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“GUIDED MISSILES”

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IN THESE days of modern warfare we hear and read a great deal about “Guided Missiles.” We are told the missile is filled with an explosive charge, which completely destroys the target when contact is made. Once the missile is started on its way, it is guided by the power of an unseen radio beam from a master control station, direct to the heart of the enemy target.

In the Christian warfare and the great controversy between right and wrong, our truth-filled books and periodicals are the “Guided Missiles.” It is our privilege to start them on their way and help guide them toward the heart of the lost sinner. Then God from His Master control tower through the power of the Holy Spirit will drive the missile straight to its mark, the man of sin will be destroyed, and another soul will be born into the kingdom of God.

Recently at a meeting of the United Society for Christian Literature at Beckenham, Kent, a striking fact was given as to the value Communists put upon literature as a means to advance their beliefs. Mr. Hickman Johnson, a missionary who first went out to India forty-seven years ago, stated that the Communists in the East are saying: “The Christians teach them to read: we will give them the books.” And he added, “they certainly are giving them ‘the books.’”

“The church,” he declared, “cannot hold a candle to what the Communists

are doing.” The Chinese government alone has financed the production of 530,000,000 books to be scattered over the East.

We are glad that Seventh-day Adventists have always been in the forefront in the use of Christian literature as an evangelizing agency in the Far East, and everywhere else throughout the world, but these facts show how a much more intensive effort must be put forth both abroad and at home if these and other false teachings of these last days are to be effectively countered by the Gospel of Christ.

At that same meeting the Rev. E. J. Briggs declared that “Christian books are the guided missiles in the warfare of the kingdom of God” and that “the power that guides them is the power of prayer.”

That surely is a most apt picture of the literature work and wonderful indeed are the stories which are constantly coming in of how these truth-filled “missiles” are constantly reaching their “targets.”

In Western India a colporteur one day happened to knock at the door of one of the leading lawyers in the city of Poona. Having comparatively little knowledge about the affairs of this intellectual profession our brother was somewhat at a loss concerning how to approach the gentleman. However, he gathered courage and began his canvass for one of our religious books. The lawyer, after listening to his canvass for a while, began to show interest in the religious

matters presented. At the close of the interview the gentleman placed an order for a copy of *The Great Controversy*, a Bible in the best binding, and a Bible Dictionary. Later, when the colporteur visited him in his home, he told our brother that the Bible had taken the place of the “Vedas” in his devotional studies in the home, and furthermore, he stated that he believed in Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour.

On one occasion one of our colporteurs met a woman who was greatly troubled over the question of the State of the Dead. He gave her a short Bible study and showed her that the books he sold would give her more enlightenment on this subject and also on other questions. The woman bought this book and invited the colporteur to give Bible studies to herself, her son, and his wife. Soon all three were ready for baptism and the son is now working at Nuzvid hospital. This same colporteur has made contact with a number of families to whom he is giving Bible studies and with whom he first made acquaintance when he visited their homes with our books.

Another good report comes from South India: One of our colporteurs there while canvassing in Madras introduced *The Great Controversy* to two ladies. They became interested and ordered this book and also *The Desire of Ages* and *Steps to Christ*. The colporteur followed up the interest by arranging for Bible studies

with them, and after some months the two ladies came to our church and brought with them over two hundred rupees in tithe, and said they wanted to join God's people.

A letter from a colporteur in the Northeast Union tells us how, while canvassing in Sambalpur, in his spare hours he walked for miles on foot to visit people who had become interested in the truth, and to give them Bible studies. He names three men especially, one of whom bought *Daniel and the Revelation, Patriarchs and Prophets, The Great Controversy, and The Desire of Ages*. After three years this person said: "I am now ready to become an Adventist." He had stopped going to cinemas, and had given up smoking and other unhealthy habits. In 1946 Brethren O. A. Skau and R. J. Borrowdale visited the place where the colporteur had developed this interest and found ten people ready for baptism. Since that time the son of this colporteur, who is an evangelist, has been sent there to work and additional believers were baptized this year.

So these "Guided Missiles" of

God's last message to mankind are finding their way to "targets" young and old, near and far, and will undoubtedly result in many souls saved in the kingdom of heaven.

God has set His hand to finish His work rapidly. The Spirit of prophecy states that "if Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 221.

Dear fellow believer and worker in this great Advent movement, it is your special privilege during Big Week, September 4 to 11, to start not just one of these "Guided Missiles" towards its target, although that in itself would be wonderful, but if you will—you can send hundreds of these missiles on their way to destroy the sinful heart of man and to usher in the kingdom of God. Will you not do your best to see how many of these divinely guided missiles you can dispatch during *BIG WEEK*? Do not leave it to the colporteurs to start all the "Guided Missiles." *THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY!*



IF

You are interested in a reform which begins with the child, and has for its chief aim the formation of a Christian character;

IF
You desire that the Word of God may be magnified, as the greatest power in the development of that Christian character;

IF
You wish Jesus Christ to have the pre-eminence and all churches to realize their essential unity in Him;

IF
You maintain that this Bible-teaching and character-forming work should be done in the best way, and its importance be emphasized in all departments of church and state;

IF
You could discover an organization which embodies these ideas you would register your interest in it in terms of prayer and willing service;

IF
These things be so, and you are looking for Jesus to come, then the movement which will appeal to you is—
LITERATURE EVANGELISM



IS YOUR WEEK BIG?

L. C. SHEPARD

IN QUANTITY every week is the same. They have not varied from the beginning of time. The bigness or smallness of a week depends upon what is accomplished during the period.

More than forty years ago a small band of colporteurs conceived the idea of setting apart a week in which they would make an extra special effort to work more hours, and visit more people, and sell more literature. The day on which the largest sale took place was to be devoted to God for the expansion of wider literature ministry in all the world. Year by year more colporteurs joined the circle until eventually colporteurs and church members all joined in the effort and large sums flowed into the treasury. The physical plant of the Oriental Watchman Publishing House came largely from this source.

This year the "Big Week" can be large in the light of the purpose of our publishing programme.

"The publications from our printing houses are to prepare people to meet God."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, p. 139. In this statement is summed up the purpose of all Christian endeavour. Seventh-day Adventists have been chosen by God to be special representatives and ambassadors in the last work of salvation.

"Throughout the world our publications are to do the same work that was done by John the Baptist for the Jewish nation. The startling messages of warning of God's prophet wakened men from worldly dreaming."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, p. 139.

As we read in the Gospels the record of John's work, we see that the whole country was stirred. Men travelled long distances to hear him preach. Even the rulers were compelled to investigate. John's message stirred things up. There is no branch of Seventh-day Adventist work that stirs things up so much as our books and tracts. In Assam a District

Magistrate gave up smoking and drinking of liquor after he had read *Health and Longevity*. The same effect is found in the Gold Coast in East Africa where this book is now being sold. In both cases, customers ask our colporteurs to secure Bibles for them.

In 1954 let us make Big Week a special soul-winning effort by distributing our message-filled publications. Let us place them in the hands of the people. The Spirit of God goes with every page to influence the hearts of the people as they read. Now is our time to act.

earnest during our Big Week campaign, September 4 to 11. Let us all follow this motto, "Lord, use me in '54," and make this the biggest and best Big Week that Southern Asia has ever known. We can, by God's help!

PLAN YOUR BIG WEEK

BIG WEEK MAGAZINE CAMPAIGN

J. A. SOULE

QUOTING the Southern Asia Division action Number 15067, we read part two, "That during 1954 Big Week a special magazine campaign be arranged which will include both the English and vernacular magazines. Also that each Union make up into sets small books already available and sell them at a special price during this Big Week campaign."

The magazine ministry is to play a prominent part in the finishing of the work for we read in *Testimonies*, Vol. 9, page 61: "The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals." Circulated not by thousands, but by millions of copies each year, they wield an influence that eternity alone will reveal.

Our Health Journals occupy the unique position of being the entering wedge, the medium, through which the minds and hearts of men are to be opened and made receptive for the entrance and acceptance of the great fundamental religious truths that are to prepare a people to meet the Lord. The Spirit of Prophecy is quite clear on this point, as the following statement attests: "The circulation of the health journals will be a powerful agency in preparing the people to accept those special truths that are to fit them for the soon coming of the Son of Man."—*Counsels on Health*, p. 447.

Many today give free rein to sinful, physical gratifications which tend in many cases to make it difficult or even impossible for their minds to perceive and comprehend divine truth. Therefore, it is essential that the promotion of the gospel message be accomplished by the teaching of the great principles of healthful living. As comprehension of the harmfulness and sinfulness of wrong habits and indulgences dawn upon the mind, awakens a new desire for emancipation, and the heart turns longingly, even eagerly, to the only real

source of help, the Divine One. The Spirit of prophecy, declares, "It is impossible to work for the salvation of men and women without presenting to them the need of breaking away from sinful gratifications, which destroy health, debase the soul, and prevent divine truth from impressing the mind."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, p. 137.

A very good example and illustration of this fact is presented in *Testimonies*, Vol. 2, p. 373. "There are more souls lost from poor cooking than you have any idea of. It produces sickness, disease, and bad tempers; the system becomes deranged, and heavenly things cannot be discerned." It is possible, and very probable, that religious books or magazines could be sold to people who would read them, and yet because of this poor cooking and sinful gratifications, the divine message would make but a feeble impression upon the mind because of their inability to discern spiritual things. That is why it is so vitally important that true religion and the laws of health go hand in hand, in the presentation of the message. Workers who employ the right arm in connection with their work can expect greater soul-winning results because, "The circulation of the health journals will be a powerful agency in preparing the people to accept those special truths that are to fit them for the soon coming of the Son of Man."—*Counsels on Health*, p. 447.

In the same volume of the *Counsels on Health*, page 446, we read, "There has not been that interest taken in the circulation of our health journals that there should be. The circulation of these must not be neglected, or the people will suffer great loss. Let it not be said of us that we ourselves are guilty in this respect."

Every worker, every colporteur, and every church member in the Southern Asia Division is hereby urgently requested to take up the Health magazine subscription work in

It has been said that we are living in a magazine-reading age. Life is so hurried today that many people are too busy to read a book, but they will take time to read a magazine. Perceiving this, it is up to us to take advantage of the possibilities involved, and do everything in our power to utilize them in the giving of the message.

The counsel of Inspiration is, "The great and wonderful work of the gospel message is to be carried on now as it never has been before. The world is to receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals. Our publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 100.

Periodicals as well as books have been ordained of God for the finishing of HIS work on the earth. A careful reading of the divine blueprint concerning the circulation of our literature reveals the fact that our magazines have been brought forth from the presses under the divine blessing of God to play a special part in the closing day of earth's history.

In the very beginning of our work the leaders realized the importance of scattering the truth through literature, and simple plans were laid and carried out. But as the years have rolled by our magazine work has grown and developed, until at the present time the fine selection is not for our people only, but many are for the public.

Yes, our magazines are important. We have them! Our problem is to circulate them among the people. The call of the Lord through His servant, is "Let all the leaflets and tracts, the papers and books go in every direction." To carry out this great task of blanketing Southern Asia with our literature, we must give our magazines a more liberal circulation. We do well to remember that, "papers and books are the Lord's appointed means of keeping the message for this time continually before the public."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 8.

During one of the Big Week campaigns in the Potomac conference, U. S. A., one of our good sisters sold

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BIG WEEK AND WHAT IT CAN MEAN TO YOU

O. O. MATTISON

BIG Week is one of those occasions which some people look toward as a necessary evil. The least said about it the better they like it and to do as little as possible to get by is all too often their programme. Big Week, however, if properly approached and used, can be one of the most thrilling experiences which can come to one engaged in the cause of God.

The very first missionary work I ever did when I arrived in India was a full week of Big Week. We had just arrived in Lucknow and in those days everyone engaged in Big Week. I was asked to go to Cawnpore. I had never been there before, but we had a fine Adventist family there at the time by the name of James. It was a large family and a friendship was formed with them that has lasted through the years. They opened their doors to me and helped me a great deal in contacting many of the most influential citizens of the city. I do not remember what my total sales were but I do remember I was able to turn in a clear profit of Rs 175/- after paying for my supplies as my part of my first Big Week in India. I have had many experiences through the years which are outstanding in my contacts with the general public.

To those of us who are engaged in

routine work it offers a wonderful opportunity to break the monotony of our daily programme and get out into new places, and meet new people. It is as refreshing as a week's outing or a prolonged picnic with the added interest that we are meeting the general public with our literature and providing funds for a definite project.

This year the Division has allowed each Union to choose and promote its own project. This should be a real incentive to all our Union fields as they can build up a fund toward their most worthy and outstanding project or need. Every book you sell or every magazine order you obtain is a potential life-saver in the hands of the person you contact and gains funds for the chosen project of your field.

Let us not shun the Big Week this year but rather accept it as a challenge and see how much we can do and not how little we can get by with doing. Mark the date, SEPTEMBER 4-11, now, in your diary or on your desk calendar and plan your programme for September around it and the Lord will bless your planning and give you an experience far outweighing any little inconvenience that might be ours. May the Lord bless our Division field to that end.

It was Samuel Johnson who said that "All the performances of human art, at which we look with praise or wonder, are instances of the resistless force of perseverance; it is by this that the quarry becomes the pyramid and that distant countries are united by canals." The work of the spade and the pickaxe are petty operations, and "yet those petty operations incessantly continued in time surmount the greatest difficulties and mountains are levelled and oceans bounded by the slender force of human beings."—*Samuel Johnson*. Is this same principle true in the literature ministry?

Yes, your house to house visits constitute the pick and spade of construction workers. You must be actuated by a "resistless force of perseverance." You should have a well laid plan and be possessed of a spirit to carry that plan through to a successful end. Will you put your all into the magazine campaign, into the book work? Will you? Not for the annas and rupees that will be yours, but for the sake of the thousands of souls that you may be instrumental in bringing into the kingdom. May God bless you in your ministry.

BIG WEEK MAGAZINE CAMPAIGN

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130 dollars or approximately Rs. 650 worth of single copies of our magazines in thirty-five hours. This demonstrates the possibilities which are wrapped up in this line of activity.

There surely are many among the rank and file of our church membership in Southern Asia who could be encouraged to take up this work not only for Big Week, but as a regular or a part time colporteur.

The time has come for a revival in the sale of our magazines, not only by our regular colporteurs, but by a large additional army of workers and laymen in our churches. We hope that all who are interested in spreading the message in Southern Asia will join hands with the colporteurs and launch out with us on a new campaign for the increased circulation of our magazines during the Big Week campaign.

With God's blessing and guidance, and diligent effort and faithfulness on our part, we can make this the **BIGGEST** Big Week that Southern Asia has ever known. Let us rise up and do it!

"THEY WANT TO KNOW"

O. A. SKAU

TWO statements jarred me today. One said: "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." The other said: "They want to know what is truth." Here you have a prediction and a statement revealing the mental conditions of men and women. What is the condition of many? To answer that I read, "Men and women are wandering in the mist and fog of error." These are the people that want to know what is truth, and you, dear fellow workers—literature ministers—are the ones that can help them to know the truth.

We are living in the last days. Time is short. Now is the time to work early and late scattering our truth-filled literature. Remember, "God will soon do great things for us if we lie

humble and believing at His feet."—*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 151. The day of opportunity is here. People today buy and read more books and papers than ever before. Our great Commander bids us "Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage." Mat. 22:9.

This is a period of campaigns, campaigns for this and for that. Great efforts are now being made in the circulation of our magazines. Do you realize that our magazines go into about 30,000 homes every month? Yes, that is a fact, but should we be satisfied with this? No, we want more. We want these magazines to go into double that number of homes. Can it be done? Yes, with your co-operation and earnest labour this can be accomplished.

A FRUITFUL FIELD OF EVANGELISM FOR LAYMEN

M. K. ECKENROTH

WHAT can laymen do to bring about a more effective evangelistic programme? We find a great need for concerted action on the part of the church, with a close working relationship between the ministry and the lay forces of the church.

First, the layman should work for his own household. Here is a great field for evangelism. The influence of a godly life in the home cannot be estimated. How many people there have been who have found their way into the kingdom of Christ through the example and the faithfulness of a good wife, a child, a consecrated mother or relative! This cannot be done by argument. Much more effective is the silent influence of deep convictions. Once those convictions are compromised, this type of evangelism rapidly disintegrates and its effectiveness vanishes.

Only with the greatest sympathy, love, and earnest prayer, can the hearts of those who are stubborn and willful be softened and subdued.

The messenger of the Lord has set forth the best way for us to reach those for whom we are burdened. In *The Desire of Ages*, page 254, we read: "His [Jesus'] tender compassion fell with a touch of healing upon weary and troubled hearts. Even amid the turbulence of angry enemies He was surrounded with an atmosphere of peace. The beauty of His countenance, the loveliness of His character, above all, the love expressed in look and tone, drew to Him all who were not hardened in unbelief. Had it not been for the sweet, sympathetic spirit that shone out in every look and word, He would not have attracted the large congregations that He did. The afflicted ones who came to Him felt that He linked His interest with theirs as a faithful and tender friend, and they desired to know more of the truths He taught."

Here is the secret of success. There is no one on earth that can withstand the love of God unless the heart is set in wickedness. But that love must find its expression in the most practical way if we ever expect to win souls to Christ. "Kindly words simply spoken, little attentions simply bestowed, will sweep away the clouds of temptation and doubt that gather

over the soul."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 30.

"While the claims of the law of God are to be presented to the world, we should never forget that love—the love of Christ—is the only power that can soften the heart and lead to obedience."—Mrs. E. G. WHITE in *The Review and Herald*, June 13, 1912.

Again we read in *Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 38: "Arouse every spiritual energy to action. Tell those whom you visit the end of all things is at hand. The Lord Jesus Christ will open the door of their hearts and will make upon their minds lasting impressions. Strive to arouse men and women from their spiritual insensibility. Tell them how you found Jesus and how blessed you have been since you gained an experience in His service. Tell them what blessing comes to you as you sit at the feet of Jesus and learn precious lessons from His Word. Tell them of the gladness and joy that there is in the Christian life. Your warm, fervent words will convince them that you have found the pearl of great price. Let your cheerful, encouraging words show that you have certainly found the higher way. This is genuine missionary work, and as it is done, many will awake as from a dream."

We ordinarily do not arouse the slumbering one by hitting him over the head or shaking him violently or shouting at him, but rather with a quiet, gentle, sweet voice we speak to him, and thus without shock arouse him from his sleep. No more fitting symbol of evangelism could be used than this to illustrate the gracious type of service that Christ practised in working for the lost. This is one thing that only the membership of the church can do: live consistent, loving, sweet, sympathetic, co-operative lives before the members of their families. This is the greatest evangelistic opportunity open to laymen.

WORKING FOR BACKSLIDERS

Second, a layman can work for backsliders. This is a work that in many cases only the members of the church can do. Here is a phase of work, evangelistically speaking, that is frequently neglected. We allow

people to go out the back door of our churches too easily. We do not plead with them enough. We do not struggle with them in direct personal appeals. Too many leisure nights are spent, rather than watches of agony with struggling, dying, perishing souls. When people are losing their way and are finding it difficult to hold on to the hand of Christ, the consecrated member of the church can move forward and do something for that discouraged one.

"If one member of Christ's household falls into temptation, the other members are to look after him with kindly interest, seeking to arrest the feet that are straying into false paths, and win him to a pure, holy life. This service God requires from every member of His church. . . . The members of the Lord's family are to be wise and watchful, doing all in their power to save their weaker brethren from Satan's concealed nets. This is home missionary work, and it is as helpful to those who do it as to those for whom it is done."—*Evangelism*, p. 353.

One of the great perplexities that often confronts congregations is the disproportionate loss suffered through apostasy year after year. It is one of the most heart-rending, distressing experiences through which many of our churches pass every year. It is a tragic experience to see so many fellow believers drop off the path and separate from the body of the visible church. To save these backward ones is a great field of evangelistic activity. This is a phase of service that can be done with effectiveness by the membership of the church.

A member who can speak out of his own deep experience, his own love for Christ, and testify to the power of Jesus and His saving grace will encourage many a struggling heart. Sometimes, without even the apparent gesture of an interest, a summons is sent to a member of the church by a church clerk, inviting the individual to appear before a session of the church board to give reason why his name should not be dropped from the books.

The kindest, the sweetest, and the most generous treatment should be given to those who are spiritually slipping. The kindest interest given at the time of their spiritual depression should be shown. When the laymen unite together with the pastor in this type of evangelism we will be able to conserve many of our gains, thus increasing our membership.—*Review and Herald*.

IT TAKES courage to be a Christian. I mean a genuine one hundred per cent Christian. It takes more courage to be a real Christian than it does to be a soldier, an explorer, a deep-sea diver, an adventurer, a pilot, or anything else. That is one reason why the religion of Jesus appeals to young and stout hearts.

Courage has always been a prime characteristic of the real Christian. The best Christian characters are developed when the need for courageous living is at its highest. The Pauls, the Peters, the Johns, were developed when Roman paganism and Judaism lashed at Christ's new church with great violence. Men like Wycliffe, Huss, Jerome, Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, and Knox of pre-Reformation and Reformation times witnessed at a time when it was dangerous to challenge the tyranny of Rome. Seventh-day Adventist youth also belong to a day that requires dangerous and courageous living.

To live richly we need to live courageously. To live courageously we need to live for the Master. We need to confess His name until the day of final victory. There are many reasons why young men should confess the name of the Master. Here are five:

1. Every young person ought to confess the Lord Jesus Christ because he is following a great leader. Jesus is a Master General. This world has had numerous generals and leaders. Many of them are worthy of praise. Justly their countrymen lift their heads in pride at the mention of their names. Think of a few. Walk through the main plaza of any city in Argentina and invariably you will see the much beloved San Martin on his bronze horse. Argentineans are proud of their great son. In Mexico the marble likeness of Benito Juarez sits in the choicest part of the capital's lovely Alameda Park. Juarez is the pride of the national heart. In the United States we honour the Father of the country, George Washington, and Americans are proud to be fellow countrymen of Abraham Lincoln. All these and many others were great, but their glory pales before the greatest master of all—the Lord Jesus. What a joy it is to see His followers proud of their allegiance to the great Master and General. Every Christian ought to confess Him fearlessly, proudly, boldly.

2. Every young person ought to confess the Lord Jesus so that he will have a right influence. Many people think their influence counts for so little. They feel insignificant and

IT TAKES COURAGE

ARTHUR H. ROTH

worthless. They say, "No one notices me or cares what I do." This is a mistake. Our influence counts. It counts much either positively or negatively. Did you ever observe how it works? Just do something inconsistent with your Seventh-day Adventist profession. Then listen to the talk. A person would think he was the most influential person in all the town, judging by the wagging tongues. Oh, yes, people notice us no matter what we do—good or bad. The bad influence has an easier way of becoming public conversation, but the good influence seems to quietly make things right around us. Our influence counts for much more than we think. Make yours count for Jesus.

3. Every young person ought to confess the Lord Jesus Christ because of the joy of fruit bearing. The best



THE ACHE AND THE SONG

Margaret Locke

There's an ache in my heart—and why?
Because the old world is drear,
And there comes a cry from souls that die
With never a word to cheer.

There's an ache in my heart the while,
For there's much of shame and sin;
The tempter's wiles so many beguile,
And he gathers his millions in.

There's a song in my heart—and why?
Because of the flowers that bloom,
And the bright blue sky and the stars
on high—
But more—for a riven tomb.

The ache will be lost in the song,
For how could the ache remain
When 'twill not be long till with angel
through
Christ comes in a glory flame.

O the love and the joy and the peace
In the breasts of the waiting ones—
The sweet release when the heartaches
cease
And the longed-for Saviour comes.

And up through the boundless air
Go those who cherish the song;
They meet Christ there and the angels
fair,
And forever to Him belong.



way our relatives, neighbours, and friends, can know Jesus is by our personal witnessing. This witnessing on our part will not only be to the advantage of others, but for our own good as well. Often as we sing we ask, "Will there be any stars in my crown?" What are the stars for? Souls won to the Master, of course. And what a joy there is in bringing others to Jesus. Nothing surpasses this thrill, but we must experience it to know.

A boy once told me, "I surely do like to hear how others have been won to God, but it has just dawned on me, 'No souls, no stars. No stars, no crown. No crown, no kingdom!' Believe me, I am on my way to win souls." And he did win souls. He told us months later that he had never experienced so much joy and satisfaction as when he actually saw those for whom he had worked step into the river for baptism. He said, "It was the greatest thrill in my life." Winning souls does give joy. It is definitely the joy that comes to a victor after triumph.

4. Every young person should confess the Lord Jesus Christ because it is the way to be saved. The Bible is very explicit about this. "Every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Phil. 2:11. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed." Rom. 10:9-11.

NOT ASHAMED OF OUR FAITH

How clear that is, "Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed." When we become ashamed, something dangerous has happened to our faith. This is worth looking into. Our salvation depends upon it. Courageous and heroic confession before men is necessary. The Bible says, "If thou shalt confess . . . the Lord Jesus, . . . thou shalt be saved." Fearless are those who will be saved. They will be the people who have not been ashamed of their faith.

5. Every young person ought to confess the Lord Jesus Christ because of what Christ has done for him. The prophet Isaiah writes, "He is despised and rejected" for our sakes. (Isa. 53: 3.) "We did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions,

He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." Verses 4, 5.

If they do not confess Him, how ungrateful are those who know these things! Real love and gratitude to our Lord Jesus for all that He has done

ought to compel us to confess His name fearlessly, courageously, gladly.

God's promise, "He that overcometh, . . . I will confess . . . before My Father, and before His angels." Rev. 3:5, will be fulfilled in behalf of all truly courageous youth who confess Jesus.—*Review and Herald*.

sovereignty of love."—*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, p. 203. Thank God, we have His promise that we may be "more than conquerors through Him that loved us." Rom. 8:37.

Years ago, through His chosen messenger, the Lord called for "a spiritual revival and a spiritual reformation," to "take place, under the ministration of the Holy Spirit."—Mrs. E. G. White in *Review and Herald*, Feb. 25, 1902. In the last volume of the *Testimonies*, published in 1909, we are told that "in visions of the night, representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 126.

In Mrs. White's last message to a General Conference session, in 1913, she wrote: "I have been deeply impressed by scenes that have recently passed before me in the night season. There seemed to be a great movement—a work of revival—going forward in many places. Our people were moving into line, responding to God's call."—*General Conference Bulletin*, May 19, 1913, p. 34.

At the same time she expressed "strong faith in the workers throughout the field."—*Ibid.*

"I am encouraged and blessed as I realize that the God of Israel is still guiding His people, and that He will continue to be with them, even to the end."—*Ibid.*, May 28, p. 164.

THE GREATEST AND MOST URGENT NEED

Although God is greatly blessing the church in the extension of its work in the home bases and also in the far-flung fields of the world, it can still be said that "a revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs."—Mrs. E. G. White in *Review and Herald*, March 22, 1887. This "great reformatory movement among God's people" is yet to be realized in its fullness, for the remnant who are redeemed from the earth will be "without fault before the throne of God." Rev. 14:5.

The church will triumph gloriously. The great question is, Will we triumph with it? Are you, dear reader, in the large class "who have step by step yielded to worldly demands and conformed to worldly customs." (*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 81), "who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth" (*The Great Controversy*,

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THE WORK OF SANCTIFICATION

M. E. KERN

MANY devout Christians hesitate to use the word *sanctification*. This may be because of the misuse of the word by those who talk of their own sinless state (which, of course, is the best evidence that they are not sinless). Or it may be the result of a very natural feeling that they are not perfect. But as Mrs. E. G. White has said: "When Paul wrote, 'The very God of peace sanctify you wholly,' (1 Thess. 5:23) he did not exhort his brethren to aim at a standard which it was impossible for them to reach. . . . He knew that all who would be fitted to meet Christ in peace must possess a pure and holy character."—*The Sanctified Life*, pp. 20, 21.

Paul also wrote: "Not that I have already obtained, or am already made perfect: but I press on. . . . Brethren, I count not myself yet to have laid hold: but one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:12-14, A. R. V.

A. H. Strong has given us a very good definition of sanctification, which is in accord with the teachings of the Spirit of prophecy, as "that continuous operation of the Holy Spirit, by which the holy disposition imparted in regeneration is maintained and strengthened."—*Systematic Theology*, p. 869.

SIGNS OF IGNORANCE

Some of our mistakes are sins of ignorance. We are babes in Christ, and must grow in grace and in knowledge. When we become aware of our sins of ignorance, we will turn from them at once; and so day by day, through the mercy and help of God, we may have always "a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men." Acts 24:16.

God looks upon our hearts. He

takes into account our purposes and motives. His love, compassion, and justice in dealing with us in our frailties are well expressed in the following words: "When it is in the heart to obey God, when efforts are put forth to this end, Jesus accepts this disposition and effort as man's best service, and He makes up for the deficiency with His own divine merit."—Mrs. E. G. White in *Signs of the Times*, June 16, 1890. In other words, we may always live above known and voluntary sin. And so, as we read in *Christ's Object Lessons*, page 65: "At every stage of development our life may be perfect; yet if God's purpose for us is fulfilled, there will be continual advancement. Sanctification is the work of a lifetime."

PERFECT AT EVERY STAGE

From boyhood I have been very fond of bananas. I often wondered just how they grew. In Brazil my curiosity was satisfied. Lifting one of the big petals on a long flowering stem, I saw a perfect hand, or cluster, of bananas about two inches long—perfect at that stage of growth, but not ripe and ready to eat. God, who causes the fruit to grow and mature, provides for our growth and maturity in the Christian life; and we may be perfect in His sight at every stage of development, on the two conditions of faith and surrender. "And so long as you do this, He will work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure. So you may say, 'The life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.'"—*Steps to Christ*, p. 68.

That is the secret of success. But that, we have all learned, is not always easy. "The battle which we have to fight—the greatest battle that was ever fought by man—is the surrender of self to the will of God, the yielding of the heart to the

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NUZVID VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Ch. D. LILLY FLORENCE

DURING this year God has blessed the MV society at Nuzvid in a special way. We have successfully conducted senior and junior MV camps and have organized a Pathfinder club with a good membership. Recently we had an Investiture service in which more than sixty were invested for one class or another.

On the morning of May 9, our Summer Bible Vacation School, which is the first school of its kind ever conducted in India, began. This school was led by Mr. K. P. Philip and his helpers, Mr. Prasada Rao, Miss Janobi, Mr. K. S. Solomon, Mr. K. S. George, Mrs. O. B. Jonathan, Mrs. Peter, Miss Lilly Florence, Miss Stoneburner, and their assistants.

The members belonging to the different committees such as Publicity and Supply committees did their work very faithfully. The Publicity committee went to every home and were able to enrol more than forty students. They were all below thirteen years of age. The Supply committee had a great part in making the school a success. It worked day and night to get the supplies ready for each day's work.

The time allotted to the school each day was two and a half hours and in that time was held morning worship, story hour, games, music and drill. Each student was given a little book with five pages in it, and a picture illustrating the story was pasted in each day and coloured. All the children were keenly interested and each tried to make his book appear better than the others.

One of the most interesting parts of the school was the band. We had the students divided into groups and each group was given different kinds of instruments such as tambourines, triangles, castanets, and cymbals. They played these instruments while Miss Stoneburner played the piano. It was really grand and everyone that heard it was surprised at the rhythm that was kept all through the song.

Everyone was sorry when the last day arrived and wished the school could have been continued for one

more week. On the last day we called the parents together and presented a fine programme, in which we presented the bands and some other items. I am sure every father and mother was proud to see his or her child accomplishing so many things, and learning so many songs in just one week.

Miss Stoneburner who sponsored this school should be given special mention for her great help in making it a success. The teachers were very co-operative and were always ready and prompt at the school to take over whatever responsibility they were given.

Now we have the desire and inspiration to do better things for God in the days that lie ahead and we are indeed grateful to Him for His wonderful guidance in all that we did.

NUZVID MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER CAMP

ELLA MAY STONEBURNER

A FEW weeks ago, forty of the Juniors from the Junior Missionary Volunteer society of Nuzvid and their leaders packed up equipment and went to Raygunta which is a village out in the jungle about four miles from Nuzvid. The children were excited because they had been looking forward to this camp for many weeks. A beautiful spot had been chosen which was at the base of four large mango trees. These trees provided a natural roof which very effectively protected the campers from the hot rays of the sun.

We left Nuzvid on Friday morning and the best part of the day was used in setting up camp, resting from our long walk and eating. Good food was prepared by Mrs. B. S. Solomon, Mrs. O. B. Jonathan, Mrs. P. S. Prasada Rao, and Mrs. P. John. Mr. P. S. Prasada Rao was the camp leader and he with his able assistants, K. S. George and K. S. Solomon, had planned very efficiently a good three days. Honour classes in Bird study, Flower study, and Tree study were held and the children became very interested in these nature studies.

On Sabbath Dr. John B. Oliver joined the campers and conducted a



The Nuzvid Nurse's Graduation Class
Miss E.

bird walk. About fourteen different species of birds were seen and all the children had an opportunity to view the birds through field glasses. Mr. and Mrs. K. P. Philip and the writer, leaders of the Senior Missionary Volunteer society, joined the camp early Sabbath morning and stayed for the day. Many other workers from the hospital visited the camp during the day and it was a Sabbath day long to be remembered. Every minute was filled with good things.

The children that were present at this camp have had a little taste of what Heaven will be like and we feel they came back better boys and girls because they had been living with nature and God for a few days.

GRADUATION AT NUZVID

ELLA MAY STONEBURNER

THE commencement exercises for the graduation class of 1954 were held at Nuzvid on April 23, 24, and 25. Eight girls and seven young men received their diplomas and are now ready to take their place in the profession of Nursing.

The Consecration service which was conducted by the hospital chaplain, O. B. Jonathan, was a very impressive one. All fifteen graduates consecrated their lives to their Master in the form of a song, "I'll Live for Him, Who Died for Me."

BIG WEEK

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On Sabbath morning the Baccalaureate address was given by Evangelist D. S. Harris and he spoke on the subject of the Class Motto which was "The World's Need—Our Call." The Nuzvid church choir sang a beautiful hymn "Never Part Again" and at the close of the service the hymn "Speak My Lord" was sung by the writer who was the class sponsor.

Saturday night was class night and the programme included Class Prophecy, Class Will, the President's address and other items. The Valedictorian, Mr. K. P. George, also spoke at this meeting. The Class of 1954 presented the school with a lecturn and a bulletin board which were very much needed. Commencement was on Sunday evening and the acting president of the South India Union, Elder E. L. Sorenson, gave the address. He spoke on the topic of the Class Aim "United in Service." He and Dr. McWilliams played a trumpet duet.

The diplomas were presented by Dr. John B. Oliver, superintendent of the Hospital, and Miss Edna L. York, director of Nurses.

The student days for these fifteen graduates are over. Soon much responsibility will fall on their shoulders. God's richest blessings and His guiding hand are wished for each one and may they ever remember that Jesus is the great Physician and their Master Teacher.

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BAPTISMS IN EAST PAKISTAN

R. S. FERNANDO

DURING the first six months of the year eight rallies and church leaders' evangelistic councils were held in East Pakistan and we are happy to report the addition of several members to the church as a result of these lay activities. At Jowaria Brother S. N. Dass while teaching in a secular school prepared two souls and Pastor T. C. Bairagee baptized them at Gopalganj. Brother D. L. Mungle while engaged in his private practice conducted services at Askor church where we have no worker and two were added to the church by baptism.

The two mission schools at Monsapara and Lengurah reported ten baptisms for the first six months and the boarding school at Jalirpar added two more making a total of fourteen baptisms for the 1953-54 school year. N. C. Deuri, a teacher of the Jalirpar school, assisted Brother S. K. Somadhar during the summer and two were added to the church at Sonapur. A tribal boy of the school received field evangelistic experience during the summer in assisting at the Sonapur effort. Another junior ministerial student with the help of an aged deacon looked after a church of eighty members while the pastor conducted an effort in a far away village for three months. Brother B. B. Talukdar, another teacher of the Jalirpar school, assisted in a full effort and added the branch Sabbath School members to the church by baptism. Three of the school boys went out canvassing under the guidance of teacher S. K. Bairagi and shared their faith during the summer. These senior boys and masters have returned to school with a rich field experience. Seventeen were baptized by Pastor U. N. Haldar and the writer as a result of the summer effort conducted in the Jalirpar village. Eleven more are to be added during the third quarter.

A church revival was conducted at Suagram early in the year and a lay brother was appointed to conduct a series of cottage meetings in that area. Our village school teacher,

Brother Pratap Madhu, now rejoices in the baptism of five of his candidates. A retired pastor is now looking after the interests of this church. We much appreciate the splendid contribution our schools are making to the evangelistic programme of the mission.

A good interest has developed in and around the Chuadanga mission station and Brother N. N. Banerjee is very happy to see the addition of three members by baptism from Kaliganj village.

At Mymensingh the brethren have plans to celebrate the golden jubilee by baptizing fifty souls and sixteen have already been baptized. Six were brought in as a result of an effort conducted in a new village and seven more from there will be baptized in the very near future.

The Advent message has penetrated to the last village bordering the Sunderbans and our lay members there are looking after a church of thirty-six members. At our visit to this southern-most church where there is no worker, we found the aged blind elder being assisted by the Christian headmaster of the Hindu village school. Though not a baptized member of the church this headmaster, a graduate of the Serampore College, conducted a model Sabbath school. Arrangements were immediately made for Pastor S. K. Haldar to conduct an effort in the church and nine souls have already been baptized and L. M. Mundel is looking after the church interests.

We thank God for the sixty-three additions to the church during the first half of our Jubilee year and take courage to move forward with determination to reach every honest heart during this sunset hour of earth's history. Let us remember our courageous workers in East Pakistan in our daily devotions.

Men of God must be diligent in study, earnest in the acquirement of knowledge, never wasting an hour. Through persevering exertion they may rise to almost any degree of eminence as Christians, as men of power and influence.—*Testimonies*, Vol. 4, p. 411.

WE BELIEVE our faithful church members will be interested in a brief report of the Home Missionary and Sabbath School departments throughout the Southern Asia Division during the first quarter of this year. I have just tabulated the reports and find the results very encouraging.

Comparing our Sabbath school report for the first quarter of 1954 with the same quarter in 1953 we find that the number of organized Sabbath schools has jumped from 504 to 551. Our branch Sabbath schools dropped from 137 to 104. This means that thirty-three of our branch Sabbath schools were organized into regular Sabbath schools. Some of our family Sabbath schools expanded and brought more members, thus helping increase the number of regular schools.

Our Sabbath school membership has shown an increase from 21,726 to 23,974, a gain of 2,148 members. This is a healthy sign of increased Sabbath school evangelism. During the first

**“A GOOD REPORT
MAKETH THE BONES
FAT”**
Proverbs 15:30
W. L. BARCLAY

quarter of this year 211 Sabbath school members were baptized.

Our financial interest in missions through the year is also encouraging. A total of Rs. 26,453-12 was contributed during the first quarter of 1954.

Our Uplift continues to make good progress. In fact, we have raised more money during the first six months of this year than has been raised in the first six months of any previous year. Our total to date is Rs. 182,500-0. This is a larger amount than was raised in any entire year up to 1950. And this in spite of the fact that this is the most difficult economic year in

Southern Asia since the British pulled out in 1947.

Our Home Missionary department is still leading out in a strong programme of evangelism through the churches. During the first quarter of this year 14,784 Bible readings or gospel meetings were held. 70,096 pieces of literature were distributed.

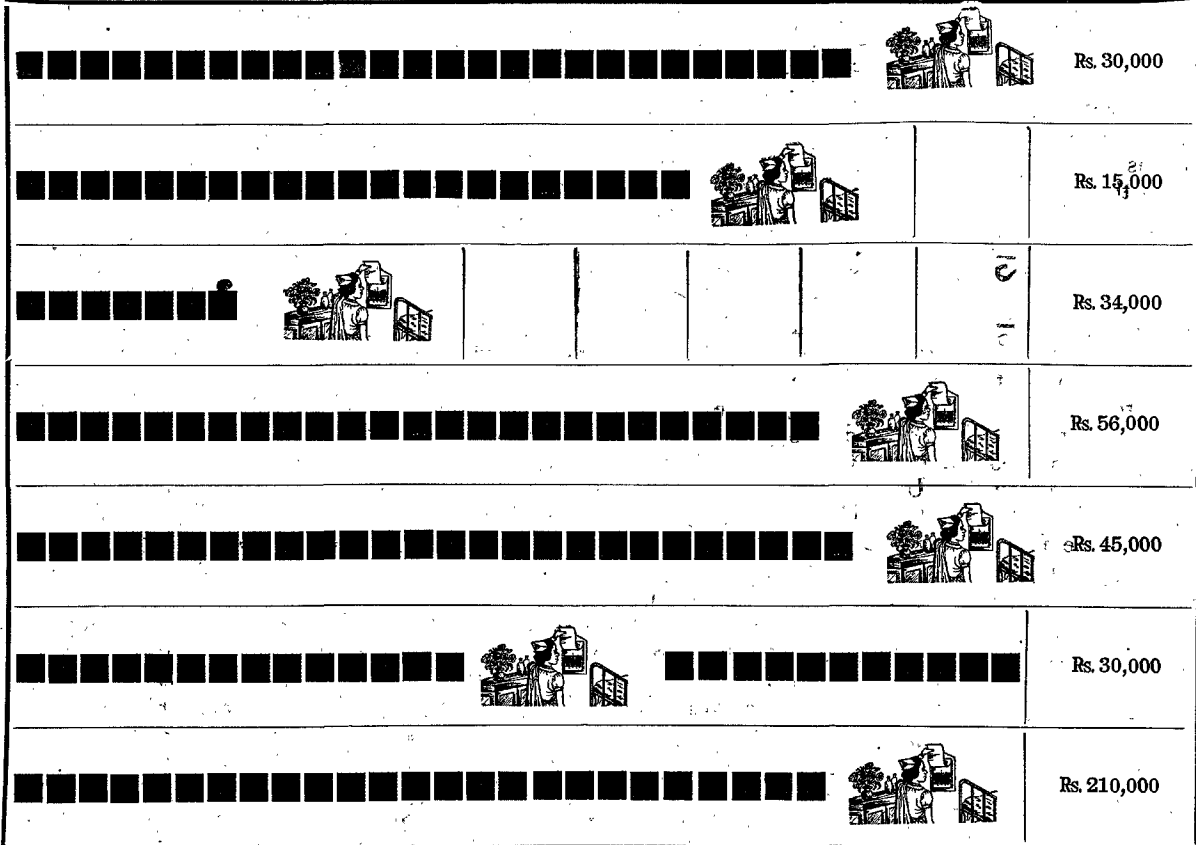
Ninety-eight of our churches have active lay-preachers carrying on some type of evangelism. During the past few months our six Unions have purchased fifty View-Master Junior Projectors and Discs. These are for the exclusive use of our laymen as they engage in soul-winning evangelism. This is a big step forward in our Lay Evangelist programme in the Division. God is blessing the efforts of our laity and during this first quarter they had an active part in winning 196 souls.

The watchword in the Home Missionary and Sabbath School departments is “Onward—To Finish The Work.”

UPLIFT RECEIPTS

JULY 25, 1954

10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100% Goal



Receipts to date: Burma Rs. 30,000, 100%; Ceylon Rs. 11,416, 76%; Northeast Rs. 11,183, 35%; Northwestern Rs. 44,512, 80%; South India Rs. 40,400, 98%; West Pakistan Rs. 44,285, 100%; Total Rs. 181,796, 86%.

TRIUMPHS OF THE CROSS IN INTER-AMERICA

GLENN CALKINS

THE work in Inter-America is onward, ever onward. If space would permit, we could cite instance after instance of the marvellous way that the Spirit of God is working upon the hearts of men and women everywhere, bringing them into a knowledge of this glorious truth and to the point of making a decision for Christ. As an example, let me refer to a portion of a letter received this very week from one of our Inter-American workers, a young man born and reared in Inter-America and educated in one of our own training schools. He lives in a country where there has been great opposition to our work as well as to the work of all other Protestant denominations.

In that country several of our churches have been destroyed by mobs led by those opposed to the truth of God. Several of our workers and believers have paid with their lives for their faith, while many others have been driven from their homes into the high mountains or into the jungles in an effort to hide from the wrath of those who are opposing the ever onward march of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This young brother states in his letter that during the preceding twelve months he, by his own efforts and under the inspiration and power of the Spirit of God, has baptized 157 people. He lives and labours in the city where our church has been stoned again and again, where mobs have gathered to disrupt our work and to do physical harm to our people, where attempts have been made to bomb the church building, and only by the grace of God was the building spared, when one of the bombs failed to explode. Understanding this you will be better able to visualize the real victory gained in baptizing this large number.

This particular church building was erected a few years ago, and will comfortably seat about 450. However, our young brother states in his letter that the building is often filled to overflowing with a crowd of from eight hundred to nine hundred people, even though our own believers have been requested to remain away and thus give opportunity to those not of our faith to hear the preaching of the Word. He goes on to state

that though the crowds fill more than twice the capacity of the church, often they find it necessary to hold two sessions in an evening, that all who are eager to learn of Jesus may hear. While this church only a few years ago had a very small membership, today the baptized membership is well above five hundred.

This is only one of many examples I could cite to you from the different countries of Inter-America. One of the greatest problems is to provide meeting places to house the people and to provide someone to teach them the way of truth and holiness. The people will come even though they are threatened with bodily injury and are ridiculed in every possible way. Their desire to know the truth is so great that they will come regardless of the obstacles placed in their way.

In the Inter-American Division there are twenty-seven different countries with a baptized church membership of over one hundred thousand and with many more in classes preparing for baptism.

My first personal knowledge of the work in Inter-America was thirteen years ago, when I was asked to join the staff of the division. At that time we had four training schools. Today we have fourteen, but still we are unable to care for our own young men and women who desire a Christian education. Many more are applying for entrance than can possibly be accepted. The facilities of our schools are completely inadequate to provide for the thousands of Seventh-day Adventist youth of Inter-America. It causes our school leaders great anguish of soul to turn away those who long to be prepared as workers and labourers in fields already white for the harvest. Our great purpose in Inter-America is to preach the gospel of the soon-coming Saviour. One of the best ways to do this is to educate our own young people to become soul winners, and then send them forth to reap the harvest.

Thirteen years ago there were no medical institutions in the division. Today we have six acting as the right arm of the message and rapidly breaking down prejudice in the communities under their influence. There were no denominationally paid

doctors at that time. Today we have more than twenty, and many more than that number of nurses. We believe in using the medical work in the way that God has ordained it should be used, as an entering wedge.

The Voice of Prophecy and other Seventh-day Adventist programmes are now being carried to the people of these different Latin countries over ninety-two radio stations. Marvellous are the results of this radio preaching. It is most gratifying to see the large number of enrollees in the Bible correspondence school and other schools being conducted through the mails as a result of our radio broadcasts.

With our small army of regular denominationally paid workers, it would be entirely impossible to reach the millions living in Inter-America if it were not for the great army of lay preachers. When I speak of lay preachers I refer to men and women who have been chosen because of their personal qualifications and abilities and who have been trained in the art of publicly presenting the truth in such a way as to appeal to the people.

At present we have between 1,800 and 1,900 of these trained lay preachers. At one time last year there were 766 lay efforts in progress, with a combined attendance of nearly 14,000 people. Baptismal classes are being conducted in connection with each one of these efforts with an enrolment of nearly 3,500. If it were not for these faithful, humble, self-supporting men and women who are giving of their time and their talent, we could never hope to maintain the large number of baptisms we enjoy year by year.

The leader of our division home missionary department, together with the home missionary leaders in the six different union conferences and the thirty-two local conferences, carries on a continuous and intensive plan of training for these volunteer workers. Schools are conducted, which the lay preachers attend at their own expense and where they are taught and prepared to preach the everlasting gospel. Many of these men make their living by working week-days or parts of each day in schools, hospitals, offices, shops, and on the farms and then spend the evenings and week-ends in carrying on their noble work of self-supporting preaching.

In some instances church members band together to care for the little farm of a qualified lay preacher. They till the soil, plant the seed, and

harvest the crops, and thus make it possible for the brother to be away from home for weeks and even months at a time preaching the truth.

Gripping stories are told by these lay missionaries who trek over burning sands, through scrubby brush and snake-infested jungle trails, and up the steep rocky sides of the Andes, seeking souls for whom Jesus died. Thousands of lonely and isolated homes lying across the Spanish Main and through the islands of the Caribbean are being visited by these devoted workers, cheering the hearts of the lonely and bringing to them the blessed hope of the soon coming of Jesus.

The work of our great army of Missionary Volunteers is another inspiring sight. We have more than 37,000 Missionary Volunteers in Inter-America, and during 1953 these loyal young people have made one missionary contact every nineteen seconds day and night. What a thrill it is to see these earnest, consecrated young people sharing their faith with others.

There is on my desk at the present time a routine report of the work of our outpost evangelism plan. I want to give you just a word or two taken at random from this report. In one place in Cuba a young man only seventeen years of age preaches twice a week. Other young people are helping him in his evangelistic work. The average attendance at his meetings is around forty, nearly all of whom are studying and preparing for baptism. In another place in Cuba fourteen Missionary Volunteers are working together in a Share Your Faith programme. They are conducting simultaneously seven efforts and six Sabbath schools. Their minimum goal for 1954 is thirty-five baptized.

A young Missionary Volunteer girl who lives in Havana is a cripple and practically unable to care for herself, and yet she encourages people to come to her home, both young and old. She shares her faith, and three have already been baptized as a direct result of her work. Her telephone is used constantly in inviting others to listen to the Voice of Prophecy programme.

We think also of our great army of colporteurs—over seven hundred altogether—courageous men and women trudging up and down the jungle trails and over the mountains carrying the printed page to those who otherwise might never be reached. Nothing thrills me more than to sit in one of our colporteur

rally meetings and listen to the marvellous stories that these men and women tell of their work. There is no type of ministry that is accomplishing more in the winning of souls than that of the literature ministry, and I am sure that in the records that are being kept in heaven will be found the names of many who are there because of the faithfulness of these earnest, God-fearing, and self-sacrificing colporteurs.

Then there is the work that is being done through the medium of the Sabbath school. There are well over two thousand Sabbath schools in the Inter-American Division, and in addition to that, more than one thousand branch Sabbath schools. On one of the major Caribbean islands alone there are nearly two hundred branch Sabbath schools. Those teaching in these branch Sabbath schools often have to make long journeys on foot, enduring the hardships of primitive travel; but their hearts are filled with the love of Jesus and the burden for perishing souls.



Your Light

LEILA GILHOUSES

There is a gallant soul near by.
You watch his ship ride deep and high
The storm to fight!

There is comfort in the thought
That he is sailing as he ought
And keeps in sight.

There is a gallant soul near by.
You wonder if perchance his eye
Has seen your light.

O Christian, let your lamp not dim;
It might mean loss of life to him
Who needs your light.

Keep it bright.



Recently the story came to us of one of our earnest lay leaders, the elder of one of our churches in Grand Cayman. He is a man of great influence in the Cayman Islands, who makes his living selling merchandise but whose real business is telling others about the Master. One night this brother found it very difficult to sleep, for it seemed that the Lord was laying a burden on his heart in a very definite way for those with whom he was doing business day by day. As he lay awake he heard some men talking outside his store. He decided to join them in their conversation. He found three men, and immediately began pointing them to Jesus. One of the men, a hardened sinner, listened most reverently to the appeals to surrender their hearts. Our lay brother finally asked them to bow their heads as he concluded his appeal with an earnest prayer.

The one man, notorious in the community, upon his return home after the midnight conversation and prayer, was greatly troubled in his soul, and as he later related his experience, he said, "The Spirit of God surely was pleading with me that night and for several days following. The matter of my soul's salvation weighed heavily on my mind, but as the days went by the conviction seemed to leave me. At last, one night I had a dream that again aroused me, and turned my eyes upon my own great need.

"Three angels came flying through the air to where I was. They asked me if I would be willing to turn away from the world and from my own sinful practices and give my heart to God. I replied that I had never wanted to have anything to do with religion and didn't feel that I wanted to then. The angels continued to impress me with the fact that very little time was left, and urged me to surrender my heart to the Lord Jesus. This dream startled me, and I felt, after awakening, that I must do something about it. But as time went by, again the conviction wore away; and I kept on in my sinful ways.

"I was beginning to forget about God and about the three angels who had appeared to me, but God had not forgotten me, for soon I had another dream. This second dream was similar to the first. Again I saw the three angels flying through the heavens, and I watched them intently as they came toward me. Again they asked me about my relationship with God and whether or not I was ready to meet Jesus at His

coming, for He was soon coming. I made the same reply that I had made before, that I wasn't ready yet to be a Christian. The angels reminded me that this was the second time they had come to warn me and that it would be the last.

"When I awoke I felt that God must really be calling me to follow Him, and so I decided to join some church. I visited church after church, and was perplexed as to which church was the right one for me to join. At last the impression came to me, 'Why not join the church that preaches the three angels' messages?' and so at last I came to the one church the foundation of whose teaching is based upon the three angels' messages of Revelation."

He continued, "I am glad to tell you that today my wife and children as well as I myself are all baptized members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and how happy we are in our new-found faith and how thankful we are for the earnestness of our brother who came to us in the midnight hour."

We have earnest soul winners among the young people. Here is an experience from the Central American Union:

Jorge was a delegate to the Pan-American Youth Congress. He was an earnest Missionary Volunteer, always ready to share his faith. David, his friend, was a university student. He belonged to the church, but he had become careless in his Christian experience and rarely attended church. One evening Jorge was talking with David and said, "David, why don't we share our faith together? Why, with the new *canoncito* [literally meaning 'little cannon'—referring to the new View Master projector] it is easy. I know you will like it."

David accepted the proposal. Four nights a week Jorge and David would carry their *canoncito* and the film discs to one of the four homes where they were giving studies. Many times the busses would not be running when they finished; and they would have to walk five or six miles, arriving home at midnight. They began to pray that the Lord would help them to find some way of keeping their appointments and also of getting some sleep. Their prayers were answered. Jorge found a good buy on a light motorcycle, and now the two ride to the Bible studies. Not even a Missionary Volunteer social in the church will stop them from

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News from

THE WORLD FIELD

A "WALKABOUT" ON THE ISLAND OF GUADALCANAL

D. M. GILLIS

A "WALKABOUT" in the interior of the rugged and fascinating isle of Guadalcanal in the eastern Solomon Islands is a never-to-be-forgotten experience.

For almost twenty years now our missionaries have taken their turn in treading the numberless mountain trails and following the cascading rivers as the waters rush on in their mad haste through the darkness of tropical jungle to the great sea. Over these same trails through the years have wandered multitudes of native islanders who have had no hope for the future and no God to whom they could look for salvation. Their only trust has been in the prince of darkness, who has ever kept before them his subtle power and evil works.

As one follows the paths up mountain peaks, down into the depths of the valleys, up the sides of precipitous mountain gorges, one occasionally comes across a spot by the roadside dedicated to devil worship. And what are these? you may inquire. In brief they are the devil's meeting grounds. It is at these shrines that the people make sacrifices to the devil.

I was interested to walk onto one of these places and inspect it for myself. The area is circular in shape, and has a diameter of approximately twenty-five feet. In the centre of this ground is planted a tree, which is carefully protected and cared for. The whole area is kept meticulously clean and tidy. To these grounds the people bring a pig. Its blood is shed as an appeasement to the arch-deceiver. Then it is offered as a burnt offering, and a portion of the flesh is eaten. As I studied the situation I could see the freshly charred remains of a recent sacrifice. Do you grasp the meaning of all this? Here is a multitude of precious souls clamouring for help, going through all these ceremonies in the hope that this sacrifice will bring them redemption.

God gave His only Son, who shed His own precious blood that we might have salvation. But "that old serpent,

called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world" has presented to the fallen race the most abominable animal, the swine, to represent the pure and spotless Lamb of God.

The power and manifestations of the ruler of darkness are apparent on Guadalcanal today. But, one by one, slowly but surely, as the gospel penetrates his vast domains his groves are falling. As one follows the paths, a native will draw your attention to a place where the devil was worshipped at one time. It is unkept and overgrown with tropical plants and stands a memorial to the power of the gospel. And this fact brings to one's mind the words of the apostle Paul: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Rom. 1:16.

As you think of our mission work in the island fields and as you pray for the speedy advancement of the gospel, we request that you remember the eastern Solomons in your devotion.—*Review and Herald*.

ADVENTURES IN COLPORTEUR EVANGELISM

M. V. TUCKER

COLPORTEUR evangelist Vernon Bretsch has been working in the Idaho Conference for more than a year. During this time he has had some wonderful experiences in connection with his work. Recently he sent to the North Pacific Union office a report of the following incident:

"This happened in a Nazarene home. I canvassed the lady for the *Bible Pageant*, and she was very interested. However, she said she did not have a penny in the house, and wondered if I would come back at twelve-thirty and show the books to her husband. I agreed to do this, and left the house with a prayer that God would speak to the husband's heart, and that he too would see the need. I came back to this home later and talked to the man. After making a few excuses, he finally consented to pur-

chase the set. He then left for work. After he had stepped out of the door she said, 'I am so happy you stopped today. When you knocked on the door this morning, I could tell by your face that you were doing Christian work.' I thanked her, had prayer with her, and enrolled her in the Bible course. Certainly the angels of God go before to prepare the hearts of just such people."

Such contacts bring great courage to the hearts of both the readers and the colporteurs. Literature evangelism is a soul-winning avenue by which men and women unacquainted with the truth of God can learn the meaning of His Word. The need for more colporteur evangelists is great. Thank God that many of our dear people are laying aside the secular duties of the world and joining the ranks of those proclaiming the last gospel message to the world.—*Review and Herald*.

BAPTISM IN NORTHERN LUZON, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

J. ERNEST EDWARDS

RECENTLY the president of the Northern Luzon Mission in the Philippines, F. B. de la Cruz, wrote telling of a fourteen-hour trek over the mountains to baptize twenty-three mountain people who are known as Tinggians:

"Two of our mission leaders and I just visited several churches on the border of three provinces, Abra, Ilocos Sur, and Mountain. In getting to these outposts one passes over three mountain ranges, the third mountain range being the highest. We walked fourteen hours, and were able to make the trip in one day. We were exhausted after passing over the two mountain ranges, but when we came to the third we trudged wearily on, climbing higher and higher, labouring for breath and aching all over. After the steep descent we were weak. Our legs ached for two days.

"These places, Supo and Matibuey, are the hardest places to visit in our mission. Once a year, during the dry season, we trek in to these two churches. The lay preacher, who is also the elder in one church, and the church school teacher, urged us to come because a group of people were waiting for baptism.

"The lay preacher attended the North Philippine Union Laymen's Congress held in Baguio last October. He returned to these mountain provinces determined to start an effort for these Tinggians. He immediately

began a campaign, which continued through November and December. On Sabbath morning, March 6, twenty-three new believers from among these mountain people were baptized.

"We were rewarded for our strenuous and trying trip when we saw the earnestness of our brethren in their soul-winning work. We spent five days with our church leaders, instructing and counselling the members and visiting the many interested Tinggians."—*Review and Herald*.

NEW HOSPITAL IN BAGHDAD, IRAQ

E. E. ROENFELT

A NEW hospital building, several homes for hospital workers, and nurses' dormitory have for some time been in process of construction in the city of Baghdad. The buildings have been erected on a site granted to us by the Iraqi Government. There have been many delays in completing this work, but progress is being made.

M. V. Jacobson, business manager of our hospital in Baghdad, which is known as the Dar el Salaam Hospital, now reports that the workers' homes and also the nurses' dormitory have been completed and are occupied. The new hospital building will probably be ready for occupancy when this appears in the TIDINGS. The hospital will have a bed capacity of about eighty-five patients and will be a representative modern medical unit.

Our medical work in Baghdad is proving a most effective means of contact with people of all classes. Persons from among the poorest beggars up to members of the royal family have received treatment at the hands of our hospital workers.—*Review and Herald*.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY NEWS

ALVIN W. JOHNSON

FROM the Philippines word comes that exemption from the operation of the Philippine national blue Sunday law, has been renewed for Seventh-day Adventists for the present year.

It will be recalled that the Republic of the Philippines adopted a national blue Sunday law last year, which went into effect September 20, 1953. The act prohibited "labour on Sunday, Christians Day, New Year's Day, Holy Thursday and Good Friday." The law carried no exemption for those who conscientiously

observe a day of rest other than Sunday because of religious convictions. Through various representations that were made and through the authority vested in the secretary of labour by the law, an exemption from the operation of the law was granted "the Philippine Union Mission Corporation, the Religious Liberty Association of the Philippines, and all bona fide members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church." This exemption has now been extended for another year.

It will be recognized that this permission rests upon the authority of a single person. A ranking member of the Philippine Senate, and a recognized authority on constitutional law, has promised to lead out in an attempt to secure the repeal of this law by the Philippine Congress.

UNIVERSITY MAKES "BLUNDER"

Recently, a well-known professor was appointed to the chair of history of Christianity at the government university at Messina, Italy. The appointment had been unanimously conferred. According to the press bureau of the Waldensian board the university officials learned, within eight days after the nomination had been made, that the appointee was a member of the Waldensian confession. Immediately the council of the Faculty of Arts and Philosophy of the university "suppressed the Chair, and declared it useless and even harmful if entrusted to the care of a non-Catholic person." The Italian Association for the Freedom of Culture is publicly protesting this new violation of religious liberty. The opposition is supported by a long list of well-known men in public affairs in Italy.

NO NON-CATHOLIC BOOKS!

A peddler's license for the sale of religious books, both Catholic and Evangelical, was granted by the Comune and the police office of Campobasso, Italy, with the condition that "no books should be sold concerning non-Catholic religious confessions."

The board of the federal council of the Evangelical churches in Italy has filed an official protest with the government denouncing this "incomprehensible restriction to the rights of the citizens, for confessional motives, as if the Index of Prohibited Books had become the guiding rule for the state authorities."—*Review and Herald*.

TRIUMPHS OF THE CROSS IN INTER-AMERICA

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meeting their appointments for these studies.

Jorge works in the shop until seven o'clock in the evening. Then he drops his tools and rushes off on his motorcycle, sometimes even without eating his supper. David, many a time, has had to fulfill his school assignments after he arrives home at night; but "I am happier than I have ever been before," said David, "because I am now sharing my faith." And what about the results? Already several people are definitely requesting baptism as a direct result of the work of these two Missionary Volunteers. It looks to us as if Jorge can count David as a Share Your Faith product also.

Marcelino comes from the High Andes of South America. This region is a part of the Inter-American Division. Four of our brethren in the district where Marcelino lives have given their lives for the truth in the last three years. Under this intense persecution, and in an effort to save their lives, Marcelino, his parents, and his brothers had to flee from their home. As they fled his older brother was killed. The family was scattered, and Marcelino found himself alone on the high (ten to thirteen thousand feet) chilly slopes of the mountains.

However, away up there he found refuge in a home; and he also found his "outpost." He spoke of his faith daily. He lived his faith. He organized a little Sabbath school. He taught these new-found friends, who had so kindly given him a refuge, of the true God, who was his "refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." He taught them all he knew of the Bible and of God's holy law. Then he made contact with our nearest worker; and when the worker finally reached this place, he found five fully prepared for baptism.

In another country where there was intense persecution a new chapel had been built, but a terrible wave of violence grew in that little town, and our brethren were driven from their homes and had to leave their chapel. The abandoned chapel was taken over

by the local power company and used as a warehouse. The pastor of that district wished to go back to this place in an effort to try to learn whether any of the flock could be found, but he knew he would be arrested, and so he dared not go.

At last he made a call in another church in another area for someone to visit the believers and interested people in this town where the chapel had been abandoned and where the violence had been committed against our brethren. Jose, a young man twenty-two years of age, responded. He said that he was ready to go, not only once, but as long as he was needed. Every Sabbath he travelled a long distance over the mountains to this isolated place, gathering together in some quiet place the members of that once prosperous little church.

One Sabbath the police found them and arrested Jose and all who were with him, but they were soon released from prison when certain influential friends spoke in their defence. The following Sabbath Blanca, a young believer eighteen years of age, invited them to come to her home to hold their meeting; but the police found them there. They did not take them to prison this time but to the local priest. When they were brought in before this man, he glared at her and asked, "What is it that you are allowing in your home, Blanca?"

Calmly Blanca answered, "We are holding a meeting on the Holy Sabbath, because it is the seventh day, and that is the day God has ordained that we should keep."

"That may be the day on your calendar, but it isn't on the Catholic calendar," said one of the policemen jeeringly.

"Yes," replied Blanca, "it is the same on the Catholic calendar," and she pointed to the calendar hanging on the wall. "Also you can look it up in the dictionary if you wish."

Immediately the secretary to the priest went to the dictionary, sure that he could prove our young people wrong; but when he read the dictionary, he immediately closed it again, saying not a word.

Many people had been gathering to hear what was going on. The priest realized he could not intimidate the young people who were before him; so he closed the interview, saying, "Well, everyone can believe what he wants; but at any rate don't bother me with these meetings any more."

So another victory was won for Christ.—*Review and Herald*.

THE WORK OF SANCTIFICATION

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p. 608), and who as the storm approaches will "abandon their position, and join the ranks of the opposition"?—*Ibid*. Or, do you belong to that class in whose lives the Lord "is effecting transformations so amazing that Satan... stands viewing them as a fortress impregnable to his sophistries and delusions," and upon whom angels of God look "with astonishment and joy"?—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 18.

These are the questions that have been in the writer's mind as he has reviewed the wonderful provisions of God's grace for our victory in the Christian warfare, as we "press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." What progress are you making?—*Review and Herald*.

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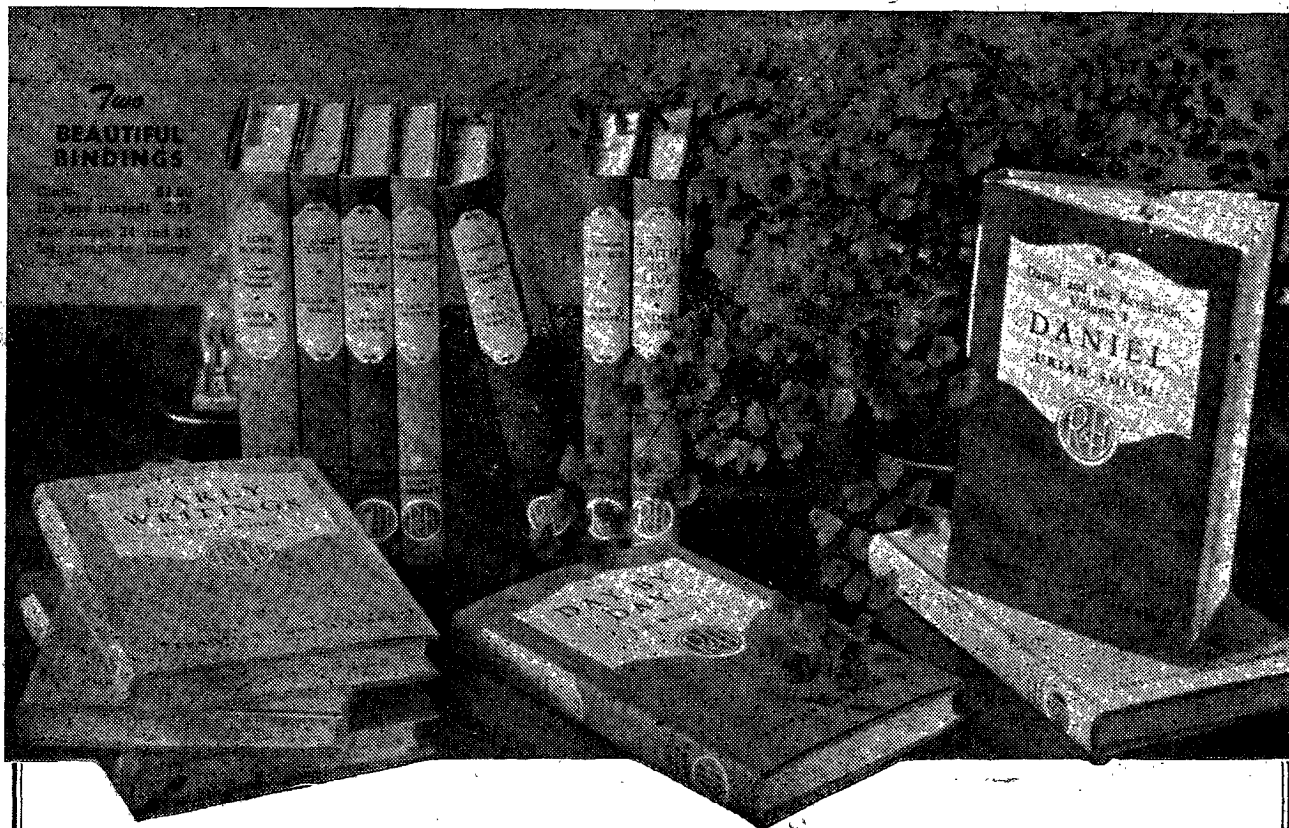
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