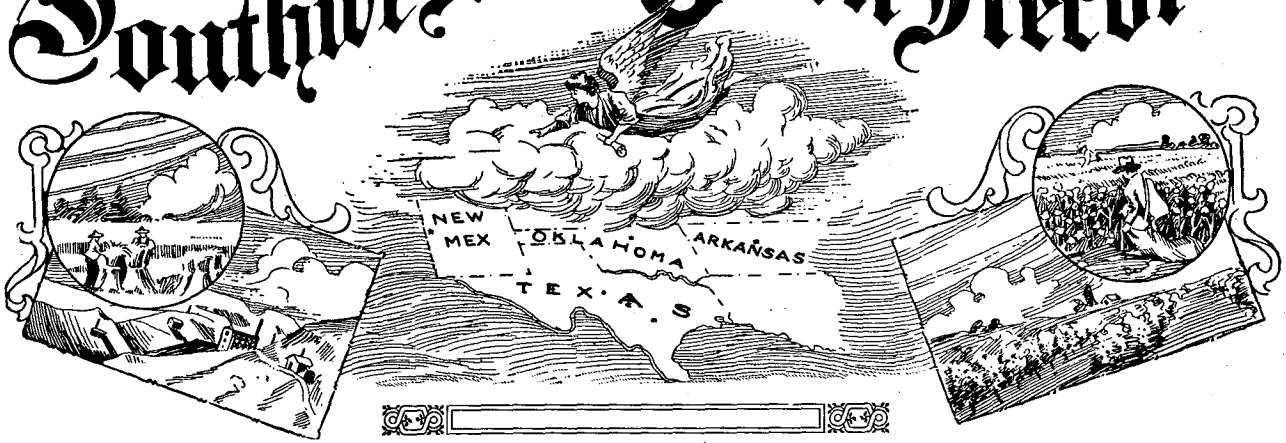


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NO RECORD NEXT WEEK

There will be no paper printed next week, as the editor will be in Oklahoma City in attendance at the Conference. We expect however to issue a special "Conference Number", containing the various reports, etc., and we hope this double number will more than make up for the missing of one issue.

THE BEST YET

The current number of "Liberty" for the second quarter of 1916 is the best ever issued. It contains three striking articles on the freedom of the press, showing the real animus back of the press bills now pending before Congress. This is a live issue before the whole country, and affords our people a splendid opportunity to sell the magazine to their neighbors. It contains a two-page cartoon, one of the best ever drawn by our cartoonist, showing eight religious organizations attacking the United States with their religious torments. It expresses both Protestant and Catholic schemes to secure control of this government. It is brimful of bristling material which will cause every American citizen to sit up and take notice. It has a very attractive front cover page illustration, which makes it a ready seller. Let our home-workers and magazine colporteurs order 50 copies at \$2.00, as a

try out. While the Congressional bills are pending now is a good time to circulate this important issue of "Liberty."

C. S. LONGACRE.

LIFE AND HEALTH

How about the aged in our midst—those between sixty and eighty, who are now recokoning upon their decline in efficiency and their life-work practically ended?

All such should by all means read the May number of "Life and Health," which gives unerring truths relative to people being successful and efficient from forty to eighty, and gives general encouragement and new hope for those in advanced years.

TO BIBLE YEAR MEMBERS

All who began to read the Bible through in 1915, enrolling in the Bible Year, and who for any reason were unable to finish in 1915, but who faithfully complete the reading at any time during the year 1916, will be sent a copy of the William Miller Bible Card. This card shows a clear picture of the little Bible that William Miller used in his study of the prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation. On the reverse side is a facsimile poem by Mr. Miller, written shortly after the disappointment in 1844.

In order to secure this card, those who enrolled in the Bible Year in 1915

should send a letter to their conference Missionary Volunteer secretary stating that fact, and also that they have completed the work.

TRAINING THE CHILDREN TO BE MISSIONARIES

Some of the Sabbath school children who have been taught the lesson by the use of the beautiful Worker Picture Roll are going into the homes of neighbors and friends and telling the Bible story and showing the picture illustrating it. Some are selling the picture, and thus secure money for the new roll.

In one place the young ladies are conducting "Bible Story Hours" with the children of the neighborhood, using the Picture Roll to illustrate the story. They ask all to learn five verses from the story during the succeeding week. All who do this for five weeks in succession receive one of the pictures.

As these pictures are very attractive and worthy a place in any home, they open up possibilities for very effective work.

40 per cent of 500 editors whose opinions were sought, favored a navy second only to that of Great Britain. 60 per cent thought it should be as large as any in the world. This is one of the 300 or more enlightening thoughts expressed in the columns of the May "Signs" Magazine.

North Texas Conference.

Office, Keene, Texas

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OBITUARY

SPIKES.—Died at Dalworth, Texas, March 23, 1916, of a lingering illness of ten months, Jefferson Monroe Spikes, son of Paul and Grace Spikes, aged nine years, eight months and four days.

"Little Jeff" as he was familiarly and affectionately known by the church and his schoolmates, was a devoted little Christian. Trained from almost babyhood in the Sabbath school and the Scriptures, he early took a great interest in the Bible and everything pertaining to it, and had a knowledge of it far beyond the average child of his age. Not simply from a casual study of the Sabbath school lessons did this come, but it was noticeable how he loved to read the good Book at great length, and actually study its great truths and doctrines, such as would ordinarily engage much older and more mature minds; and his grasp of the same was remarkable. It was his delight to talk about such things. Often, on visiting and staying over night with the family, this dear little boy has slept with the writer, as was his want always, and he would talk far into the night so understandingly and interestingly that it would be difficult to end it for necessary sleep. On one of these occasions he said he wanted, when he grew up, to be a minister. His exemplification of these principles on the playground at school, and among his associates, showed that he had them in his heart. Having given evidence of being a real Christian, and desiring to be baptized, he, with several others, was baptized and joined the church a short time before he was taken sick.

The death of little Jeff was a peculiarly sad one to his parents, relatives, and the Dalworth church and Sabbath school. His long illness, during a large part of which he was

unconscious and could take nothing but liquid nourishment, and but small quantities of that, caused him to become emaciated and waste away. Before becoming unconscious he lost his sight, and on hearing the sobs of his parents watching by his bedside, he would try to comfort them with words of consolation, or a Scripture promise, and so to the last of his conscious hours he showed the anchoring of his own soul.

His parents and sister are left to mourn, but they "sorrow not . . . as others which have no hope." The following lines, penned by his father soon after Jeff's death, are expressive of the parent-heart:

Gooby, little boy, goodbye;
 Be thine the gain,
 Be ours the tears,—
 For thee the years
 Hold naught of pain
 Or sorrow deep,
 For "He giveth His beloved sleep."
 Goodbye, little boy, goodbye.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by the Presbyterian pastor, in the Dalworth Seventh-day Adventist church, which was filled with a large circle of friends. After a discourse, based on Matt. 18:1-3, and 19:14, as texts, we laid the deceased away in the Grand Prairie cemetery to await the Lifegiver's call, which cheered the sorrowing to know is only a little way in the future.
 W. A. McCUTCHEN.

BOYS AND GIRLS, ATTENTION

Are you ready to take hold of a good work? Would you like to earn a little money and help the Temperance cause along at the same time? Here is your chance. A special Temperance number of "Our Little Friend" full of fine stories and interesting pictures containing 16 pages, with two-color cover showing children at a drinking fountain, will be ready in a few days. Two years ago our boy and girl friends sold about forty thousand copies. You can get them from your tract society secretary for 2½ cents a copy, while the selling price is 5 cents per copy.

STUDY AT HOME.—The Fireside Correspondence School will show you how. Agents wanted. Send for our "Nutshell" Calendar. Address, C. C. Lewis, Principal, Takoma Park, D. C. 10-12tc

Oklahoma Conference

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NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA

Since my last report to the RECORD I have visited the following places: Woodward, Gage, Shattuck, and Durham in the interest of the Home Missionary Work. We had good meetings at all these places and a good interest was manifest in the various lines of work.

The missionary report for last quarter was quite encouraging, but we want a much better report for this quarter ending March 31, so I hope that all will do their duty and send their reports in early.

And then in the rush of spring work I trust that none will forget the most important work—the salvation of souls. Let us do all that we can to advance the cause of truth in our home communities this spring and summer.
 N. R. HICKMAN.

How about the proper care of newborn babes, thousands of whom are negligently, ignorantly, and criminally handled at the time of birth, and for months following

Thousands of blind all over the world are needlessly so. Study the May "Life and Health" for the remedy, and give it to the hundreds and thousands who are making a failure of life for the lack of what this number contains. It is the most practical number that has been issued for many months. Do not fail to get it and after reading it, pass it on. It is greatly needed.

"God's guidance is good guidance. We cannot understand it, nor always see its wisdom at the moment, but the fact that it is God who guides should be sufficient assurance. 'I do not know the way I take, but well I know my Guide.' That is enough."

SOUTHWESTERN UNION RECORD

**REPORTS of the CANVASSING WORK, INCLUDING THE
MAGAZINE SALES in S. U. Conference for Current Week.**

Name	Address	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv.
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OKLAHOMA, March 25

J. W. Ladd, Mt. Ida		BR	49	25	75 00	50	75 50	
Willie Brinegar, Mt. Ida		BR	53	16	48 00	1.25	49 25	
C. F. Bawlyby, Conway		BR	19	3	9 00	1.00	10 00	
John Kibbey, Conway		DR	31	4	14 00		14 65	
Rolland Burdick, Hardy		DR	23	3	9 00	1.55	10 55	
George Smith, Mt Pleasant		DR	19	5	15 00	25	15 25	
C. W. Cutter, Mt. Pleasant		GC	38	11	33 00		33 00	
Meter Pannell, Malvern		CK	32	6	12 00	70	12 70	
Grace Runnells, Malvern		CK	32	10	11 50		11 50	
Agents 9			296	83	226 50	5 90	232 40	

NORTH TEXAS, March 25

J. W. Sherrard, Ratcliff		BR		1	3 00	11 25	14 25	
Z. S. Arey, Ft. Worth		BR	25	1	3 00	2 25	5 25	
H. C. Moore, Mt. Pleasant		BR	34	26	82 00	70	82 70	
J. E. Shastain, Nevada		BR	38	15	47 00	1 55	48 55	
O. Glass, Bells		BR	50	34	111 00		111 00	
Mrs. S. Hardin, Sherman z		DA		2	6 00		6 00	
C. A. Schultz, Meridian		PG	2		15 00	35	15 35	
W. T. Jones, Wolfe City		PG	26	3	8 25	35	8 60	
C. C. Truitt, Honey Grove		PG	26	21	69 00		69 00	6 00
Z. L. Davis, Honey Grove		PG	37	31	104 00		104 00	
T. A. Stinson, Kihbyville		PG	5	4	12 00		12 00	
Mrs. T. A. Stinson, Kirbyville		PG	8	2	6 00		6 00	
Mrs. N. J. Liebman, Dallas		PG	34	17	36 50	2 40	38 90	
T. V. Tartar, Dallas		PG	10					23 00
Mrs. L. E. Krickbaum, Cleburne		BFL			24 00		24 00	24 00
J. Walter Jones, Jefferson		Mic		s	5 95		5 95	
		Bibles			45 35		45 35	29 75
		Mag			37 01		37 01	
Agents 16			295	161	615 05	18 85	633 91	82 75

WEST TEXAS, March 26

Texie Chandler, Coleman		BF	35	4	4 00	1 50	5 50	
C. P. Clouse, Snyder		BR	28	5	15 00	5 50	20 50	
C. H. McColrey, Lubbock		BR	13	3	10 00	35	19 35	
Agents 3			76	12	29 00	7 35	45 35	

OKLAHOMA, March 24

T. W. Atchley, Okmulgee		PG	36	18	60 00		60 00	
B. G. Begley, Terlton		BR	14					28 00
J. A. Harris, Terlton		BR	26					51 00
R. O. Laird, Hewitt		BR	1	1	3 00		3 00	
W. C. Menefee, Galena		BR	18	4	12 00	50	12 50	81 00
D. E. Riggins, Perry		PG	28	8	29 00	1 00	30 00	
C. L. Roginson, Earlsboro		PG	37	18	56 00	1 40	56 00	
W. S. Roy, Coodys Bluff		PG	15	1	3 50		3 50	
		Bibles						16 45
Agents 8			175	50	163 50	2 90	166 40	176 45

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SOUTH TEXAS, March 25								
C. H. Chenault, Edna		DR	39	13	44 00	2 10	46 10	3 00
Gladys Courtney, Houston		Mag	8		7 30		7 30	7 30
F. C. Delgado, San Antonio		GC	21	12	60 00	1 40	61 40	
C. R. Diaz, Beeville		GC	31	28	137 00	4 10	141 10	
A. J. Jensen, Elgin		HM	33	6	13 00	3 25	16 25	6 40
Mrs. A. H. Kelley,		Mag	17		18 65	5 45	24 10	18 65
A. W. Krueger, Austwell		PG	43	6	22 00		22 00	
B. R. Laureano, Skidmore		GC	44	11	52 00		52 00	
Char. F. Mahr, Yoakum		DR	38	13	56 00	1 50	57 50	
Thelma Neal, Houston		Mag	6		4 40		4 40	4 40
C. E. Votaw, Burnet		HM	29	11	21 50		21 50	
C. E. Votaw, Burnet		HM	12	7	15 00	85	15 85	
J. W. Wilson, Elgin		HM	7	4	8 00		8 00	
Agents 12			328	111	458 85	18 65	477 50	39 75

Educational Department

NEWS NOTES

The Academy garden is now supplying us with fresh vegetables.

Misses Lucile Brannon and Vinna Frame made a visit to Fort Worth last week.

We certainly have been enjoying the good talks and songs which we have been receiving each morning in the chapel from the colporteurs.

Miss Pressley spent a few days with friends in Keene last week. She left Sunday for St. Helena, where she will complete the nurses' course.

Mr. Archie Frame was unexpectedly called to his home at Hamby, Texas, and he left for that place Sunday night.

Miss Bernice Norwood underwent an operation for appendicitis last week. She is getting along nicely and will soon be able to leave the Sanitarium.

Mrs. M. G. Haynes, of Little Rock, spent a few days with her cousin, Mrs. Geo. W. Prater this week. Mrs. Haynes was a former student of Keene Academy.

There are about forty students who will enter the colporteur field at the close of this school year. We are expecting a good many more scholarships this year than we had last.

ADVICE

G. R. West

Upon the great highway of life the need of advice is very often felt. We reach the forks of the road and know not which way to go. We look about us for some one of knowledge and experience, and earnestly ask advice. But why should we not go to the great God of heaven, who sees and knows all things?

It has been said that a talk across the table during a meal with a wise man is a privilege to be highly prized. Then how much we should appreciate a conversation with Him who knows the end from the beginning; and yet how seldom we approach Him!

How eagerly we accept the advice and depend upon the knowledge of frail human beings, when, for the same amount of inquiry, advice might be had from the throne of heaven.

Have you ever pondered the deep meaning of the words spoken to Jeremiah while shut up in prison? "Call unto me and I will answer thee and shew thee great and mighty things which thou hast not known." Are you a child of God? Then why not associate with Him more? Why not enjoy now and then a pleasant conver-

sation with your heavenly Father? Why not look upon prayer as a sacred delight, rather than a solemn duty? Have you talked with God concerning the secret desire of your heart? Remember that you can talk it all over with Him and it will still be a secret. Have you told Him your plans? If not, why not? He will take great delight in talking them over with you; and He alone can tell you whether or not they will succeed.

Oh, what a privilege—and yet, how little we regard it! You do not need to guess your way through life: if you will but ask and listen, you will hear the voice of God saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it." You need not depend upon human advice, which so often brings disaster. It is your privilege to talk with One who is absolutely certain, and with whom defeat is unknown.

How often might our sorrows have been joys, and our failures successes, had we but counseled with our Friend who knows our every weakness, and who takes great pleasure in answering our feeble call!

A NEED OF TEACHERS

Daisy Dean

God has schools governed according to His planning—missionary gardens, are they not?

Many of His gardeners are ready to watch the tender sprouts grow into bright flowers—ready and eager to

pluck the blossoms to make a bouquet for the Master.

But what of those little brown seeds that never sprout? Maybe the soil was not damp enough; maybe the sunshine was not warm enough; maybe there was a clod in the way;—maybe they were not even planted! Why didn't somebody help them? Nobody knew—or if anyone knew, surely none understood. Could anyone have forgotten to care?

Did you know there are children just like those little brown seeds—children who never blossom as they ought to do because they need encouragement and love, and help to overcome the obstacles? And oh, how many of them have not found this garden!

God needs teachers, and those children need teachers—teachers who care enough to dig deep among the tangled roots, the stones that get in the way, the old pieces of wood, and help those tiny seeds to grow; teachers who will search down among the underbrush for those tiny seeds and plant them in the garden.

God needs teachers who know and love and understand, and can direct in the right way those precious children under their care.

News Notes

Mrs. R. P. Abel returned home Monday from a visit with her parents in Dalworth.

Another Standard of Attainment test comes next September. Are you getting ready for it?

Miss Linnie Adams, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. S. Graves, and family, has returned to her home in Fort Worth.

Sabbath, May 6, is Missionary Volunteer Day. Every church interested in young people should observe the day. The program is in the "Review and Herald" of April 20.

Preparedness, in a three-fold sense—national, church and individual—is the big central topic to which most of the "Signs" Magazine for May is devoted. President Wilson and other leading men are quoted, and their

plans for an adequate army and navy are discussed.

What about our kitchens and their present drudgery and unnecessary burden? Cornforth's "Kitchen and its Equipment," in the May "Life and Health," may be of great service to our mothers and daughters who are burdened with the duties of the kitchen. With little expense to all ill-arranged kitchens, he converts them into places of ease and comfort, and renders the ordinary kitchen drudgery desirable and pleasant. The May number of "Life and Health" ought to be read by all mothers and daughters who are required to serve in our kitchens.

New Mexico Conference

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MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WORK IN NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE

The Missionary Volunteer report for the last quarter of 1915 has been a great encouragement to us as workers and so we publish it in full that all our members may share our joy.

Letters written	471
Letters Received	3f
Missionary visits	3f
Bible readings or cottage meetings	24
Subscriptions taken for periodicals	10
Papers sold	103
Papers given away	6805
Books sold	230
Books lent or given away	344
Tracts sold	5
Tracts lent or given away	158
Hours of Christian help work	97½
Articles of clothing given away	60
Meals provided	72
Boquets given	5
Scripture cards given	5
Treatments given	4
Signers to Temperance pledge	3
Offerings for foreign missions through the church	\$13.36

Offerings for foreign missions through the M. V. Society	45.39
Offerings for foreign missions through the Sabbath-school	13.06
Offerings for Home missions through the Church	5.85
Offerings for Home missions through the M. V. Society	2.51
Home Missionary Offerings used for local society work	3.51
Tithe paid to church treasurer	37.54
Young people added to the church	12
Those observing the Morning Watch	36

Members of Attainment	8
Those reading the Bible through	7
Those taking the reading course	16

When the totals were taken for the entire year of 1915 we found our standing on the Missionary Volunteer goal for New Mexico to be as follows:

Aim	Result
3 Standard of Attainment Certificates	6
6 To read the Bible through	7
9 Reading Course Certificates	14
6 Young people added to the church	12
\$107.50 Mission Fund	122 36
ETTA M. BLACK.	
Missionary Volunteer Sec.	

GET READY FOR "ARMAGEDDON"

A new book like "Crisis" for size and price, but entirely fresh matter, and with about eighty new illustrations, has just been issued.

Do your neighbors know if Europe's war is Armageddon? When it will be? Where it will be fought? The public generally, has but a hazy, indefinite knowledge of this very important question. Let us take hold heartily and circulate tens of thousands in our union conference.

Single copies sell for 25 cents. A commission of 50 % is given those who buy in large quantities for selling of for free distribution. Send your tract society secretary a good sized order.

The dominant thing that has characterized the "Signs" Magazine all these years and made it popular for missionary purposes with our people, is the fact that some one or more doctrinal subjects are strongly featured every month. In the May number is a fine Sabbath article by Elder Evans, another entitled, "God's Message for Today," and a third on the state of the dead.

Have you renewed your subscription

CHURCH REVERENCE

Reverence for the sanctuary is one of the definite requirements of Jehovah—"Ye shall keep my Sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary." Lev. 19:30.

There is an association between Sabbath observance and reverence for the sanctuary, though both of these are often overlooked by the professing people of God. The Christian life must ever become more reverential as it prepares for the heavenly life.

It is difficult when we have to worship in halls or tents to associate sanctuary sacredness with these places. But the fact of divine worship being carried on in that place should assist in maintaining the decorum necessary or fitting for the occasion.

God's presence made the place where Joshua stood, by the wicked city of Jerico, holy. Josh. 5:15. And that same presence made the place away in the wilderness, where Moses stood to watch the burning bush, holy. Ex. 3:5. If the man of God had to stand unshod in the presence of deity then, surely we must be prepared to grant that reverence due to His presence now. The thought of His presence should make either hall or tent a sacred place for the hour of worship.

There is no excuse, however, when the building, where we worship, is devoted to God's service alone. The divine injunction reads: "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God." Eccl. 5:1.

Irreverence is one of the prevalent and growing evils of these last days, and parents should be prepared, both by example and precept, to teach their children the better way.

In entering the house of God little care is generally taken as to the method. It is just as easy to stampede up the church aisle as it is to rush in the street; but it is very much out of place in the church. Noise and worship do not hold much in common, and the foot that enters the house of God should be "kept," or controlled, so that it may move with becoming reverence.

The interval between the Sabbath school and the service is often allowed to degenerate into a kind of disorderly confusion, in which voices, moving of seats, tumbling of chairs, shuffling of feet, and much talking are mingled. These things should not be, and some earnest endeavor

must be made to establish in church work a more reverent and subdued spirit. The Lord has spoken to us, as a people, on this subject over and over again, and we are without excuse.

In the presence of a holy God the angels veil their faces and cry, "Holy holy, holy." Then should not the sons of men carry a more dignified aspect and deportment in the presence of the Divine?

The interval between the Sabbath school and the church service should be observed in quietness. Children should not be allowed to run about or disturb the tranquility of the house of prayer. The lesson of reverence taught them will be of great help even in ordinary life.

If some earthly potentate should visit the church the greatest possible decorum would be required and enforced by the church officers. How much more should this be so when it is the King of kings whose presence we expect and claim!

Our children will lose much in their education if we fail to require from them the reverence due to the house of God. Our young men and young women will not have a due sense of sacred things if allowed to act in an unbecoming way in or about the church where we worship the King of eternity.

It may be that the Master's whip of cords is still needed to rid the church of unseemly things. But better, far better that, than that the spirit of reverence should depart from our worship.—R. Hare.

FAMILY WORSHIP

If ever there was a time when every house should be a house of prayer, it is now. Infidelity and scepticism prevail. Iniquity abounds. Corruption flows in the vital currents of the soul, and rebellion against God breaks out in the life. Enslaved by sin, the moral powers are under the tyranny of Satan. The soul is made the sport of his temptations; and unless some mighty arm is stretched out to rescue him, man goes where the arch-rebel leads the way.

And yet in this time of fearful peril, some who profess to be Christians have no family worship. They do not honor God in the home; they do not teach their children to love and fear Him. Many have separated themselves so far from Him that they feel under condemnation in approach-

ing Him. They cannot "come boldly unto the throne of grace." "lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." Heb. 4:16; 1 Tim. 2:8. They have not a living connection with God. Theirs is a form of godliness without the power.

The idea that prayer is not essential is one of Satan's most successful devices to ruin souls. Prayer is communion with God, the Fountain of wisdom, the Source of strength, peace, and happiness. Jesus prayed to the Father "with strong crying and tears." Paul exhorts believers to "pray without ceasing," in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, making known their requests to God. "Pray for one another," James says. "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Heb. 5:7; 1 Thess. 5:17; James 5:16.

By sincere, earnest prayer, parents should make a hedge about their children. They should pray with full faith that God will abide with them, and that holy angels will guard them and their children from Satan's cruel power.

In every family there should be a fixed time for morning and evening worship. How appropriate it is for parents to gather their children about them before the fast is broken, to thank the Heavenly Father for His protection during the night, and to ask Him for His help and guidance and watch-care during the day! How fitting, also, when evening comes, for parents and children to gather once more before Him, and thank Him for the blessings of the day that is past!

Fathers and mothers, make the hour of worship intensely interesting. There is no reason why this hour should not be the most pleasant and enjoyable of the day. A little thought given to preparation for it will enable you to make it full of interest and profit. From time to time let the service be varied. Questions may be asked on the portion of Scripture read, and a few earnest, timely remarks may be made. A song of praise should be short and pointed. In simple earnest words let the one who leads in prayer praise God for His goodness, and ask Him for help. As circumstances permit, let the children join in the reading and prayer.

Eternity alone can reveal the good with which such seasons of prayer are fraught.

The life of Abraham, the friend of

God, was a life of prayer. Where ever he pitched his tent, close beside it was built an altar, upon which were offered the morning and evening sacrifice. When his tent was removed, the altar remained. And the roving Canaanite, as he came to that altar, knew who had been there. When he pitched his tent he repaired the altar, and worshipped the living God.

Fathers and mothers, each morning and evening gather your children around you, in humble supplication lift the heart to God for help. Your dear ones are exposed to temptation. Daily annoyances beset the path of young and old. Those who would live patient, loving, cheerful lives must pray. Only by receiving constant help from God can we gain the victory over self.—Mrs. E. G. White.

MISSIONARY ESSENTIALS

Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost, and this is the work to which God's missionary is called today. In order that the work of the missionary may be successful, there are three essentials that must underlie the undertaking—confidence, love, and self-sacrifice.

"Confidence" might be defined as faith in the Unseen, trust in the God at whose bidding the work is accepted and in whose name it is carried out. The Voice called Abraham from his country and his kindred to go into a land unknown and unseen—"a land that I shall show thee." Without hesitation, without question, without murmur, he obeyed, and went out, "not knowing whither he went." Heb. 11:8. Nothing but confidence in a divine Director could have enabled him to thus step into the darkness.

In the missionary's life the experience of Abraham will be repeated—country, kindred, and the father's house must be left behind. Nothing but confidence in God and His message will make the human agent sufficient for these things. When Alexander invaded Asia he represented to his followers that he "marched under the conduct of the gods." Then without question they followed wherever his standard was seen to wave. O that God's worker might move with implicit confidence in his great Commander!

"Love" is the power that must control the missionary's life—"the love of Christ constraineth us." Without love—deep, heartfelt love for the er-

ring and the lost—all human efforts to save will be but as "sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." It was the infinite love of a Savior that brought Him to save the sinful and the unholy. There was nothing in man but his great need that could appeal to Christ. Man was wayward and unreliable, unclean and unloveable, but Christ risked all heaven to meet him in his need.

Human character is still rebellious and full of sin. Heathenism is still in the darkness of a mad superstition, and its dwelling place is full of the habitations of cruelty. Love is the only thing this side of heaven that will face the task of meeting the madness and the sin. George Whitefield had a seal, and on it there was a winged heart soaring above the globe. The world's need must appeal to the heart that thinks, but the heart that loves will find wings that it may fly to help the needy.

"Self-sacrifice" is the third essential in mission work. The man who would drag his beautiful home, with all its comforts, after him to a foreign land, will not make a successful missionary. Christ left all the treasures of a universe behind when He became heaven's Missionary. Self was altogether forgotten in the greatness of the task. The cross of Calvary cast its shadow over His life for more than four thousand years, and every year brought the reality more vividly to view, but there was no regret and no change of purpose.

The path of mission life has been blood-marked all the way. Across it the arrows of death have been hurled, and on either side it has been bounded by graves. Overburdened by the unparalleled demands, human nature has offered its noblest sacrifice on the mission altar. The truest heroism that history has known has been seen on the field, but that field has been the mission field. There it has lived and there it has often died, not amid scenes of blood, perhaps, nor with the excitement and din of battle raging round, but in the quiet facing of death that has often come just a little nearer each day. Had it not been for the mission field, heroism would have been wanting in some of its grandest recitals.

There are many characteristics that go to make up the successful missionary, but these three are the first essentials, and for the lack of them many a mission has proved a failure, and many a missionary has

lived and spoken in vain. When Luther was passing to the assembly room at the Diet, a noted commander, Frundsberg, said to him: "Thou art now taking a step, the like of which neither I nor many a commander on the hardest-fought battlefield has ever taken. If thou art right and sure of thy course, proceed in God's name, and be of good cheer; God will not forsake thee."

This would be good advice for the missionary. God will not forsake. Love will make each difficult task easy. And the forgetfulness of self will work out the emancipation of other men. The taunt hurled at the Crucified was true—"He saved others, Himself He cannot save." Yet it is only in saving others that we can be saved.—R. Hare, in *Australasian Record*.

HE WILL DELIVER

The following experience brings to view one of the many ways God employs to protect the welfare of those who trust Him in the midst of difficulty:

On Wednesday night, October 20, the threshing-machine came to the next place which I had rented, and started work the next morning so that everything would be finished before sundown on Friday. For some reason, however, the men did not seem to give their usual attention to the work. They wasted much time and it became evident that the work would not be finished by Sabbath. To help matters I built granaries out in the field to save the time occupied by hauling my share of the grain home. This, of course, meant extra expense in purchasing lumber, besides hauling it for six miles.

The owner of the land was present and he was anxious that the work continue into the Sabbath. The threshers also refused my request to stop the machine at sundown. They stated that they would thresh on Saturday, though I had told them that I should not be there to assist. However, at about seven o'clock on Friday evening the machine broke down. The men came along saying: "Guess we will have to keep your Sabbath; as we can do no more until Monday morning."

Truly can I testify that there was One who saw the plight into which I was thrown, and when it seemed impossible for me to do any more to help the situation, He became my Helper in this time of need.—Selected.

WHY YOU SHOULD PRAY FOR THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY

Because he is out on the firing line! This statement means more than appears on the surface. The tree that grows on the mountain-top experiences more of the storms that blow and rend the mountain heights than that which is sheltered in the valley. The soldier who serves his country by advancing to the firing line makes himself a target for the enemy. And so with the foreign missionary who takes his life in his hand and advances to the hard, practically unentered field with this gospel message. He becomes a target. Trials unexperienced in the homeland fall to his share. New perplexities, strange manners and customs, and different languages confront him. That which is considered right and legitimate in the colonies brings down severest criticism on the head of the uninformed missionary.

In many cases in order to really understand the people or peoples among whom he has come to labor he must learn their several languages. This often has to be done on his knees. To better appreciate this statement one needs to try it.

In order to live healthfully he should accustom himself to using the most healthful products of the country. This is sometimes an unappreciated experience by some missionaries. And if he would associate with those of like precious faith, the foreign missionary must first gain a working knowledge of the language, or languages, so that he may be able to intelligently present the principles of his faith, and so raise up believers.

Missionaries are sometimes criticised for the moves they make. Granted that some of them may be ill-advised, but an unbiassed mind will not criticise a worker who apparently when he gets into a hard place "looks back" and sometimes "turns back," without first understanding some of the circumstances, and even then his criticism will be savored with brotherly kindness, and heaven will be besieged more earnestly on his behalf. Bear with me while I cite several experiences of foreign missionaries:

Some years ago a young man and his wife and three-weeks-old baby set sail for distant shores. Part of their journey lay through desert wastes infested by wild beasts. At night the young wife with her babe lay down

upon a rudely improvised bed, and large fires were lighted to intimidate the wild beasts that prowled around seeking their prey. That roar of the lion, under such circumstances, is sufficient to strike terror to the bravest woman's heart, how much more to one highly strung and nervous!

After days of weary travel under a burning tropical sun, the missionaries and their wee babe find themselves in their baked-mud home. Their work for the native people begins. They are full of courage in their newly-begun work. What though lions may stalk around their little home under the shadows of the night! they are still undaunted in their desire to work for the Master in that place.

After a few months sickness comes. The missionary's wife comes down with black malaria fever. Her only nurse is her husband, who tenderly cares for her and handfeeds the babe. Sorrow has come to the home of the missionary. After weeks of suffering the wife is taken to a European town hundreds of miles distant, where she is safer from a health standpoint, and the husband returns to his work alone. Months of separation pass by, and finally their faces are set for their homeland. Do you criticise them? Some have done so.

Another instance. A missionary's wife, not over brave either, through force of circumstances, was left alone for several weeks to stay by the staff and care for mission interests,—alone among a strange race of people, whose language she knows but imperfectly, and whose confidence she has yet to gain, no other English-speaking people within miles. The days are busy enough, but with the nightfall comes the solitude of the mountains and the cries of wild animals as they spring upon their defenceless prey. The loneliness brings with it its own distinct feeling. It is at these times that the knowledge of the fact that some one in the homeland is praying for the isolated missionaries, brings comfort. What a strength and fellowship is conveyed! and how the weight of the loneliness seems to lift—no, really lifts.

Prayer is the breath of life, not only to the one who prays, but to the one prayed for. It is that link that brings heaven near to earth; "that makes us near, though far apart," and binds us to our fellow-men. When you pray for God's missionaries, pray as for living, breathing entities, and

not for names that may happen to be on your prayer list. Pray intelligently and enthusiastically, expecting that your prayers for them will be answered. If you pray that wisdom may be given to the missionary in his far-off field, wisdom will be given. Often quick decisions have to be made, where it would be almost disastrous to make a mistake, and if there is power in the prayers at home, added to those of the missionary in the field, burdens will be lifted, wisdom given, and light will break in where light is needed; and the sick will be healed. "Brethren, pray for us."—Lily M. Thorpe, in Australasian Record.

MAY 6

Sabbath, May 6, which has been appointed by the General and North American Division Conference as Missionary Volunteer Day, should bring a great blessing to every church. The work to receive special attention upon this day is an important one and grows more and more interesting as it spreads over the world, gripping the hearts of thousands of young people and children and leading them forth in Christian service.

The program for the regular church service May 6, appears in the "Review and Herald" of April 20. It contains important articles by Elders Daniells, Evans, and Kern. Surely no church interested in the salvation of its young people will fail to observe Missionary Volunteer Day.

Time is short! Only a few years, at the most, remain in which to save the children and youth whom Satan is working hard to destroy. May 6 is the day set apart for churches and companies everywhere to unite in studying prayerfully this all important work. Let us pray and labor to make it Decision day for many young people. Let all of us pledge ourselves to work unceasingly for the children and youth. Do it for the sake of the young people. Do it for the sake of the church, for "He who saves the children saves the church."

Every church should receive on May 6 a special blessing for its homes, for its parents, for its young people, for its children.

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.—Solomon.

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