meetings and be a liberal giver.

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Tell Your Neighbors About It

By FORDYCE W. DETAMORE

father's face, and it was evident he had been with Jesus. He not only led people to their seats, but unknowingly he led them to the foot of the cross.

A city official and his wife had said they would never attend another church service. They had had enough of hypocrisy, false doctrine, and bickering in the churches. They were through with all organized religion. Curiosity led them to the door of an evangelistic auditorium four years ago. The greeters were courteous. Cautiously the couple entered. Suspiciously they eyed the ushers. Attentively they watched the song leader and his choir. Skeptically they listened to the sermon. After they were baptized they confessed, "It was not the preaching that at first won our hearts, for we were prejudiced; rather, it was the perfect order of the ushers and the choir." Today these converts are officers in the

Four souls in the hour of their bereavement born into the kingdom through an unknown voice over the telephone!

6. *Be not weary in passing out handbills.* It is a humble and seemingly thankless drudgery, unless you glorify it by constant prayer. Said a newly baptized dentist, "I'll tell you what brought my wife and me into the church. It was the way that young man came to our door with handbills every Sabbath afternoon, sunshine or snowstorm."

A retired schoolteacher living in a small town in Iowa was on her way to the New York World's Fair. Something unexplainable kept impressing her—"Go to — City and study the Bible." It seemed absurd, but the prompting was emphatic. On her return trip from the fair she did go to the designated city. She rented an apartment and began to study the Bible, attending one of the large churches of which her relatives were members. But she was not satisfied. One Sunday as she left the church she stooped to pick up a soiled handbill. That night she heard her first Seventh-day Adventist sermon, "The Great Judgment Day."

The weeks that followed were spent in critical but earnest Bible study. Great was her joy the Sabbath she was baptized. The next week she returned to her quiet home in Iowa, where she still lives and teaches the truth. She is associated with a little band of Adventists, and has poured hundreds of dollars into this great onward work. But, above all, she is prepared for the coming King—all because of reading a soiled handbill two hundred miles from home.

Recently a beautiful Christian grandmother, who, with her daughter and two granddaughters, was baptized a short time ago, remarked: "It was a handbill that brought us into this truth. We had been longing for light, and when that man came up our steps, that Sunday he was so pleasant and happy that we felt impressed to go to the meeting. Now we are endeavoring to win others."

7. *Turn in to the evangelist the names and addresses of back-*

sliders in the vicinity. They are excellent prospects, but, in their present backslidden condition they are most certainly lost. Every backslider should be visited and prayed with by the evangelist or one of his workers. Loving, patient, persistent work in the homes of backsliders pays high dividends. In a recently concluded campaign one third of the total number baptized were backsliders and their children—thirty-eight who once walked in the light but for a time wandered in darkness have now set their faces toward Zion.

Remember, friend, you are a co-worker in the great onward movement of evangelism. Your assistance in a campaign is not merely a great help; it is imperative. God is counting on you. When He makes up His jewels, you, faithful church member, will then be rewarded as you see standing on the sea of glass those whom you have helped to bring into the family of heaven. God bless each effort of every member!



Bring your friends to the meetings and cheerfully greet those who attend.

Facing a task unfinished,
That drives us to our knees,
A need that undiminished
Rebukes our slothful ease;
We who rejoice to know Thee,
Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee,
To go and make Thee known.

We bear the torch that, flaming,
Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming
That Jesus died and rose;
Ours is the same commission,
The same glad message ours,
Fired by the same ambition,
To Thee we yield our powers.

—FRANK HOUGHTON.

Let the whole family unite in prayer for the success of the meetings.



Call your friends on the telephone and invite them to the meetings.

church, and their two children are in one of our academies.

Let choir members bear in mind that the careful way in which they conduct and clothe themselves will make easier the work of the evangelist when new candidates in the baptismal class are asked to give up worldly adornment:

5. *Use your telephone.* One telephone call may mean another soul won for the kingdom. A precious baby had been laid to rest. The father, mother, and two teen-age sisters were crushed. Three weeks had marked off the unrelenting anguish. A telephone call! Who is it? A strange voice, but a warm, friendly voice, invited them to a meeting that night to hear the message, "The Other Side of Death." Today that father is a deacon in the church, and one of the daughters is married to a successful colporteur.



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IN the light of the world's dire need the supreme duty of every true Adventist is to evangelize. Recent world events have demonstrated in unchallengeable terms that the time for the proclamation of God's last message with increasing vigor and the most urgent insistence has come. In a discouraged, confused, and helpless world, where despair looms like a blank wall, many are hungering for a positive, powerful, and authoritative message.

Today, in the bitter crucible of war, God is teaching the nations that the gods of paganism, materialism, and nationalism have failed. But amid the chaotic confusion one thing lights up the darkness. In the message of Revelation 14 we have the certain word of God that explains present conditions and shows the only way out of mankind's crushing problems. In that very message God is calling us all to redoubled energy and enthusiasm in the great task of soul winning. He is challenging us to launch out into an evangelistic program the magnitude of which we have never known before.

We are living in a totalitarian age. We hear about *total* war and *total* this and that. The command of Jesus to go into all the world is a call to *total* evangelism. It demands the dedication of every believer to the supreme

task of winning men. If ever our message is to mean anything to a perishing world, it is *now*.

Evangelism the Hope of the Church

The church of Jesus Christ was born in evangelism. Its days of greatest conquest have been days of flaming evangelism. From the time when the members of the church at Jerusalem were scattered abroad by persecution and "went everywhere preaching the word" down to our day, when the gospel task is to be completed, it has ever been true that evangelism is the very life and breath of the church of God. It is the spearhead of the advent movement.

We stand at the dawn of a new day. We are passing into a new era. This is the hour, and this the time for which the church of God has been eagerly looking, the hour when the unprecedented power of God is to be manifested through His people in uplifting the cross before the world.

But there are some in whose hearts the fires of evangelism do not burn brightly. They are backward in taking the truth to others. Many are fruitless in service and have little joy in Christian experience, because they do nothing to work for and win others. They seem utterly asleep to the terrible results that will follow from their failure to warn men.

Says God, "If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not He that pondereth the heart consider it? and He that keepeth thy soul, doth not He know it? and shall not He render to every man according to his works?" Prov. 24: 11, 12.

"In the great judgment day, those who have not worked for Christ, who have drifted along thinking of themselves, caring for themselves, will be placed by the Judge of the whole earth with those who did evil. They receive the same condemnation."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 641.

We Must Not Hold Back

"If thou forbear." Knowing the amazing results that would come from a great revival of personal evangelism,

JESUS saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work. . . . Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. John 4:34, 35.

Satan will use every possible argument to keep us from witnessing for Christ. He is willing that we shall be busy in good, charitable work, even in religious work, if only he can cause us to stop short of soul winning.

I believe there are definite reasons why some are holding back or forbearing to warn others. In some cases it is because of an *incomplete conception of Christian discipleship*. Jesus said, "Follow Me, and I will make you

Preaching alone will never save the world. We must man the lifeboats with the entire crew, the entire membership, or there will be many for whom we are responsible, thrown up on the shore of a Christless eternity. Christian discipleship demands personal effort by everyone of us to win those around our own doors.

Why Some Are Forbearing

Then again some are forbearing because of an *inherent fear of man*. We must overcome our great reticence to speak to people about their spiritual

They fail to "enter into sympathy with God on the point that should be the strongest bond of union between us and Him,—compassion for depraved, guilty, suffering souls, dead in trespasses and sins!"—*Testimonies*, Vol. VIII, pp. 32, 31.

The Most Joyous Work

To win souls is the grandest, most joyous, most hopeful, most inspiring, most satisfying, most far-reaching, most abiding work anyone was ever permitted to undertake. It must be the great controlling passion of our lives. The forces of righteousness are now being mobilized for the final conflict. Girded with power from on high, possessed with an all-consuming desire to see men saved and filled with holy earnestness in His service, let us step into the ranks. The supreme challenge of the last days calls us to daring and self-sacrificing action. The unevangelized millions afar and the unwarned millions at home—must we not cry to God for them? Shall we not rise to the call of the hour and go forth, binding Carey's immortal motto to our hearts, "Expect Great Things from God; Attempt Great Things for God!"

"Dare we the sacred trust forget?

The great commission nullify?

Deny the Man of Olivet

MOBILIZE TO
Evangelize
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By

C. A. REEVES

A Stunned and Wounded World Awaits the Healing Message of Hope and Peace.

Street-car Advertisements and Modern Two-Color Handbills Are Among the Many Successful Methods of Awakening Interest



fishers of men." An Adventist who is not endeavoring to win others is a contradiction. "Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary. No sooner does he come to know the Saviour than he desires to make others acquainted with Him. The saving and sanctifying truth cannot be shut up in his heart. He who drinks of the living water becomes a fountain of life. The receiver becomes a giver."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 102.

This work of soul winning cannot be delegated to others. We must rid ourselves of the false idea that this task is the special prerogative of the ordained minister or the conference worker. Every one of us must be in the lifeboat's crew. The story is told of a terrible shipwreck on the coast of Italy. The captain of the life-saving crew, instead of manning the boat, shouted instructions from the shore through a trumpet. The report to the government read, "We rendered what assistance we could through the speaking trumpet, but next morning twenty bodies were washed ashore."

needs. How the evil one capitalizes on this human weakness! God give us a holy boldness to witness for Him both "in season" and "out of season." Surely it should not be difficult to speak to people about the meaning of our times, in these days when things are so hopeless, and when it is so obvious that they are hopeless.

Some are forbearing to work for other souls because of an inconsistency of life. Unconfessed and unforgiven sin in the life will effectively close the lips of the believer from witnessing for the truth. There is an indissoluble connection between evangelism and spirituality. The measure of our evangelistic zeal and zest is in proportion to our spiritual life.

Another reason some are doing nothing to win others to Christ is that they are *indifferent to the welfare of lost souls*. We can become so familiar with sacred things and so used to hearing of the needs of lost souls that these things become commonplace. We are told that Jesus "weeps . . . over the hardheartedness of those who, professing to be co-workers with Him, are content to do nothing."



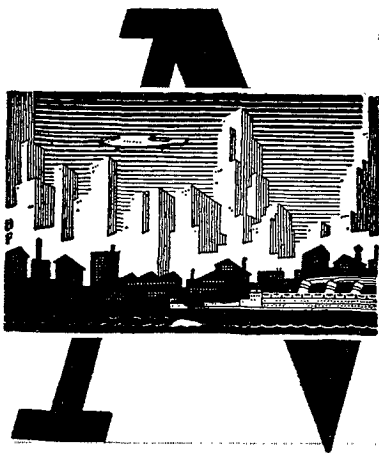
While Christless thousands daily die?

Nay! Echoing through the circling years,

Resounding 'round the arching skies,

The heavenly thunder smites our ears—

Evangelize! Evangelize!"



NEGLECTED CITIES

and Their Call for Evangelism

By E. F. HACKMAN

ONE of the saddest verses in the Bible is that recorded in Luke, the nineteenth chapter and the forty-first verse: "When He was come near, He beheld the city, and wept over it." In order to understand the setting of this scripture, we need to read the whole chapter.

These words were spoken by the Saviour in connection with His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. As He draws near to the city He beholds it in all its beauty. He is not thinking of the praise and the adoration He receives from the multitudes. He is thinking of their need for a Saviour. His great heart is moved with compassion as He thinks of the thousands of lost men and women within the city walls.

We have the word picture of Jesus weeping over the doomed city: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" Matt. 23:37.

If Jesus carried a sincere burden for city dwellers in His day when cities were comparatively small, what would He say of our great metropolitan areas with all their greed, lasciviousness, pleasure, immorality, crime, religious formalism, reveling, drunkenness, and hypocrisy? I believe His soul would be mightily stirred were He to walk our city streets today as He did in Jerusalem of old.

The problem of bringing the gospel to the cities of the land has been multiplied manifold from what it was in Christ's day. A hundred years ago the cities in America were small. The greater number of our population resided in rural areas. But today that has been reversed. The lure of city life and its economic advantages have caused hundreds of thousands to leave the country sections and move into the cities, until today authorities estimate that about eighty million Americans live in cities.

No true child of God could stand on the corner of a busy thoroughfare of

one of the large American cities and witness the multitudes hurrying to and fro at all hours of the day and night, knowing that the great majority of them are without God and without hope in the world, and not feel in his heart a deep burden for their salvation. Realizing that before the close of probation these millions must hear the message of a soon-coming Saviour, Seventh-day Adventists have endeavored to carry the message to them. But actually, we have very little fruitage to show for our many years of labor in these large cities. Indeed, we must admit that we have been neglectful in bringing the truth to them.

There are thousands of cities throughout this country where little or nothing has been done. I know that in the Southern Union Conference there are a thousand cities with populations of from five thousand to six hundred thousand, and of this number only three hundred have Adventist churches. With God's help we must reach out and evangelize the other seven hundred!

The Spirit of prophecy has much to say about our duty to evangelize the cities. The messenger of the Lord makes it very plain that while we are to leave the cities and bring up our children in the country whenever that is possible, we are also to *take the message to the people*. Our duty is made plain in the following statements.

The Lord Has Many Souls in the Cities.—"The Lord has in our large cities many precious souls who have not bowed the knee to Baal, and He has those who have worshiped Baal ignorantly. On these the light of truth is to shine."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 142.

The Truth to Be Presented.—"If Seventh-day Adventists will now arouse, and do the work assigned them, the truth will be presented to our neglected cities in clear, distinct lines, and in the power of the Spirit."—*Ibid.*, p. 32.

Evangelists to Labor in the Cities.—"We must also have, in our cities,

consecrated evangelists through whom a message is to be borne so decidedly as to startle the hearers."—*Ibid.*, p. 137.

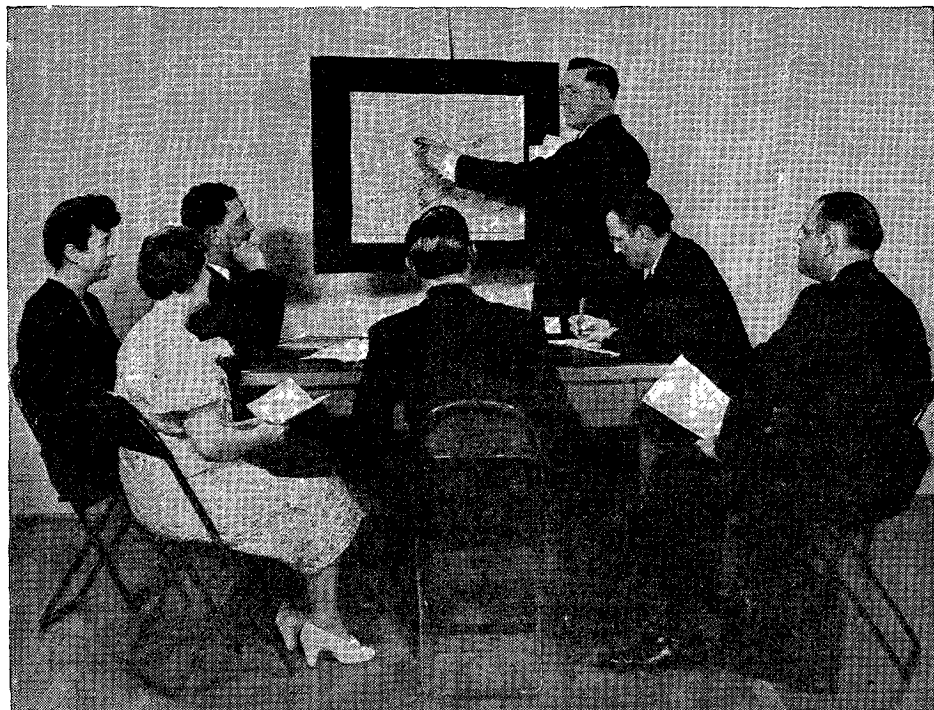
Laymen of Ability to Help Warn the Cities.—"The cause of God in the earth today is in need of living representatives of Bible truth. The ordained ministers alone are not equal to the task of warning the great cities. God is calling not only upon ministers, but also upon physicians, nurses, colporteurs, Bible workers, and other consecrated laymen of varied talent who have a knowledge of the Word of God and who know the power of His grace, to consider the needs of the unwarned cities."—*Acts of the Apostles*, pp. 158, 159.

A Strong Work to Be Done

It is evident that God intends that a strong work shall be carried on for the cities of the world. Although we have made a beginning, it is only a beginning. Many of our largest cities have, after many years of labor, only one Seventh-day Adventist church. Indeed, some of these large cities in North America have no more workers in them per capita than we have in the mission fields. Many pastors of large city churches have no Bible instructors or other workers to assist them.

I believe the time has come to change this picture. Soon these cities will be filled with labor difficulties. We must do everything in our power to bring the message to them *now*, before the besom of destruction sweeps over them and it is everlastingly too late. While the Voice of Prophecy radio broadcast is reaching every home in the land, and thousands are enrolling in the Bible schools of the conferences—this is the time to carry on the house-to-house work the messenger of the Lord told us to do in the large cities.

May the Lord open our eyes to see the neglected cities. And may He send forth laborers into the harvest fields, for they are "white already to harvest."



S. M. HARLAN

A Typical Evangelistic Company Carefully Studying the Territory of a Large Eastern City Before Launching the Soul-winning Program

"Prepare Ye the Way"

By JOHN L. SHULER

WE are told that "the work of winning souls to Christ demands careful preparation."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 92.

A right beginning is the first step toward achievement. Preparation is the seed of success.

If a seed does not sprout, there will be no plant. In evangelism there can be no fruitage without preparation. The way of the Lord must be prepared. "The crooked shall be made straight," and "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed," when under God we prepare the way of the Lord. (Isa. 40:3-5.)

In evangelism, preparation has to do with the evangelist and his associates, the church, the field, the place of meeting, the attendance, the presentation of the truth, and with locating, educating, and inducting the interested and obedient into the church. The essential preparation of the evangelist and his associates and of the church is really comprehended in one word—PRAYER.

"The greatest victories gained for the cause of God are not the result of labored argument, ample facilities, wide influence, or abundance of means; they are gained in the audience chamber with God, when with earnest, agonizing faith men lay hold

upon the mighty arm of power."—*Ibid.*, p. 259.

Real evangelism must be saturated with prayer. Lasting results come through prayer. "Only the work accomplished with much prayer, and sanctified by the merit of Christ, will in the end prove to have been efficient for good."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 362.

Some one has said truly, no doubt: "From the day of Pentecost, there has not been one great spiritual awakening in any land which has not begun in a union of prayer, though only among two or three; no such outward, upward movement has continued after such prayer meetings have declined; and it is in exact proportion to the maintenance of such joint and believing supplications and intercession that the Word of the Lord in any land or locality has had free course and been glorified."

Prayer the Secret of Success

Someone asked C. H. Spurgeon, "What is the secret of your success?" The great preacher answered, "My people pray for me." For one hour each Sunday evening, before he preached, two hundred people met in the basement and prayed for their pastor. The church that thus supports

its minister's preaching is sure to see souls saved.

We need not expect the Lord to come into the meetings by His saving power and regenerating Spirit until the rubbish which blocks up the way to the cross is removed. A few souls may surmount all obstacles in order to gain the truth. But the large results which the Lord has for us will not be secured until we prepare the way of the Lord.

Did you know that the right spiritual preparation on the part of the evangelistic workers and the church members may increase our evangelistic results twentyfold? The messenger of the Lord says, "Had the believers in the truth purified their minds by obeying it, had they felt the importance of knowledge and of refinement of manners in Christ's work, where one soul has been saved there might have been twenty."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IV, p. 68.

Notice the spiritual preparation into which our brethren and sisters are to enter, preceding the opening of an evangelistic effort in their community: "When a special effort to win souls is put forth by laborers of experience in a community where our own people live, there rests upon every believer in that field a most solemn obligation to do all in his power to clear the King's highway, by putting away every sin that would hinder him from co-operating with God and with his brethren."—MRS. E. G. WHITE in *Review and Herald*, Dec. 6, 1906.

The Church Must Be Revived

This is preparing the way of the Lord. And as surely as it is done, the Lord will come in by His all-conquering Spirit. No church is prepared to co-operate in winning souls until it is revived spiritually.

In Isaiah 62:10-12 we have God's charge to His people at this time: "Prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones." An important part of preparation for evangelism is that church members shall remove from their lives all inconsistencies and their transgressions of the standards of our message. If this is not done, these inexcusable shortcomings will be stones of stumbling to those who are finding their way into the message.

See what happened on the day of Pentecost, after ten days of spiritual preparation. Like causes produce like results. Spiritual preparation brings spiritual power for saving the lost. Pentecost was the early rain; the same power awaits us under the latter rain.

The results on that memorable day of Pentecost reveal how the Holy Spirit can work in evangelism. He makes people ready to obey. Peter did not need to urge people to come

forward for obedience. As he spoke, the Holy Spirit so pricked their hearts with conviction of sin, and with desire to get right with God, that they cried out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Under the working of the Spirit, the people were ready to obey the truth as fast as the gospel workers could tell them what they should do. The people made, as it were, their own altar call.

This is what we may call the ideal evangelism: The gospel worker filled with the Spirit, and people who are so wrought upon by the Spirit as they hear the Word that while the sermon proceeds they make their decision to obey the truth. O that we might see more of this ideal evangelism!

Preparing the Field

In the Bible, evangelism is compared to the sowing of seed and the reaping of a harvest. One of the first essentials in sowing seed is the preparation of the soil. So before the evangelist begins his meetings for the public, attention should be given to preparing the field. If a farmer did no more to prepare his ground than is often done in preparing the ground for an evangelistic effort, his crop would of necessity be very small. Perhaps this is one reason why we do not reap more from some efforts.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to attract large audiences of non-Adventists to our meetings. The more difficult this becomes, the more important it is to obtain a list of interested people before we begin the meetings. If the people are interested before we preach the first sermon, our success is practically assured. It gives us a foundation on which to build a successful effort.

Through the writings of the Spirit of prophecy we are told that our publications should be allowed to work among the people, to prepare "the minds of the reading class for the preaching of the truth."—*Life Sketches*, p. 304. Our literature sows the seeds of truth for the harvest in evangelistic effort.

The ways of preparing the ground for an effort are numerous, and they are adaptable in every community and to all situations. Before the effort begins, the territory may be canvassed for free subscriptions to *Present Truth*, *Signs of the Times*, or *The Watchman*. Some may go from house to house with a lending library. The city may be divided into districts and a group of laymen may distribute tracts to each family. Paid articles may be published in the newspaper. A free Bible course may be offered over the radio. Postal cards or circulars regarding the free Bible course should be mailed or distributed to the homes.

These plans make it possible for every member to help win souls. The

entire church, as it were, goes forth as a great army of fishers and hunters for souls. Never in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church have there been so many available means at our command for winning men and women whose minds are open to the truth. Let us make the most of our opportunity, remembering that "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." 2 Cor. 9:6.

The Advent Hope

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church made it the chief theme of its preaching. As one writer has declared:

"Whatever else may be said of the early church this is undoubtedly true, that its back was toward the world, and its face toward the coming of the Lord. Its course was steered not alone by the chart of its creed but by the polestar of its hope. The foregleam of the day illumined its dark hours and saved it from its present fears.

"Its moral and ethical life found surest impulse in the certainty that Christ would come. . . . Now was always the day of salvation, hence of constant effort to win men to Christ, since tomorrow might be the day of glory."

During the Dark Ages the anchor that held men and women firm in faith was the confidence that charged their souls that the day would dawn when they would see the King in all His glory and, having obtained a good report through faith, receive the promise of eternal life at the second coming of their Lord.

The noble and godly seventh Earl of Shaftsbury, noted for his philanthropy and rich Christian experience, said, "There is no remedy for all this mess of misery but in the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. I have not spent one conscious hour during the last forty years without being influenced by the hope of my Lord's return."

Source of Revival Preaching

D. L. Moody, whose soul-winning evangelism was so outstanding, when asked, on one occasion, what was the power behind his preaching, replied, "When the people are before me, and I think of the coming of the Lord and how glorious it would be if the whole congregation could be swept home to heaven together at His coming, a thrill courses through every fiber of my being. It is the second coming of Christ that fills me with power to preach."

The great revival movement of 1840-44, with which we as a people are so closely joined, sounded as its central theme the advent hope. The

advent truth was accepted by thousands. We read in *Great Controversy*, pages 369, 370: "Everywhere the searching testimony was heard, warning sinners, both worldlings and church members, to flee from the wrath to come. . . . Their stirring appeals were in marked contrast to the assurances of peace and safety that were heard from the popular pulpits; and wherever the message was given, it moved the people. . . . All classes flocked to the Adventist meetings. Rich and poor, high and low, were, from various causes, anxious to hear for themselves the doctrine of the second advent. . . . Sometimes the instrument was feeble; but the Spirit of God gave power to His truth. The presence of holy angels was felt in these assemblies, and many were daily added to the believers."

Is it not reasonable to believe, therefore, that the preaching of the message of our Lord's return, a truth so manifestly fruitful throughout the centuries of time, will today prepare men's hearts to meet their God?

We must declare all the doctrines of the Word. None are to be neglected in our preaching. If souls are to be won to Christ, lives transformed and prepared to welcome Him at His coming, no theme should be more emphasized, no message more confidently and simply proclaimed, than that which makes known the fact that Jesus is coming again. Let us therefore study it, proclaim it, and reveal it as the outstanding theme in all our evangelism.

Radio Evangelism

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morning very much." Her name was turned over to the Bible instructor, and I am happy to say that she, with a group of fifteen, was baptized a few weeks ago.

Another reason the radio is necessary is that it takes the gospel to those who for various reasons are unable to worship regularly at church. There are the sick, the physically incapacitated, those in the service of our country, and others whose occupations make it impossible for them to be reached otherwise.

Radio experts look for a tremendous expansion after war hostilities cease. It is undoubtedly true that radio is destined to play an important part in the near future in making known our message to the multitudes who still sit in darkness; it will help to make a quick work in the earth and "cut it short in righteousness." Multitudes must hear God's closing message of mercy, and we evangelists must be awake to the new opportunities. Radio is a challenge to us to fill the ether with the everlasting gospel and the present truth for this time.

Thrilling Experiences

IN EVANGELISM Among the Colored People of North America



Large Numbers of Honest Souls Are Being Won to the Message Through the Loyal Service of Our Efficient Colored Evangelists

By W. W. FORDHAM

HE that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126:6. This text has always inspired me to attempt large things for God in evangelism. The greatest thrill in all the world is to see men and women saved through the preaching of the everlasting gospel, and I count it a privilege to share with you some of the moving experiences that have been mine, under God, among the colored people of North America.

Here in America there are thirteen million colored people, constituting a tenth part of the entire population of this country. Of this group nearly eight million claim no religious affiliation. This contradicts the popular notion that the members of this race are naturally religiously inclined. Among the five million claiming membership in the Protestant churches, nearly three fourths are Baptists, the next largest class is the Methodist Episcopal, and the remainder are divided among the other leading and less-known groups.

These thirteen million Americans have become a real battleground for the forces of Protestantism and Catholicism. In the midst of this struggle we find nearly eighteen thousand colored Seventh-day Adventists, and facing them is the tremendous challenge of giving the third angel's message to their fellow men ere probation closes and Jesus comes. Representatives of this racial group live in every State of the Union, but they are found mainly in the Southland and in the metropolitan centers of the North.

Open Attacks Create Opportunities

In evangelistic work in some of these large centers the Lord has given me some wonderful experiences, one of which occurred while I was in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1939.

I was aroused from sleep about two o'clock one morning by the ringing of the telephone, and received the startling news that our tent was on fire. Hastily I dressed and, accompanied by some of my associates, sped to the scene of disaster. Gasoline had been used, so the fire had spread rapidly. One half of the tent had been destroyed by the time the firemen arrived. Through their heroic efforts half of the tent was saved. I confess that as a group of workers viewing the remains, we felt very much discouraged. But prayer sustained us in our hour of trial, and we then and there resolved to carry on without a lapse of time, in godly defiance of the enemy.

We had our largest audience that night. It was exhilarating to me to preach to a large audience, over half of whom were sitting under the canopy of heaven. What were the results? Well, I am happy to say that over ninety were baptized, and many of these are still faithful today.

Conquering Fierce Opposition

The following experience is another testimony to the fact that evangelism among colored people can stir up fierce opposition, equaling at times in violence some of the breath-taking experiences encountered in mission lands. I was laboring in a certain city in Florida in the summer of 1943, and God was blessing in a marked way.

A woman and her three children were among those who faithfully attended our services. Eventually, along with sixty others, this family accepted the message. The husband, a large, fierce-looking man, threatened his wife and children with severe punishment if they went through with their plans. Realizing that her husband's threats were not to be taken lightly, the woman appealed to me for help.

I counseled with her to follow her convictions and follow Jesus. I even visited her husband, thinking that perhaps I might be able to reach his hard heart, but to no avail. After my visit, I realized that this sister and her children were in real danger.

The time came for the baptism, but I did not urge the sister to be baptized. I wanted her to be led by God in this matter. When the hour arrived, she and her children were in the group. They had already felt the hand of persecution. Not only were they refused food, but when they returned home from the meetings the doors were often locked, and some nights they had been forced to seek shelter elsewhere. Yet in the face of all this they were determined that nothing could separate them from the love of Christ. In the husband and father's final effort to stop them from the baptismal step, he threatened to take their lives if they entered the pool.

I advised them not to return home the night after the baptismal service, and this advice proved to be timely, for I learned later that this demon-possessed man was waiting with diabolical intent for their return. Finally he took the matter to the courts.

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The Zealous Efforts of
Our Colporteur Evangelists
Are Winning
Many to Christ

By H. M. BLUNDEN

LITERATURE MINISTRY

THE printing press began its far-reaching mission by publishing the greatest of all evangelistic literature, the blessed Word of the living God. Soon it was evident that Providence had thus placed at the disposal of the church the most powerful of all agencies for bringing to men of all races a knowledge of God's saving grace. The soul-winning possibilities of the printed page were fully demonstrated by the Reformers of the sixteenth century. Their tracts, pamphlets, and books were mighty, under God, in spreading the light of the gospel of a free salvation and in winning men to Christ. It was the influence of one small Reformation tract that brought conviction and conversion to Admiral Coligny, father of the Reformation in France, and then converted the abbess of the hospital where he lay wounded. She was obliged to flee from France. Later she married a young man in Holland, and this same little tract won her husband to Christ. He was William of Orange, the champion of religious freedom and the leader of Protestantism in the Netherlands.

It was one of Martin Luther's books on Galatians which converted John Bunyan and led to the production of *Pilgrim's Progress*, a volume mighty in the hand of God for the winning of souls.

The literature of the third angel's message is of value only insofar as it influences men and women to come to Christ and to obey His teachings. That it does this very thing is proved by a thousand incidents. We confine ourselves here to just a few.

As evidence of the ripened and ripening fruits discovered in all parts of the harvest field the following incidents bear witness.

"Last week I found a whole church membership keeping the Sabbath, believing in the Spirit of prophecy, and in harmony with all points of truth as held by the Seventh-day Adventists; yet they did not know of the existence of Seventh-day Adventists as a denomination. These people had accepted the truth through reading *Great Controversy*, *Daniel and the Revelation*, and *Bible Readings*."

"I am keeping the Sabbath," writes a stranger, "but I have never heard a sermon preached by a Seventh-day Adventist. I made the change six years ago when my wife and I bought a copy of *Bible Readings* and became convinced of God's truth for our day and generation."

"A family purchased a copy of *Our Day* from a colporteur about three years ago. After a three-year interim, another colporteur covering the territory found they had been keeping the Sabbath for some time. This family knew very little about Seventh-day Adventists, but they were sincerely following in all the light they had. This made fifteen persons whom this colporteur met as he reworked territory, who, as the result of a former colporteur's work, were obeying the truth to the best of their knowledge."

From the Antillian Union we have recently received a missionary report showing the soul-winning results of literature sold in 1944 by their ninety-two colporteurs. One hundred and ten of the 172 Sabbathkeepers who had been converted have already been

baptized, and 533 persons are listed as interested in the message.

The literature distributed by East Jamaican colporteurs won twenty-five souls in 1944. In the West Jamaica Mission one colporteur reported recently that during 1944, twenty accepted the message through the interests created by his books and magazines.

From the many reports which have come out of South America in recent years it is safe to say that itinerant colporteurs have discovered scores of groups and companies of staunch Sabbathkeepers who have never heard the message preached but have gained their only knowledge of the truth through the literature they had purchased.

What a thrill must have come to the heart of that faithful Christian in old Nicomedia, who, passing through the country, left a tract in the hand of a stranger, and in going that same way seventeen years later, found a Christian community of two hundred souls that had grown out of the simple incident of his having left that single tract.

No wonder we have been instructed that "the world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelistic ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 61.

For—

"The press is the right arm of our strength."—*Life Sketches of James White and Ellen G. White*, p. 371.

So—

"Let us now by the wise use of periodicals and books, preach the Word with determined energy."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 62.

And—

"More than one thousand will soon be converted in one day, most of whom will trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications."—MRS. E. G. WHITE, *Review and Herald*, Nov. 10, 1885.

For—

"Residing within a book is the power to produce within the heart of the reader the same conviction that was in the heart of the writer."—CHARLES KINGSLEY.

The Power of Personal SOUL WINNING

By LOUISE C. KLEUSER

WHILE public evangelism will be the big business of the church until the gospel work is completed, personal evangelism should be the primary interest of every Christian. The gospel commission is exceedingly personal, including "every creature." The person saved becomes another link in the chain let down from heaven to save lost mankind. But every additional soul brought back to God is won because of someone's real concern in his lost condition; this is personal evangelism.

The gospel ministry was not committed only to the *brethren* of the Christian church; history reveals a creditable record of noble exploits by godly women who served their Master in every age. Even so today, at the end of the world, many self-sacrificing sisters are engaging in the gospel ministry of the third angel's message—the Bible work. Trained in our Christian schools, these efficient young women, who are as thoroughly educated as the young ministers, enter the evangelistic profession.

Associated with this group is also another type of personal worker called from the lay ranks. These workers may not have had as specific a course of training as the first group, but they also fill a definite need in our city evangelistic work. Then, there is the third group, who remain in the ranks of the laymen and who serve the cause by volunteering for personal work and Bible instruction.

The divine call for Bible work in-

cludes some brethren as well as sisters. It is not expected that every brother in the gospel ministry will be ordained. Heaven has given various talents to the church, and ordination is not alone the badge of service. While some men have been endowed with the gift of preaching, others have been given the ability of beseeching. While some serve God in the pulpit, others may serve Him in the home. Each office in its special sphere requires heavenly genius. The preacher of present truth must also be a teacher in the homes of the people; but it does not necessarily hold that a Bible instructor preaches the message from the pulpit.

The Skilled Bible Instructor

Every evangelist of experience appreciates the skillful services of a trained Bible instructor. When he calls on an audience to bring their lives into obedience to God's Word, it is the Bible instructor who follows up his entreaty by personal work and home visitation. The personal touch in soul winning consists in winsome friendliness, personal appeal to surrender, and earnest prayer for and with the individual who must move forward in obedience. While the public presentation of the message has driven the shaft of truth deep into the heart so that inquiry has been awakened, the personal touch is needed to guide the Spirit's thrust so that conviction will be followed by obedience. Heaven has been pleased to use poor mortals in this work. It

is a delicate work, requiring greater skill than that of the surgeon who guides the knife with professional technique; eternal life, not just human life, is in the balance, and one unwise act may forever spoil the Spirit's operation.

I recall one case that required practically a whole night's wrestling with a deciding soul, after the evangelist's public appeal, before victory was won. Over a period of years that person has testified to a strong Christian experience. A leadership grew out of that night's surrender that meant eighteen years in foreign mission service. At the time it was a very simple ministry in the eyes of the Bible instructor, but God is pleased to glorify just such simple deeds.

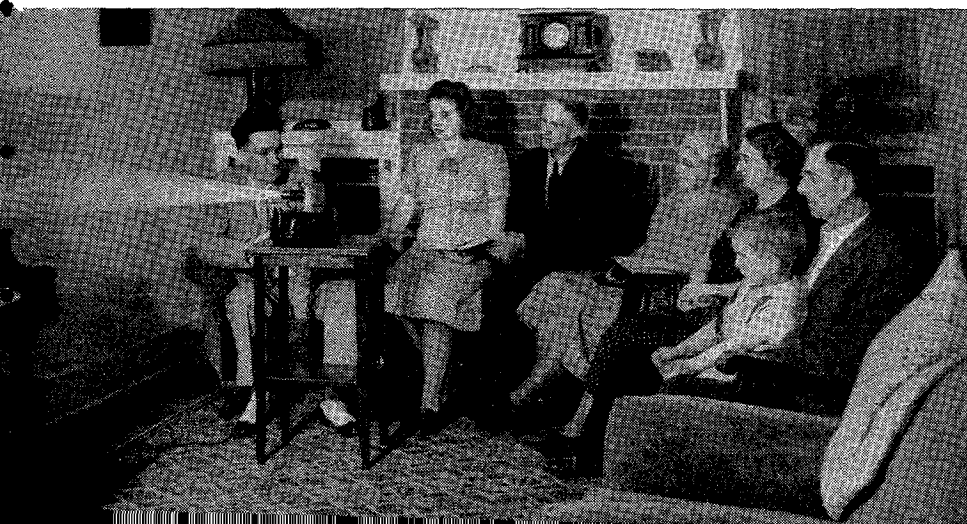
Breaking Down Prejudice

In another instance a Bible instructor learned that the Sabbath question had been upsetting to a man who up to that time had been most friendly as he with his wife had attended the services. During the worker's visit to the home a little later the wife intimated that her husband was growing exceedingly prejudiced, if not hostile, toward the evangelist. They had stayed away from a number of important meetings. When the Bible instructor called the next time both the husband and wife were in great distress over the sudden illness of their baby son.

Here was an opportunity to do more than discuss doctrine, and through the worker's careful counsel a Christian doctor was summoned into the home. Confidence was built in the physician and in the evangelist. The prayers of these Christian workers brought healing as well as victory in obeying all revealed truth. One marveled at the grace of God which had brought about such swift surrender. These lives have since been a power for good in their community. That little life the Lord saw fit to spare was dedicated to the ministry. The young man has now entered college and is becoming a leader for God.

It is more than divine strategy that suggests that the evangelist make a call for those in his audience to sign a card requesting literature. Happy the young intern who was impressed to speedily follow up the possible interest a little card of this type suggested. It soon resulted in a whole family of six becoming the first fruits of his ministry as well as the first fruits of the evangelistic campaign.

Today the winning of the masses in our large cities presents a challenge for skilled workmen. The power of personal ministry is a most dynamic factor in evangelism. This power is at the command of every evangelist, Bible instructor, and layman.



Nothing Is More Effective for Soul-winning Than Opening Up the Scriptures in the Homes of the People

SINGING

THE greatest message ever given to this earth came through the medium of song. Under the starlit sky that night long ago, shepherds listened in awe while angels sang the wondrous song, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." As the first advent of our Saviour was announced by this song of joy and peace, even so we who proclaim His second coming may woo men's hearts through the appeal of song—until they listen—and having heard, they believe unto salvation.

There could be no third angel's message, no heartfelt proclamation of the coming of Jesus, without a joyful song!

The first duty of the singing evangelist in a series of meetings is to study the sea of humanity before him, a cross section of the community. The crowd will probably change from night to night, and that will bring different moods and emotions. There will be the heart that is easily touched, and the heart that is callous with rebellion and sin; the heart that has been wooed to yearn for better things by means of adversity, and the heart that by the same token has become cynical and hard. In this same audience there will be the high and the low, the rich and the poor, the educated and the ignorant. There will be those who are eager to learn, and some perchance who are afraid to be taught.

The song leader who, through the sympathetic touch of song, can reach down into the crowd and appeal to each mind and mood is an artist indeed. If in the song service he has found a responsive chord in the hearts of the people, he has prepared them for the evangelist's message. The gap across their pet prejudices, their disinterest and apathy has been bridged. The evangelist can cross over into their hearts with the soul-saving truths of the third angel's message.

Singing and Prayer

It takes more real artistry to sing a song like "Rock of Ages" effectively than perhaps the most beautiful operatic aria. To be able to lead a gospel song like "Higher Ground," and to create in the minds of the people a desire to reach that higher ground, is much more difficult than to lead a jazz band and get results—though, of course, the desired results would be as different and as far apart as the poles.

The singing evangelist needs to be a man of much prayer. Whatever song he is leading, his inner song should be a prayer that the music will lead someone to Christ. Hearts that could be reached by no other means have melted under the influence of song. Perhaps it is a hymn of yesterday that awakens the heart to the memory of mother's voice in song, that voice now still in death.

I have heard many say, "Oh, how I loved that gospel song—that good old hymn—that song you sang." It may have been "Bells Over Jordan," or perhaps that stirring song, "The Way of the Cross Leads Home." What a treasury of song is the Christian hymnbook! Here are songs of comfort, songs of encouragement, songs of joy, songs that lift the thoughts and desires heavenward. How much they mean to us—"My Jesus, I Love Thee," "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go," "The Old Rugged Cross," "There's Power in the Blood," "Lord, I'm Coming Home"—songs for every

occasion. One will appeal to one heart, and something entirely different may have an equal power and influence upon another. It is *the song* that just fits that one person's experience or that suits his heart longing which will melt the icy mountain of prejudice or indifference. Who can say which song will be *the one*? The singing evangelist can draw from his own experience; he can learn from the success or failure of others. But most of all, he must keep close to his Lord and Master, who alone knows which songs will bring light and hope to a sin-weary soul in the audience that particular night.

Congregational Singing

In congregational singing it has been my custom to encourage all to sing, whether they think they can sing or not. In one of our evangelistic meetings an elderly man sat near the front. He was present every night. We used "Shall We Gather at the River?" for our theme song. At first the old man's face lighted up with radiant enthusiasm as we sang, but he did not join in the singing. But with the continual, night-after-night invitation, finally the dear old man worked up his courage to sing. It was not a demonstration of melodious vocalizing, but the great thing was that he had forgotten everything else in his desire to praise the Lord in song. That big voice boomed. It was often a bit off key, but it did much to warm his own heart and that of his fellow singers.



the Message

By HAROLD GRAHAM

One evening at the close of the meeting the man spoke to me, with just a trace of embarrassment: "You know, I didn't believe you the first few times you told us we could all sing. My father discouraged me in any such thought when I was a lad, and I never really tried to use my voice—not until in these meetings. And now"—he spoke confidently as to a friend who had given him courage—"I like that song, and I believe I have a good bass voice. Don't you think so?"

Far be it from me to discourage the joy he had found in his advanced years. I said, "I can hear you singing—keep it up." And he did. He was satisfied that I enjoyed hearing him sing. And I am sure the angels caught the melody in his songs of praise. Furthermore, that song, "Shall We Gather at the River?" will ring in his soul as long as he lives.

Rejoicing in Song

The heart that has come to beat with gladness over the newly found faith in a Redeemer wishes to rejoice, and there is no more satisfactory way than to sing. So let us continue to lead dear souls into this message by means of song.

As the song leader endeavors to perfect his technique of soul winning through the medium of music, self will be more and more in the background and God will be glorified in his songs. May we so live and so lead in the singing of this third angel's message that many in that heavenly

land will say, "I am here because I heard a song."

I heard a song, a wondrous song, of Jesus and His love;

It seemed to me the angels sang from heavenly courts above.

It told of endless years of bliss—that Christ would come someday.

I came to scoff, but when I heard that song I knelt to pray.

I heard a song, a wondrous song, that told of endless joy.

My heart and soul were filled with dross; the song did but annoy.

The power of evil held me fast; I lived in hopeless night,

Until they sang of Jesus' love—'twas then I saw the light.

I heard a song, a wondrous song, that spoke a message true;

It gave me courage, faith, and trust; it thrilled me through and through.

The dreary years of sin and pain are past—and I am free;

That song of love will e'er remain the song of songs to me.

Bring Them In!

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tense with excitement, had gathered to witness the execution. Not far from the scene, however, stood a row of fishermen on the bank of the Seine, their lines in the stream. Could it be that any Frenchman was indifferent to the momentous events of that hour?

Perhaps they were eager to escape the sickening scene of blood and slaughter. In any case, other interests evidently meant more to them than the great political upheavals of their day. They went right on with their fishing.

We, too, are living in eventful years. Reports of sinking ships, bombed and burning cities, crashing planes, and captured armies naturally are of interest to us all; but there is danger that these things will become the paramount interest of our lives. Our work is not to set the world right but rather to *go on fishing*. And, thank God, our workers are at their task. A thrilling report comes to us from the Philippines, where during the years of war, while the armies have surged back and forth, about three thousand have been converted to the message.

We may think that times are unfavorable for soul winning, but the very genius of the gospel of Christ is that it can surmount every obstacle. We will catch men if we go on fishing.

Years ago the *Princess Elizabeth*, a pleasure ship, was returning home. A crowd, eager and expectant, filled the decks as the flat-bottomed craft chugged its way to the Thames, bound for Tilbury, London. It was the hour of setting sun. Two fishermen had rowed home and were tying up their boats. One had left with his meager catch and was almost out of sight when all at once terrible screams replaced the gay laughter of those holiday makers. Something had evidently attracted the attention of the carefree crowd, and as they all rushed suddenly to the one side, they overbalanced the boat. There they were—hundreds of them, some clinging to the upturned craft, others swimming, and some already disappearing in the murky tide. Without a second's hesitation the fisherman, forgetting his personal needs, untied his dinghy and rowed as he had never rowed before. He was soon at the scene, and with eager arms was hauling in as many men and women, boys and girls, as he could. But what did his little boatful mean in the face of such a task? Loaded to the gunwales, he headed for the shore. But clutching hands were stretching toward him. As he pulled away from the scene of tragedy, from all sides came desperate pleas for help. What more could he do? Another one would sink his tiny craft. Yet, men were drowning before his very eyes. Wringing his hands, he looked toward heaven and cried, "O God, for a bigger boat!"

This, too, is the hour of setting sun. And from a grief-stricken world comes the cry for help. Answering that call is our army of evangelists who serve and sacrifice to save men from the dark waters of eternal death. There is no greater work.



Fortunate Indeed Is the Evangelist Whose Efforts Are Backed by an Efficient Song Leader and a Faithful Choir

LAY PREACHING

By WILLIAM A. BUTLER

JOHN the Baptist was the first preacher of the Christian Era to proclaim the good news of the coming of the Messiah, and salvation through Him. He was the announcer of the Saviour, and he called all people to repent and accept Christ. John was neither a member of the Sanhedrin nor a recognized scholar, but an unknown man coming out of "the wilderness of Judea." Nevertheless, he had a message, and he gave it with such power that it shook the whole countryside.

To assist him in his evangelistic campaign John chose a group of humble laymen. These he trained, and they became skilled in personal and public evangelism. Among them were two whom John released to Christ—John and Andrew—who later were among the most trusted of the twelve.

Gospel Heralded by Laymen

Lay preaching, as well as the work of the ordained ministry, was not an afterthought with either John or Christ. Our Lord took twelve untried men, without national standing, rank, or church recognition, and trained and fitted them to be the founders, with Him, of the Christian church. Then He, with the twelve, trained scores of others from all walks of life, and sent them forth with practically the same commission as was given to the twelve. There is no record of other apostolic ordinations after Matthias until A.D. 44. A mighty work was accomplished through the ministry and church leadership with consecrated laity, both men and women.

The same responsibility, the same commission, has come on down through the centuries to all Christians—to the Seventh-day Adventist Church—to you and to me.

What Laymen Are Doing Today

There are two thousand or more laymen in North America, both men and women, who are holding cottage meetings or conducting public lay efforts. They have attentive groups or audiences, and God is blessing their faithful efforts. Most of these lay workers have received instruction in soul winning through institutes and personal study. Between two and three thousand new believers are brought into the truth year by year through this lay evangelism.

Thousands of other church mem-

bers could be doing a similar work if they were trained, started, and encouraged. God designs that in evangelism the closest relationship shall exist between the ministry, church officers, and the lay members.

How They Do It

Brought in Six.—"I come in contact daily with those who are troubled, who have lost loved ones, and who belong to other churches. I do not miss an opportunity to tell them of the wonderful Word and work of God, and of His beloved Son Jesus Christ. I have had a part in bringing into this truth at least six persons and am looking forward to seeing more souls saved through seed that has been sown."

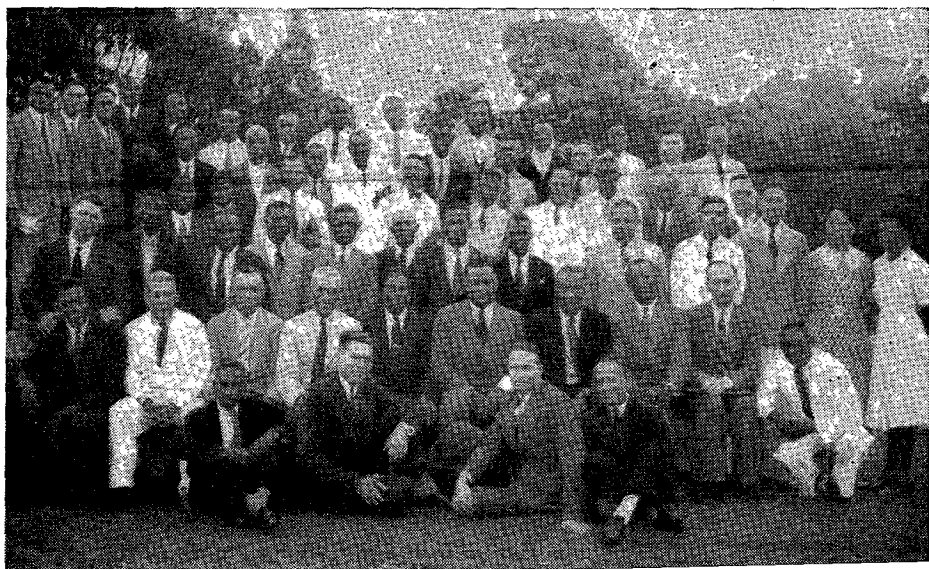
Colporteur Work and Lay Preaching.—"I have spent almost twenty-five years in colporteur work and lay preaching, and God has used me to carry this blessed message to many. Now I have been living in McComb, Mississippi, for some time. We have a small church here, but an ordained worker seldom visits us. However, this past year we had five ready for baptism, four new members, and one reclaimed. Two of the four were children of a family in the church, and the other two were the results of cottage meetings. We hope to see others come in later."

Meetings in Abandoned Hall.—"I have held one cottage meeting a week ever since March, 1944. Besides this I give three or four Bible studies in homes each week, using a projector and filmstrips. I have a full set, also

songs, which are very fine. Three persons have accepted the truth. Five others are coming to church as a result of Bible studies and an effort that is being held.

—"We have meetings every Sunday night in an old abandoned hall in a little town of about one hundred people, and we have an average attendance of sixty-five to one hundred. The collections have paid for the advertisements—in the local paper and on cards sent to those who do not get the paper. Also, we have paid for a piano. We have paid for the lights and fuel, made benches, and sent out fifteen *Signs* subscriptions. I secured the hall and put it in shape, and my wife plays and sings at the meetings, and also brings in auto loads of people. It is a real job, but the Lord is blessing. We ourselves found Christ only a short time ago; I was baptized November 20, 1943. Pray that the Spirit may touch hearts so that many will find their Saviour before it is too late."

Raised Up Church of Thirty-two Members.—"By means of a series of studies in a country schoolhouse, we now have a church of thirty-two members. Each year for the past twelve years one or two persons have taken their stand for the truth as a result of Bible studies. I have over one hundred charts (painted) to illustrate the studies, and two stereopticons with films and slides. At present I am working on an eight-inch telescope to lend greater attraction to our studies on the Bible and astronomy. Also, I have a novel sanctuary three feet long."



A Group of Successful Soul Winners in Jamaica. Throughout the World-Field, Lay Preachers Are Being Trained for Lay Evangelism



These Zealous Lay Preachers Held Successful Street Meetings in a Large City

Over 100 Efforts in Progress in Jamaica

Reports indicate that an even larger number of lay preachers are active overseas, and a larger soul-winning work is being carried forward than in the homeland. The scarcity of mission leaders in these countries demands more from the laity, and God uses them effectively. We quote here from the East Jamaica Mission report:

"The lay preacher whose soul is not stirred by the inspiration of this hour

should seek God earnestly for a revival in his soul. This is a wonderful time in which to live and preach for Christ.

"There are about sixty efforts in progress in East Jamaica. Since January (1945) more than one hundred persons have been enrolled in baptismal classes, and four branch Sabbath schools have been organized as the result of the sacrifice and consecration of our lay preachers. This is the doing not of man but of God. Surely Jesus is coming soon. Our goal for 1945 is—100 efforts, 250 souls. (Twenty-three have already been baptized in 1945.)"—*Advance*, East Jamaica home missionary bulletin.

From the West Jamaica Mission a good report regarding the work of the lay preacher is brought to us through the union president, R. H. Pierson. He says: "E. E. Parchment reports that forty-seven lay efforts are in progress in that field. In one district fifteen efforts are being carried on; in yet another thirteen are in progress. Two churches in the West Jamaica Mission are conducting four efforts each."

Inter-America is ablaze for Christ through the lay efforts and the support of lay evangelists. Even so, God is using many thousands of devoted laymen in North America to augment the work of the ministry, in the quick finishing of His work in the earth. We pray for these lay brethren and sisters, that God will keep them humble, faithful, and loyal, and that He will bless their labors in bringing souls into His kingdom.

Thrilling Experiences

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When the entire case was laid before the judge, however, the man was rebuked by the court and was compelled to open the home to the family again and to support them. This mother and her children are still faithful members of the church, and they are happily engaged in giving the message to others. No greater thrill can come to an evangelist than that of witnessing the providence of God in behalf of His children who dare to serve Him.

A Gambler Converted

It was in this same meeting that I saw the outward demonstration of an inward conversion. A certain man had been attending the meetings nearly every night. It was not long before we became acquainted with him and discovered that he was a big "number man" in the city—in other words, a gambler. Thousands of dollars passed through his hands, and he was well known throughout the city. One night

the subject "The Man God Forgot" was presented. After the appeal this gambler responded and asked permission to speak. He faced the audience and began to relate how big a sinner he had been and how the meetings had helped him. With tears in his eyes he told how the Spirit of God had impressed him that night; no longer could he refuse to turn to God. There were not many dry eyes in the tent as we listened to the heart-gripping experience of this wretched sinner who had now found Christ. "I, this night, am giving up my vices," he said. "I am giving up my gambling, and I am going to join the clean church, the church with the truth."

The testimony of this man made a deep impression upon the people. Some were skeptical and doubted his sincerity, but he was sincere, and, though the battle was a hard one, he, with his wife, was baptized.

Prayer for Healing Heard

We often read how God's healing power is demonstrated in the mission fields, but seldom realize that here in America there are numerous instances of healing as the result of prayer.

While in the midst of a successful evangelistic campaign in Jacksonville, Florida, in which more than one hundred were baptized, I met a sister who was partially paralyzed.

For a number of years this woman had been acquainted with the message, but she never accepted it. In the meantime she had been afflicted and had difficulty in walking. She attended the meetings, accepted the truth, and requested baptism, believing that God would heal her if she took the step. I prayed with her over the matter, asking God to heal her if it was His will. Along with others she was baptized on a Friday night, and from that time to this she has not suffered from her former affliction. I have no doubt that God healed her as a result of faith and prayer.

A Mighty Task

Ours is a mighty task! With thirteen million colored people to be warned, we dare not at this late hour be complacent or satisfied. We dare not rest on past attainments or cease to continue an aggressive evangelism. We must catch a new vision of the spiritual needs of the millions who are dying without a knowledge of the third angel's message. In every city, town, and hamlet a clarion call must be sounded: Evangelize! Evangelize!

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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

WHILE this special number of the REVIEW emphasizes evangelism in the form of public efforts and radio work, yet we must not forget that every branch of our work is to be an evangelistic agency. Our colporteurs going from home to home; our doctors and nurses ministering in our institutions and in private work; our teachers in our colleges, academies, and church schools; our Sabbath school officers and teachers; our laymen distributing tracts, announcements of meetings and radio broadcasts, giving Bible studies, helping in every phase of our home missionary work—all these are to be imbued with the spirit of evangelism.

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IN tabernacles, tents, and halls all over America and in many other nations our evangelists are giving the message for these last days in trumpet tones, and thousands are being impressed with the truth. The very latest methods for reaching the public are being used. Our workers are alert and progressive. We are presenting our message in better form from year to year, so that all classes of people

are attracted to it. The careful interpretation of present-day events in the light of Bible prophecy meets the approval of many thinking people.

We are glad, too, that our public workers are coming to see that there must be more than an attractive, systematic preaching of Bible doctrine to convert a man or woman. It is not sufficient to impress the mind, but the heart must be reached as well. Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life, must be made known and be accepted as Redeemer and Lord. He is the Word of truth wrought out in the life. Let us be sure to center every doctrine in Christ and lift Him up before the people. Only thus will men find salvation under the preaching of the third angel's message. Then, too, let us seek to have our lives conform to the doctrines which we preach.

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LITTLE by little, word of the welfare of our work and people is coming in from war-torn lands. Our men in service have been doing excellent work in looking up leaders and members of our churches in formerly occupied

countries from which we have had little news for several years. The first messages we have received from Italy, Belgium, Holland, France, Germany, and Czechoslovakia came through our men in the medical branch of the Army.

Letters from Holland, Germany, and Czechoslovakia are in hand and will be published in early issues of the REVIEW. We are sure our readers will rejoice to learn of God's mercies upon His work during the war.

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CONSIDERATION must now be given to the rehabilitation of our work in those countries which have suffered most from the war. A recent gathering of the General Conference Committee and publishing house men gave special attention to the restoration of our publishing work. The rebuilding of institutions and churches is most necessary, but the spiritual rehabilitation of our people is of first importance. It was pointed out in this meeting that the distribution of the printed word is one of the most effective and speedy ways to accomplish this work.

Plans were laid for a wide circulation of our church literature, particularly the writings of the Spirit of prophecy, among our people in Europe and other lands as soon as possible.

Evangelistic Advance

THIS special number of the REVIEW has been prepared in harmony with a request made at the 1944 Fall Council, held at Cleveland, Ohio. Sensing the seriousness of the times in which we live as one crisis follows another, the leaders of the church realized as never before that what we have to do must be done quickly. We have a world to warn. The completion of that task depends very largely upon the work of evangelism in all its phases. With this in mind, recommendations on evangelistic advance were passed, which we give in abridged form:

"WHEREAS, Conditions in the world warn us in no uncertain tones that the day of the Lord is nigh at hand, and that what we do to save men from eternal death must be done quickly; and,

"WHEREAS, Restless multitudes, sensing the breakup of civilization and knowing not the meaning of the times, stand bewildered and distraught, longing for a sure word of hope, giving us an unprecedented opportunity for preaching the message; and,

"WHEREAS, It is evident that before we can expect the great ingathering of souls foretold in Scripture and in the Spirit of prophecy, a deep spiritual awakening must take place within the church; therefore,

"We recommend, 1. That a call be made upon the membership of the church, laymen and conference workers alike, to delay no longer in making an unreserved dedication to the work of God; and that in the spirit of such a dedication we begin at once to set in motion the greatest

evangelistic advance ever undertaken by this people.

"2. That each conference plan a program of evangelism that will include the rural communities and smaller cities, as well as the metropolitan areas.

"3. That where great centers of population exist, both local and union conferences lay careful plans for the holding of large metropolitan efforts, and that the entire laity of such areas be enlisted in literature distribution, cottage meetings, and personal work.

"4. That local as well as national radio endeavors be strongly encouraged and supported.

"5. That earnest effort be made by our conference administrators, departmental heads, pastors, and evangelists, to inspire our people to greater personal soul-winning activity; and that men and women of ability be encouraged to assist our evangelists by giving a portion of their time each week to personal work among the interested; and, that men of suitable personality and consecrated ability be encouraged to conduct lay preacher efforts in localities where conference workers are not carrying on public evangelism.

"6. That determined effort be made by our pastors, evangelists, and lay members to reclaim those who have drifted away from the church.

"7. That stronger, more aggressive, and well-planned efforts be put forth by every foreign-language worker and church member in North America to reach these millions with the third angel's message."