

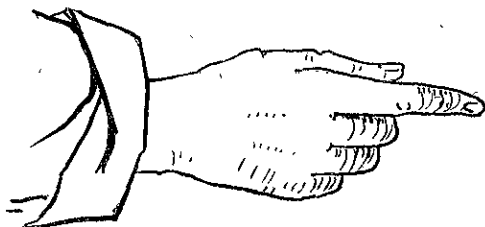
Making the Most of March

MARCH has opened its doors for you. Are you prepared to step in and make the most of it? Remind yourself once again of the fact that "if you have failed to prepare, you have prepared to fail."

Are your eyes open to see the opportunities around you? Some young people are so absorbed in looking for the "good time" the world offers, or at the fashion plates, that they are blind to the opportunities; but you and I must not be if we would make the most of March. Some young people have their hands so full of—well, you know, I am sure, just as I do, what these secondary things are that have kept us too busy to be faithful in our appointed soul-winning work. But these duties somehow must be crowded back if we are to seize our opportunity and make the most of March for time and eternity.

During March the Master says to you and me, "If you would be a true colaborer with Me, you must first watch your opportunities and then you must seize them."

WATCH YOUR OPPORTUNITY



SEIZE YOUR OPPORTUNITY



Can the Master count on our doing that during March? Can He count on the Missionary Volunteers in your society? on you? There are two campaigns that we should push enthusiastically this month. Then let us not fail to do it. Let us move as one great solid army against the mighty foe that is raiding our land.

Will you not resolve that your society shall conduct a most vigorous anti-tobacco campaign? Will you not do all in your power to emancipate some of the young people that tobacco has enslaved, and to protect those whom the foe is besieging? Have a stirring rally. Follow it with a well-planned campaign with the Anti-Tobacco Annual, everywhere calling for signers to the pledge.

Then there is the campaign with *Present Truth*. Of course that must not abate during March. That is to be pushed vigorously through the entire year. Does the very thought of two campaigns during March make you feel weary? Ah, no! It must not. "But, child, that boy is too big a load for you; you must not carry him another step," remonstrated an older friend. "Yes, I must," came the childish voice. "He's not heavy; he is my brother." How love lightens the load! Is ours heavy? Does the task of missionary work seem too much? Perhaps some of the

love born from above has leaked out of our hearts. But there is plenty to overflow our hearts if we but go to the proper source.

M. E. A.

The February number of "Life and Health" contains excellent material for your Anti-Tobacco Rally

We Are Sorry

That Carpenter's Geographical Reader on South America was advertised at \$1.50 in the February GAZETTE; but we are glad to have the March GAZETTE tell you that it can be obtained from the American Book Company, Washington Square, New York City, for 88 cents. That book will be useful to you in your programs on South America.

Missionary Volunteer Programs for Advanced Schools

Reports from college presidents, society leaders, faculty advisers, and society corresponding secretaries, indicate the most wholesome and active organization ever conducted in our advanced schools. The European Relief campaign has met a most enthusiastic response. In several schools, regular work was laid aside for a day while the student body went out soliciting. Clothing and shoes have been collected and sent forward literally by tons. This practical form of missionary activity has brought into these societies a spirit of Christian helpfulness which will surely manifest itself in many other ways.

Just a word concerning the best hour for the society meetings. The time varies in different schools, but the hour in most common use and which seems to give the greatest satisfaction, is one hour before sunset Sabbath afternoon, closing with a brief sundown vesper service.

Never before, judging from recent correspondence, has there been such close and sympathetic co-operation between the school and the society, yes, and the church as well. All this is truly encouraging.

For Week Ending March 5

Topic: Anti-Tobacco Campaign.

A big drive against the tobacco demon is launched today. King Alcohol has been dethroned, but his first lieutenant is still in the field and stubbornly disputing every inch of the ground. The president of a great railroad system said recently: "I had rather have in my employ a moderate drinker than a cigarette smoker. He is more trustworthy." Be sure to have on hand a large supply of the Anti-Tobacco Annual. This issue is just the best yet. Set a goal for its circulation big enough to challenge the hearts and activities of the Volunteers. Provide a supply of the new Missionary Volunteer Anti-Tobacco Pledge, and endeavor to secure the signature of every member. Make this a whirlwind campaign against this second great destroyer.

For Week Ending March 12

Topic: Our Motto.

Many helpful suggestions may be found in the regular program. Personal incidents in soul-winning related by members of the society, would prove inspirational. Reports from bands engaged in work for others should be called for. "Soul-Winning," by Thompson, "Passion for Men," by Hallenbeck, and "Quiet Talks on Service," by Gordon, will be found excellent source books. Notice the incident mentioned on pages 107-109 of "Quiet Talks on Service." If available, the solo, "Others," would prove effective.

For Week Ending March 19

Topic: It Is Written.

See regular program. Check up each member who is taking the Bible Year. Encourage others to enroll. It looks like a big task, especially to students with their already heavy program. It may be surprising to know that an ordinary reader can read the Bible through in sixty-five hours. A beautiful poem and other helpful material may be found in "Source Book for Bible Students," under the topic, "Bible."

For Week Ending March 26

Topic: Lift Up Your Eyes.

See suggestions in regular program. Why not make the Foreign Mission Band responsible for collecting material and presenting this program? If you haven't a copy of "An Outline of Mission Fields," secure one. It is furnished free by the Foreign Mission Board. Revised to Jan. 1, 1920. The 1921 Year Book is invaluable as a source book. This program should inspire the whole student body to "look on the fields," then to answer the call, "Here am I; send me."

C. A. R.

ceived 30. Reporting members required 5; and we have 24, or 100 per cent.

"I have every Junior enrolled for the coming year in the Reading Course, and many Seniors. In all I have enrolled over thirty-five in the Reading Courses; and several are ready for their reviews.

"We had a most interesting Thanksgiving program Sabbath afternoon, in which young and old took part. The programs in the GAZETTE are so good, I don't see how any society can live without them.

"With best wishes for your Missionary Volunteer plans for 1921, and praying that the work may reach the standard God would have us reach, I am,

"Yours in behalf of our youth,

(Mrs.) LULU I. LEARY.

A Creed

[We received the following "creed" from Brother Thomas A. Little, of the Carolina Conference. It seems to me it would be well if it were read in every society, and all our Missionary Volunteers would subscribe to it.]

"1. I believe in the Missionary Volunteer Society because it helps young people to see the place God has mapped out for them in His great purpose.

"2. I believe in the Missionary Volunteer Society because it imparts necessary training to those who would become workers in God's vineyard.

"3. I believe in the Missionary Volunteer Society because of its past record in supplying men and women to carry the heavy burdens of leadership in the promulgation of the third angel's message.

"4. I believe in the Missionary Volunteer Society because it teaches me that dishonesty, extravagance, exaggeration, impurity, carelessness in words, habits, and behavior unfit me for the work of God in this world, and will prevent my reigning in His gloriously victorious kingdom.

"5. I believe in the Missionary Volunteer Society because it inspires me to put my strength into the work of warning a lost world that Jesus is soon to return.

"Therefore, I will cheerfully carry the full share of my individual burden in the operation of our society, working and praying conscientiously for its complete success in whatever capacity or duty may fall to my lot.

"Nothing short of this is honorable or acceptable to the Great Leader of the faithful."

BROTHER D. E. REINER, of Saskatchewan, Canada, in writing of one of his Missionary Volunteer societies, a Russian company, says, "When it comes to the *Morning Watch* or Bible Year, they are first. Ninety per cent finished both last year."

!!! 6,000,000 !!!

If you were asked which of our periodicals has the largest circulation, what would you answer? *Review* or *Instructor*? *Signs* or *Watchman*? Wrong! Did you know that one of our papers reached a total circulation of nearly 6,000,000 copies during 1920? These would cover a square mile if printed on but one side. Think of one square mile of *Present Truth*! Yes, that is the paper. Rightly named it is! Always fresh, always up to date.

We are launching a great *Present Truth* campaign among our army of Missionary Volunteers which shall reach into every part of the North American continent where are members of the organization and where English is read. It is the most effective way of reaching the masses of people about us. Many people will accept and read a paper when they would reject a tract. The matter bears directly upon the most vital issues of the message. Twenty-four issues a year—at least a hundred sermons! And people do read *Present Truth*.

Elder Spicer recently related the following unique experience: "I was riding on the train when I noticed many of the passengers reading *Present Truth*. Some one had passed through, handing them out. Near me sat a lady. Glancing at the issue, I saw that she was reading 'Christ a Sabbath Keeper.' This was an article I had written twenty-two

years before in India, and which had been published in tract form there. Presently she passed the paper over to me as she smilingly said, 'Perhaps you are a Seventh-day Adventist.' I smiled back again and said, 'Yes, madam, I am, and this particular article happens to be one I wrote while out in the mission field.'

Wherever you go, you find people who are hungry. They want to be fed. "Cast thy bread upon the waters." The "after many days" part spells eternity. But in His love, the Lord permits now and then a crumb to float back to us even in this life.

Letters similar to the following reach the office of publication almost daily:

"Please find inclosed postal note for 25 cents, for which send *Present Truth* to my address. A copy of *Present Truth* came into my hands some way unknown to me, and in the one issue I found more facts and more real sensible truth than I get in daily papers within a full year.

"Thanking you for sending me *Present Truth* promptly, I am,

"Sincerely yours."

The pastor of one of our churches writes as follows:

"Our church was not reaching as many outside people as it should; so I decided to take up work with *Present Truth* and see what I could do with it. I started in with about thirty families. Now, at the end of three months, I have almost one hundred thirty families reading *Present Truth* each week. I have about twelve families taking weekly Bible studies of me. This with my church work keeps me busy. Already some are attending church as the result of my personal work, and will soon come into the church as members. Yet the results thus far are not so great as I expect they will be in the near future."

Numbers 27 and 28 are bristling with Religious Liberty ammunition. In this time when a revival of the blue laws and the blue law spirit is agitating the public mind, intelligent men and women are anxious to read on the subject. The cost is but one cent a copy when ordered in large quantities.

Will not our Missionary Volunteer leaders everywhere bring this matter before the church missionary committee and take steps to place *Present Truth* in every home in the city, town, or vicinity as far as consistent? If the church missionary society is already carrying on such a campaign, surely a definite territory may be assigned to the Missionary Volunteer Society.

In planning, let not the Juniors be forgotten. Under proper supervision, they can take an active part in this distribution, and thus their interest be early awakened in work for others.

In some sections, a copy is wrapped and sent to every home in the county by members of the church or churches residing therein. Names and addresses are secured from the proper county official. About three copies are sent out at intervals of a week or so, and these are followed by a neat, well-written form letter asking how the papers have been received and whether more are desired. When a favorable reply is received, the interest is followed up by sending more literature and further correspondence. God takes care of the precious seed we scatter, waters it with the dews of His Holy Spirit, and garners in the harvest.

Let our Missionary Volunteers take hold of this campaign, working shoulder to shoulder with the older church members where such a campaign is on, and initiating a vigorous campaign where none is in operation. In either personal distribution or through the mails, let the work be done systematically, and let there be direct and definite follow-up work.

C. A. B.

Our life is like the dial of a clock. The short hand is the hand of discipline, the long hand is the hand of mercy. Slowly, but surely, the hand of discipline must pass, and God speaks at every stroke. But over and over again passes the hand of mercy, showering forth sixtyfold of blessing for every stroke of discipline and trial; and both hands are fastened to the one secure pivot—the great, unchanging heart of a God of love.

traveler seeks the cooling spring. Drink deeply, and you will find it the panacea for all human needs. Young friends, do not let anything keep you from getting acquainted with the Bible.

M. E. A.

My Guide

THE letter lay open before me. It was a long one, four or five pages closely written, but it wasn't one bit too long to suit me. I read each word very carefully, and then tucked it into my hand bag to be read again when I needed it. Very soon I would find myself on the train bound for a care-free, joyous visit with the writer of that letter, and I must not lose the directions in the letter, for I had never been there before. They were very explicit, and read something like this: Start early enough to make such and such a connection in New York; then you'll reach the junction in time to make the 2:40 car. Turn to the right from the station, walk one block, and take the first car marked "Waverly Express." Ride to the end of the car line, and you will find yourself in front of the Waverly City Hall. Wait there five minutes for the car headed north and marked "Long Mountain."

This car will take you out over a rolling country, through the little villages of East Waverly and Canley; then it will swing you along over a level stretch of road, and finally climb up the wooded side of Long Mountain. After you reach the summit and start speeding down the north side, ring the bell for the first stop, because right at the foot of the grade, the car swerves sharply to the right around a farm house, and there I shall be waiting for you with Nellie and the buggy.

And it all happened just that way. It was a comfort to me to know as the land sped backward that this friend of mine had been over the way and knew every landmark. Yes, each town flew by just as she had said. I walked right to the spot, and had no trouble finding a Waverly express. Then how exciting it began to be as I saw the level stretch of land and Long Mountain in the distance. As the wheels turned swiftly down the grade, I pressed the button, for not far below I could see the farmhouse, the one spoken of in the letter. And there she was! The car turned and came to a standstill, and I found it all just as I had been told.

There might have been many a mistake in that letter. For instance, if my train had been late, I would have missed connections and all would have gone wrong.

But I have another letter [hold up a Bible] which is more accurate and particular than the one I received, for there must be no mistake about such an important journey. It is quite a long trip we are taking, and it will end in the bright New Jerusalem. God is so anxious that we shall each arrive safely that He has given us a very long letter with many waymarks. Here are some:

[The superintendent may then use the texts Rev. 6: 12-17; and show they have been fulfilled, and how near we are to the end. "The Great Controversy," pages 304-316, will be helpful and suggest other landmarks. Dwell upon the necessity and privilege of a study of this letter of ours.]

A Bible Year Roll Call

ONE little girl who finds reading very slow, tedious work said: "I thought I'd give up the Bible Year, but I prayed about it, and decided to keep on. I can read the Bible faster than I can my lessons. (In answer to prayer.) I like the stories of Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph best."

Another little sixth grader said: "I use all my spare time reading the Bible. I get my work done as quickly as I can and then read. The Bible is so interesting. I like the story of Ruth best."

A little fourth-grade boy who is taking the Senior year told us, "I hurry and get my work done so I can read. I like the story of Samson best."

An eighth-grade girl responded in these words: "I find time to read the Bible, because I take time. I plan to have time. I like the story of the offering of Isaac best."

A seventh-grade girl considers reading the Bible more important than any amusement.

A Boy's Bible

TIM had one possession which was very precious to him. It was only a worn New Testament, but it had been placed in his hands by a dying mother. And Tim had learned to love that little book, so dear to his mother, for its own sake. It was his constant companion.

That is how it came about that the miners found Tim's Bible. They were a rough set, always swearing and up to some mischievous trick. One day, soon after Tim's father had moved to the mining town, a few of the men caught Tim, searched his pockets and took the precious Testament. Laughingly, one, a little more bold than the others, opened the book and began to read. It was the story of Jesus walking on the sea. Then the little Bible seemed to open to that wonderful sermon, the one Jesus gave to the woman at the well. The laughing had stopped; not one of those swearing men uttered an oath. As the wind blew the leaves one by one, the reader at last began the story of Calvary. The air was hushed until he read the cry of the penitent thief, "Remember me." The answer was heard amid sobs. "Today," he read,—and then the book slipped from his hands, and a hoarse voice asked, "Will no one pray?"

Tim remembered the prayer taught him by his mother, just a few simple words, but it brought a blessing to that rough crowd. Tim and his Bible had been used mightily for God that day.

Devotional Meeting for March 26

Topic: "Lift Up Your Eyes."

March 26 is the beginning of a series of programs which if rightly planned will not only interest, but yield a fund of valuable information which every Missionary Volunteer should have at his command. "Lift Up Your Eyes,"—the possibilities which lie in those four words are many. Are you awake to world events which presage a ripened harvest and a soon-coming Lord? Do you see signs of a finished work, a darkening world?

The scope is wide. God hangs out such brilliant signs that no matter what walk of life may claim us, that day cannot take us unaware if—we have our eyes open. Matthew 24: 14 is fast being fulfilled in the proclamation of the message. Other texts, such as Matthew 24: 24; Luke 21: 9, 11, 26; James 5: 1-6, and 2 Peter 3: 3-5, meet their duplicate in the headlines of the daily newspapers. A hundred other texts flaming as torches of warning lie scattered throughout the Scriptures. These all may become vital to each of us as they link with the events of today.

From the very nature of the programs, which, if uninterrupted, will occur at the close of each quarter, it will be seen that any material published by the Department would be out of date before it could be prepared and rendered. It is suggested, then, that the executive committee make a list of texts prophetic of Christ's second coming and place each on an envelope. Make certain members of the society responsible for filling these envelopes. Our own papers, such as the *Review and Herald*, *Instructor*, *Signs of the Times*, and *Watchman*, will be a great help to those who undertake this task. Clip newspapers, they are filled with portentous events. Watch the trend of current events as published in reliable magazines and connect each with its proper Bible prophecy. Be sure to include in your program items regarding our work in foreign fields.

Then, early in the last month of the quarter, appoint a special committee to look over the material gathered, and arrange it in an instructive and animated program; very probably the persons gathering the material will constitute the most enthusiastic and best qualified committee for this work.

They Went "Over the Top"

THE following report from the Junior society at Ford's Store, Md., may contain some helpful suggestions to other Junior leaders, and surely it will be an encouragement to all:

"I must tell you about our missionary program first. Some of the members of our society had missionary gardens during the summer, others had chickens. All tried to earn something. On October 24, in the evening, we gave our program. Thirty children took part, not including the choir. The church was crowded. Our collection was \$33.43. We wanted \$30—our society goal, for Honan, China.

"Right here I must tell you that we have come up to every point in our goal, and far exceeded it in some points. For example: Reading Course Certificates required 2; re-

FIRST BIBLE: April 3. I had a couple of four-leaf clovers stuck in me today.

SECOND BIBLE: April 3. I was used today in giving a Bible study.

FIRST BIBLE: June 1. I was packed in a trunk with clothes and other things. Off on a vacation, I suppose.

SECOND BIBLE: June 1. We are off on a vacation. While other things were packed in a trunk, I was put in a hand bag with my companions, the Sabbath School Quarterly and the Morning Watch Calendar. Have been read while on the train. I am very happy.

FIRST BIBLE: June 7. I am still in the trunk.

SECOND BIBLE: June 7. I am surrounded with all these good books called the Testimonies, and read every day.

FIRST BIBLE: June 10. Still in the trunk, though nearly everything else has been taken out.

SECOND BIBLE: June 10. My owner goes out a great deal, but we are not neglected.

FIRST BIBLE: June 15. Home again, and in my old place.

Quite a journey, though I do not see why I went.

SECOND BIBLE: June 15. Home again. I had a lovely time.

FIRST BIBLE: July 1. It's rather stuffy and hot in here. Have two magazines, a novel, and an old hat on top of me. Wish they would take them off.

SECOND BIBLE: July 1. I never see any novels in our house any more.

FIRST BIBLE: July 5. Cleaning day. I was dusted and set right again.

SECOND BIBLE: July 5. Loved and read as usual.

FIRST BIBLE: July 10. Used by Mary a few moments today. She was writing to a friend whose brother had died, and wanted an appropriate verse.

SECOND BIBLE: July 10. I went to visit a sick person today.

FIRST BIBLE: July 30. Cleaning-up day again.

SECOND BIBLE: July 30. My owner seemed discouraged this morning, so came to me for comfort. After reading a few verses, and praying, she seemed as cheerful as if nothing had happened.

FIRST BIBLE: August 21. I started for camp-meeting again. Hope I can tell a different story next year.

SECOND BIBLE: August 21. I am off to camp-meeting again with the Testimonies. I have been read every day for the entire year.

Do You Know?

[The pages given with the questions refer to "The Bible Year." If your society does not have this book, get it at once. You need it in your Bible Year work.]

1. How did the Bible receive its name? (Page 13)
2. Mention seven versions of the Bible and tell something of each. (14-16)
3. What does President Wilson say about the Bible? (22)
4. Who wrote the book of Ruth? (46)
5. What is "the Moabite Stone"? (47, 55, 56)
6. Name the five poetical books of the Bible. When and by whom was the first of these written? (69)
7. What does "selah" mean? (76)
8. Why are the Psalms so comforting? (75)
9. How many quotations from the Psalms are made in the New Testament? (77)
10. Which book is called "The Masterpiece of Hebrew Literature"? (87)
11. Who was the "prophet of sorrows"? (91)
12. Who is called the "evangelical prophet"? (86)
13. Which is the "golden text" in the book of Esther? (69)
14. What is the advantage of reading the Bible by books? (20)
15. Give the six periods into which the four hundred years between the Old and the New Testament are divided. (113-114)
16. What picture does the Bible give us of John's character? (124)
17. What was Paul's guiding motto? Show that he was true to it. (129)
18. In what short letter does the name "Christ" occur forty-two times? (139)

I HAVE God's word always at hand for reading on the street cars and trains and for committing verses to memory. By the way, I commit a verse to memory every day, and I wish every reader might do the same, for the habit has been of untold benefit to me.—G. T. B. Davis, in "Individual Soul-Winning."

Why I Love the Bible

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS:

I am learning to love the Bible. Do you ask what causes me to love it? Well, it is because it has never failed to meet the needs of my own personal experience; and as I learn what it has done for others, I am persuaded that it meets all the needs of every human heart.

In heathen lands or in civilized countries, in prisons or in palaces, in times of famine or in days of feasting, in poverty or in prosperity, that precious Book speaks to the human heart. When enjoying the comforts of peace or when suffering the calamities of war; while absorbed in the things of this world or while meditating on the glories of the next; when thrilling with exuberant health or when languishing on beds of sickness; when rejoicing over the cradle or when weeping over the casket; when doubt, perplexity, and fear struggle for possession, or when pleasure, wealth, and popularity lead to forgetfulness—yes, under all circumstances, as many have testified, the Book of books has a message for the human heart, just the message that it needs.

And I love the Bible reverently because it is true. Monuments and history, friends and foes, are telling in their own way that the inspired word is "true and righteous altogether." The perfect harmony that prevails throughout the many books of the Bible, written by men of very different types, testifies to its truthfulness. Gladstone said of the Bible, "The historical development of our religion is one of the most wonderful parts of human history, and in my opinion affords one of the strongest demonstrations of its [the Bible's] truth."

And I love the Bible because it shows me the way of salvation. From Genesis to Revelation its pages, in symbol and in fact, tell the story of the victorious life, and demonstrate how to live it. Its teachings are so simple that the ignorant may understand, and yet so deep that the most learned pore over its pages in adoration and wonder. Daniel Webster said: "I have read the Bible through many times. It is the book of all others for lawyers as well as divines, and I pity the man who cannot find in it a rich supply of thought and rule for conduct."

Goethe testifies: "It is belief in the Bible, the fruit of deep meditation, that has served me as a guide of my moral and literary life." Woodrow Wilson, speaking of the Bible, said, "Here is the way of life. . . . Walk ye in it, and it will lead you to the city of light."

I love the Bible because it inspires me with courage and determination to press on. The men and women on its pages are so human; they did not always succeed; sometimes they, too, failed. The Bible record shows me how patiently and sympathetically God dealt with His erring children, and reminds me that "He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust." It is so comforting to know that the Father understands me, and I know He does; for the pages of His Book mirror my own heart and meet its hidden needs. Why should I not love the Book that tells of God's wonderful love; of His constant care, and of His unquenchable desire to save me?

But I think I love the Bible most of all because it makes Jesus more real to me than any earthly friend. He is always near. He always has time to visit. There is nothing I cannot talk over with Him, and He always understands, sympathizes, and gives the counsel needed. You and I may have Him walk so close beside us that He can hear our thoughts and feel our heartaches. He is the one Friend we can always keep; and He is the one Friend we cannot spare; for truly, as He has said, "Without Me ye can do nothing." He is the one Friend through whom you and I can do all things we should do to be true Christians, and the Bible is the book that will bring Him into our lives and make Him the closest and most real of all friends.

Do you love the Bible? If you do not, there is only one explanation: you do not know the book. You have not been drinking deeply enough of its living waters to wash the dust of common things out of your throat. Drink deeply, and you will long for it "as the hart panteth after the water brooks." Drink deeply, and you will seek it as the desert

Jesus?" burned their way into his soul deeper than ever, until in despair he fell upon his knees, and in the anguish of his soul cried, "O God, be merciful to me a great sinner;" and before the sun rose that morning, the burden rolled off his heart, and great joy and peace filled his soul; for he, too, loved Jesus, and is now telling others why he loves Him.—*Selected.*

Devotional Meeting for March 19

Topic: *It Is Written.*

Senior

1. Song Service and Prayer.
2. Secretary's Report, including Report of Work.
3. Scripture Lesson: My Favorite Chapter.
4. Talk: The Book of Books.
5. Dialogue: Diaries of Two Bibles.
6. Rapid Fire: Do You Know?
7. Talk: Why I Love the Bible.
8. Consecration Service.
9. Individual reports of work.
10. Close with earnest prayer.

Junior

1. Song Service and Prayer.
2. Scripture Lesson: My Favorite Bible Story.
3. Superintendent's Talk: My Guide.
4. Dialogue: Diaries of Two Bibles.
5. Exercise: A Bible Year Roll Call.
6. Story: A Boy's Bible.
7. Round Table: Enlisting Juniors for the Bible Year.
8. Close with prayer.

Plans and Suggestions

Aim for Today.—Have you a definite aim for today? You have tried to enlist young people and perhaps others to take the Bible Year during 1921. Now make this meeting an earnest appeal to all who have enrolled to be faithful in their reading, and endeavor to enroll others in the Bible Year to begin now if all are not taking it.

Scripture Lesson.—In the Senior society ask that each member quote one verse from his favorite Bible chapter, and then tell why it is his favorite. Some do not have favorite chapters. Ask that such speak of chapters that have been unusually helpful to them at certain times. The Juniors are asked each to tell in a few words a favorite Bible story.

Consecration Service.—When Walter Scott lay on his death bed, he asked a friend to bring him the Book. "Which book?" asked the man as he thought of the volumes around them in the library. "There is only one book," was the dying man's reply. Do we feel that way about the Bible? If not, let us study it more. If we feel that way, we are among those who are determined to get better acquainted with it. During the consecration service, call special attention to the blackboard motto. Are we letting that light shine on our pathway? Shall we not resolve to let it shine more brightly than ever? How may we?

Supplies.—Have plenty of Bible Year Enrollment Cards on hand. Have also an ample supply of Missionary Volunteer Series Nos. 56, 57. These are the leaflets that give the daily assignments. Order from your tract society.

Special Senior Note

For the Talk: *The Book of Books*, see Introduction in the book, "The Bible Year," by Adelaide B. Evans.

Special Junior Note

Exercise: A Bible Year Roll Call. These items are the thoughts expressed by some of our Juniors in answer to their names at a recent Missionary Volunteer meeting. Explain this to the children and then have a different child read each.

Round Table: Enlisting Juniors for the Bible Year.—Spend a few moments in signing enrolment cards. Aim to have each set aside a definite time for reading the Bible.

Blackboard Motto.—

"Thy Word Is a Light unto My Feet."

Diaries of Two Bibles

[Below are the diaries of two Bibles whose owners decided at camp-meeting to read the Book of books every day. These diaries were prepared by Elder Morris Lukens. Have the diaries given in the form of a dialogue by two Missionary Volunteers. Pray that it may inspire all taking the Bible Year to finish it this year.]

FIRST BIBLE: September 1. Just returned from camp-meeting. Have been used many times each day.

SECOND BIBLE: September 1. I just returned from camp-meeting, where I had a delightful time. Attended several meetings each day. As I was last in the suitcase, I was the first taken out.

FIRST BIBLE: September 2. Thought I was going to be forgotten, but was read by my owner at night.

SECOND BIBLE: September 2. I was read early this morning, and am now on the table with two pamphlets, the Morning Watch and the Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly.

FIRST BIBLE: September 3. My owner seemed very tired, but read a few texts hurriedly before retiring.

SECOND BIBLE: September 3. After my owner had read the Morning Watch text, I was used in the study of the Sabbath school lesson.

FIRST BIBLE: September 14. I have been read regularly since returning from camp-meeting.

SECOND BIBLE: September 14. I am now in the kitchen on one end of the ironing board. My owner is studying the Sabbath school lesson while waiting for the iron to heat.

FIRST BIBLE: September 18. My owner must have forgotten me, as tonight was the first time I have been read for four days.

SECOND BIBLE: September 18. I have been read and studied every day since returning from camp-meeting. Tonight I was read a long time after sundown.

FIRST BIBLE: September 19. I was taken to Sabbath school today.

SECOND BIBLE: September 19. I went to Sabbath school and church in company with the Sabbath School Quarterly, Sabbath School Worker, and hymn book. Remained for the Missionary Volunteer meeting.

FIRST BIBLE: October 1. Cleaning day. I was dusted, with other things, and put back on the table.

SECOND BIBLE: October 1. I was dusted, with other things, but as I have been used every day there was no need of doing it.

FIRST BIBLE: October 26. Have been opened each Friday night, but tonight owner said he was too tired to study his Sabbath school lesson, so I was soon closed.

SECOND BIBLE: October 26. I have been in the kitchen all day. Owner been very busy, but took time to read several texts while waiting for other things. Heard owner say she was glad she had studied the lesson during the week, as she was too tired to get much tonight.

FIRST BIBLE: October 27. I attended Sabbath school today.

SECOND BIBLE: October 27. I attended Sabbath school again today. Have not missed once since camp-meeting.

FIRST BIBLE: November 13. I have not been used for nearly two weeks.

SECOND BIBLE: November 13. I have been read every day for nearly three months. I enjoy being used.

FIRST BIBLE: November 15. Cleaning day, was dusted and put in my old place again.

SECOND BIBLE: November 15. While dusting other things, my owner took me up, read a verse, and said, "Oh, I have learned to love you so much!"

FIRST BIBLE: December 14. Owner used me for a short time to look up a few references, and went to Sabbath school.

SECOND BIBLE: December 14. It rained hard all day, but we went to Sabbath school and church.

FIRST BIBLE: December 25. In the excitement of today, I was forgotten.

SECOND BIBLE: December 25. A great deal of excitement today, but I was not forgotten.

FIRST BIBLE: January 15. I have been resting for a week. The first few nights after the first of this year my owner read me regularly; but he has forgotten me.

SECOND BIBLE: January 15. I have not had a day's rest for many months, but I am so happy I can be of help to my owner.

FIRST BIBLE: February 20. Busy day. Owner led Missionary Volunteer meeting and had to look up references. He had a hard time finding one.

SECOND BIBLE: February 27. Owner led Missionary Volunteer meeting today. I felt so glad to know that my owner could turn to all the references so easily.

FIRST BIBLE: March 5. In grandma's lap all afternoon. She is here on a visit. She let a teardrop fall on Colossians 2: 5-7.

SECOND BIBLE: March 5. My owner bought some other books today. She calls them the Testimonies.

FIRST BIBLE: March 6. In grandma's lap again this afternoon. She spent most of her time on 1 Corinthians 13 and John 17.

SECOND BIBLE: March 6. One of the Testimonies was read before I was this morning. It seemed strange at first, but my owner said, "When I read the Testimonies, it makes me love you more than ever."

FIRST BIBLE: March 7, 8, 9. In grandma's lap every afternoon now. It's a comfortable spot. Sometimes she reads me and sometimes she talks to me.

SECOND BIBLE: March 9. The Testimonies must be good books; for every day after we are read my owner offers very earnest prayer.

FIRST BIBLE: March 10. Grandma has gone, I am back in the old place. She kissed me good-by.

SECOND BIBLE: March 10. I am so glad I belong to the one I do, for some one else might not like me so much.

The Love of Christ Constraineth Me

LOVE! All my Christian life I have heard people *tell* what love would do. Once I *saw*. And I shall not forget.

It happened years ago while I was living in a small college town. About nine o'clock one evening an unusual commotion caused the family to rush to the porch. The red glare against the sky and the excited, muffled cries of the crowd already gathered told all too plainly the cause of the trouble. Horror gripped our hearts as we noted that it was in the thickly populated residential portion of the town where there was no protection against fire. We ran breathlessly with the crowd that filled the streets. It was a two-story frame house that was burning like tinder. "Are all the children saved?" I asked, gasping for breath. "I don't know," some one answered. "Here is the baby," said another, and put the little two-year-old sister in my arms. Round-eyed with fright and tense with excitement, she lay very still. We moved to another place to watch the flames. The roof fell. On one corner of the red-hot mass the garden hose persistently poured their inadequate little streams. "Why are the men doing that?" I asked. "Why don't they try to save the other houses?" "O, they are trying to save the body of Glenn. That is the corner where the bed was, you know." I turned my face away as I thought of little Glenn in that roasting furnace of fire. Then I inquired about thirteen-year-old Kenneth, and learned that he had been rushed to the hospital some distance away.

It seemed that the two younger children had been put to bed and Kenneth had just stepped into the room, when the lamp exploded and in an instant the room was in flames. Without a moment's hesitation, brave Kenneth, who loved his little sister better than his own life, dashed through the curtain of fire and caught her, quilts and all, in his arms and ran back to safety. Not one of the sunny ringlets was so much as scorched by fire, but Kenneth was terribly burned. In the days that followed, the surgeons tried again and again to graft strips of living skin onto the poor mutilated face and hands. The cruel flames had eaten too deep into the tender flesh. But no murmur ever came from the boy hero through all his sufferings. A sweet content seemed to fill his very being, for he had saved his baby sister.

One day after I had seen him, pitifully, horribly scarred for life, a great light dawned on my selfish mind. "This is what *love* will do. This is the price that *love* will pay."

And then I saw Paul in Lystra, whither love had led him in his effort to save the lost. The first one rescued, the cripple who had never walked, came through unharmed, but Paul was terribly cut and bruised by the cruel stones. Faint with pain, he fell to the ground. No loving hand was permitted to minister to him in his sufferings. The infuriated mob "drew" him out of the city, thinking him dead. Even then he braved the fires of persecution in that city the third time to rescue still others. "The love of Christ constraineth" me was Paul's explanation of his unusual conduct.

I saw Paul again, now aged in years, in the noisome hold of that doomed ship on his way to Rome,—Paul who had been beaten with rods; who could not recount the times he had been scourged by the cruel thongs; who watched and fasted often; who had suffered weariness and pain; who had gone hungry and cold and naked; who had imperiled his life times without number that he might give to others "the unsearchable riches of Christ,"—down in some corner of that storm-beaten vessel, pleading with God for those two hundred seventy-five men, sinful, degraded, and unprepared to die. After "long abstinence," the record tells us, and doubtless many an all-night vigil, he "stood forth . . . and said, . . . There stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, saying, . . . Lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee."

This is only a glimpse of the life of one noble, consecrated laborer for God. Does it not make your own comfortable, convenient way of doing the great work intrusted to you seem superficial and heartless? Does it not explain why there is so little power in your work? Why there are so few conversions among your friends and associates?

This is the message God has sent to the young people of today: "There is no other class that can do as much good as young men and women who are consecrated to God. The youth, if right, could sway a mighty influence. They ought to feel that a responsibility rests upon them to do all they can to save their fellow mortals, even at a sacrifice of their pleasure and natural desires."

The Missionary Volunteer Society needs young men and women who will not count the cost; who will not delay, for delays are dangerous; who love not their *own* lives; young people who know what it means to prevail in prayer with God as did Paul; who will not give up until the assurance is given, "God hath given thee all them" that are with thee.

MRS. MARION E. CADY.

What if the Light Goes Out?

WHAT if the man who watches the light
Way up in the lighthouse tower,
Should say: "I'm tired of the dull routine
Of tending the lamps each hour.

"A little dust on the glass won't hurt,
The wicks don't need trimming today;
Though I know the oil won't burn all night,
I'll just hope no ship goes astray."

And the ship which was nearing its harbor safe
Was dashed on the rocky coast;
Just because no light shone out in the night,
The lives of the crew were lost.

What if a child who has promised to shine
As a light in this world of sin,
Should tire of the light bearer's task, and say:
"To live for myself I'll begin."

Her mite box is empty upon the shelf—
To borrow from it was no theft.
A vacant chair in the Mission Band
Is all of that light bearer left.

And out in India a little girl
From the mission school is sent
To the awful dark of a heathen home,
For the light bearer's light was spent.

—Selected.

How a Little Girl Saved an Infidel

A LITTLE girl who had been converted was sent out by her Sunday school teacher to bring in others. The next Sunday she reported that she had found two children, but their father would not let them come, for he said he was an infidel. She asked her teacher what an infidel was. The teacher told her that an infidel is one who does not love Jesus, and the girl said, "I'm going to ask him why."

A few days after this the child saw him coming out of the post office, and running up to him, said, "Sir, why don't you love Jesus?" He pushed her aside; but again she said, "Sir, why don't you love Jesus?" He hurried on, but she persisted. "Please, sir, won't you tell me why you don't love Jesus?" Upon looking down to rebuke her, he saw a tear in her eye. He could not speak, but simply pushed her aside, and hurried on to his office, with the question ringing in his ears.

As the clerks looked up to bid him good morning, it seemed to him as if they were saying, "Why don't you love Jesus?" He sat down and endeavored to read his mail, but he could not fix his attention, for his mind was filled with the little girl's question. In his effort to write, his pen would form the words, "Why don't you love Jesus?" To shake it off, he went out into the street; still he thought everybody looked at him as if they wanted to ask him, "Why don't you love Jesus?" All day long this question harassed him.

Going home, he retired early, with the excuse of not feeling well. He tried to sleep, but could not. "Why don't you love Jesus?" rang in his head more than ever. He got up and found an old Bible, thinking to find where it contradicted itself; but his eyes soon fell on John 3:16: "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." At this, the words, "Why don't you love

Rise to Duty

FRIENDS of others, rise to duty!
Crush the vile, destructive foe;
Rise and fight for childhood's freedom,
Lay this mighty tyrant low.
Up, ye friends! be strong, courageous,
Look with pity on the youth
Poisoned by the weed tobacco,
Pitiable wreck, forsooth.

Stealthily it stalks among us;
Poisoned arrows round it fly,
And your children, once so healthy,
In its pathway droop and die.
For it saps the very lifeblood
Of your bright and winsome boys;
Sows its seeds, works fearful havoc,
Devastates, and so destroys.

Rise, and crush this subtle demon
Ere his net be further spread.
Rise; and plant the tree of freedom
In the ashes of the dead.
Faith in God shall be our watchword,—
Faith to crush the subtle foe,
Faith to trust Him to deliver,
Faith to lay the tyrant low.

—Adapted.

Devotional Meeting for March 12

Topic: *The Love of Christ Constraineth Us.*

Senior

1. Song Service and Prayer.
2. Scripture Stories.
3. Talk: Saved by Her Son.
4. Symposium: Personal Work.
5. Duet: Winning Precious Souls (all join in chorus).
6. Reading: The Love of Christ Constraineth Me.
7. Round Table: Our Motto and Our Service.
8. Reports of Anti-Tobacco Campaign Work.
9. Close with Song and Prayer.

Junior

1. Song Service and Prayer.
2. Scripture Stories.
3. Duet: Winning Precious Souls (all join in chorus).
4. Talk: Saved by Her Son.
5. Recitation: What if the Light Goes Out?
6. Story: How a Little Girl Saved an Infidel.
7. Superintendent's Talk: The Love of Christ Constraineth Me.
8. Round Table: Our Motto and Our Service.
9. Reports from Anti-Tobacco Campaign.
10. Close by singing: Gladly, Gladly Toiling for the Master.

Plans and Suggestions

Aim for Today.—To press closer to the Standard Bearer; to get a clearer vision of our motto, and to resolve anew to be true to it. The one thing the Saviour deeply desires is for us to be with Him and to bring others to Him. If our love of Him does not constrain us to lead others to Him, something is wrong. Today we are called to lay all on the altar for others.

Scripture Stories.—Have three of the members tell briefly Bible stories of soul-winning work: Christ and Nicodemus; Christ and the Samaritan Woman; Philip and the Eunuch.

Duet: Winning Precious Souls.—This is No. 536 in Christ in Song. Let the verses be sung as a duet, but have all join in the chorus.

Round Table: Our Motto and Our Service.—How much that motto means! Let us ask ourselves how much our love of Christ constrains us to do. Does it constrain us really to live for others? Do we aim in our daily lives to point others to Him? Does our language point others to Him? Does our dress? Does our recreation prove to others that we are soul-winners for Jesus? Could any unconverted young person in your circle of friends say to you today: "You never asked me to be a Christian; you never invited me to know your best Friend"? Study these and other heart-searching questions in your round table. Ask all to talk freely.

Special Senior Note

Let several take part in the *Symposium: Personal Work*. As bases for these talks see "Personal Work," by Elder Meade MacGuire, Missionary Volunteer Series, No. 47. Study also other books on the subjects assigned. The one taking "The Motive of Soul-Winning" should study carefully "Ministry of Healing," pages 500-502; the one taking "Qualifications of Personal Workers" will find excellent help in "Ministry of Healing," pages 503-516; and all should notice "personal effort" in index of "Christ's Object Les-

sons." Sister White's books contain some of the best help we can get on these subjects. Let us not overlook them.

Blackboard Motto.—

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Saved by Her Son

[For the Junior program, ask an older junior to write this story in his own words and then give it as a talk.]

Most young people think that they are not mature enough to have religious responsibilities or to exercise a religious influence over those older than themselves. In that they are quite mistaken; no one who is old enough to make up his mind that he wants to lead a Christian life, is too young to live it as an example to those about him, whoever they may be.

Among the interesting reminiscences of Rev. Dr. William E. Hatcher, printed in the *Examiner*, is the story of the little tow-headed printer's boy in a newspaper office, who joined Dr. Hatcher's church in Petersburg, Va., although neither his mother nor any of his older brothers and sisters were in the least religious. It was hard for him to get to church, and impossible for him to come to evening meetings, but he was always in his seat when he could get there. And in spite of the strange isolation of his religious life, and his lack of encouragement, both at home and in his place of work, he persisted patiently, courageously, simply, in the way.

One day the boy's mother came to see the minister, and Dr. Hatcher received her with misgivings. He feared that she was going to oppose actively her son's association with the church.

But he need not have feared. The woman's eyes were full of tears as she spoke of Hugh. "There never was such a boy," she said. "I wish you could see him as we see him at home. Since he became a Christian, he is different, and in spite of us all, he has made everything about our home life different.

"He was a revelation to me; he was so peaceful, so obliging, and so helpful that I was lonesome whenever he was out of the house. Finally, I found that I could not go to sleep until he came home, late at night. There was one thing that bothered me. I used to put a little lunch in his room, and have a lamp burning at the head of the stairs. His room was next to mine, and I noticed that he moved around a long time before he went to bed. I wondered why he stayed up so long, and so one night I looked through the keyhole to see what the little fellow was doing.

"He had drawn the table up to the side of his bed, had his lamp on it, and was reading the Bible. After a time he stopped reading, closed his Bible, laid it on the table, and knelt down beside the bed. Somehow I knew that he was praying for me, and God was hearing him. It touched and softened my heart. I sprang to my feet, hurried into my room, fell down by my bedside, and gave my life to God for my boy's sake. I had to tell Hugh at once. The door was unlocked, and he was still awake; so I went in, sat down at the foot of the bed in the dark, and told him that I had accepted the Saviour, and that it was the way he had been living that had moved me to do so."—*Youth's Companion*.

THE Lord bids us empty our hearts of the selfishness which is the root of alienation. He longs to pour upon us His Holy Spirit in rich measure, and He bids us clear the way by self-renunciation. When self is surrendered to God, our eyes will be opened to see the stumblingstones which our unchristlikeness has placed in the way of others. All these God bids us remove. . . . When the grace of God reigns within, the soul will be surrounded with an atmosphere of faith and courage and Christlike love, an atmosphere invigorating to the spiritual life of all who inhale it."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. VI, p. 43.

hand her a copy of the Annual, "I have brought you a journal on the tobacco question. It is full of interesting facts on this subject, and I am sure you and your family will greatly enjoy it. Surely this tobacco question is one in which all of us need to take an active personal interest."

If you are on a street car or a train, or are in any place where for a time you are neighbor to another or others, read for a while from the Annual, and then naturally and easily ask questions. Ask the gentleman next to you what he thinks of the tobacco question; if he does not really think it is more injurious to the human system than liquor. If he does not think it is, as most will claim, then call his attention to some strong statements about the evils of tobacco made in the Annual, and suggest to him that he ought to have that number of the Annual, offering to let him have it for the price of it, and explaining that you have other copies.

If you are selling the Annual from house to house, and Mrs. Smith, the wife and mother of the home, comes to the door, say in a natural way, something like this:

"Good morning, Mrs. Smith. Perhaps you will be interested in this Anti-Tobacco Annual. Many of the great national men (opening to the pages containing the photographs of prominent men), Mr. Wilson, Mr. Taft, Mr. Bryan, and many others, indorse the principles advocated in this number of the Anti-Tobacco Annual. The tobacco habit, many physicians say, is one of the worst evils of civilization, and it is ruining the lives of thousands of boys and men. This copy of the Annual sets forth the statements of these prominent men in an educational and a winning way without antagonizing or condemning any one who is addicted to its use. It is intended to be a real help and blessing to those who use tobacco, and to prevent others from becoming victims to this injurious habit. It is only 15 cents. May I leave a copy with you? Thanks."

In all canvasses, be, first of all, perfectly natural and easy. Be yourself, but well versed on your subject, and always willing rather to be offended than to offend.

D. W. REAVIS.

The Deadly Cigarette

THE boy who smokes these filthy things,
These cigarettes I mean,
With clothes and breath offensive, vile,
Can never be called clean.

They stunt the growth of the physique,
The brilliant eye bedim,
Befog the mental vision, too;
For judgment, don't trust him!

If he's a servant anywhere,
This slave of cigarettes,
His service cannot be the best,
His duties he forgets.

My boy, don't use these "coffin nails;"
For surely if you do,
You undervalue manhood's worth
And crush your spirits, too!

Say "No!" when first you're tempted,
Say "No!" you surely can,
Say "No!" to every evil;
Be first and last a man!

— Selected.

We Welcome You

We often see the superior qualities of some brand of food flaunted before the public in the terse but telling words, "There's a reason." And so, dear friends, fathers and mothers, we wish to borrow that sentence for the evening. "There is a reason" for our urgent invitation to you. You will agree with us that it is an important one.

It is impossible to make a trip of any length without saturating the clothes with the scent of tobacco. The smoke-laden air, at first offensive to the non-smoker, becomes less disagreeable and finally pleasant. Tobacco has already taken its place as a luxury in the lives of a vast majority of men, and, sad to say, is becoming such to many women. It is fast digging its roots down to the claim of a necessity.

Those who still refuse it for themselves look with indulgence and even approbation on those that have formed the habit. Few urge the harm wrapped in those brown leaves, few are even aware of the bare facts which prove its baleful effect on men. Because smoking is so universal, because it is a menace to the nation in a weakened manhood, we, as Christian young people, wish to do all in our power first to inform our friends of its effect, then to enlist them in a crusade against it.

We welcome you the more warmly, then, because we want your intelligent sympathy and co-operation.

Cigarette League Song

[Sing to tune of "Forward," No. 530 in Christ in Song.]

WE'RE a band of brothers,
Hand in hand we stand.
Through our own beloved land we gladly go,
Pledged to help each other,
Pledged to save some one
From the fetters of a foe.

CHORUS:

Cheer boys, cheer girls,
We are bound to win.
Cheer boys, cheer girls,
For we well may know,
Cigarettes are
Poison to the rim.
We're going to drive them from our land.

Yonder in the schoolrooms,
In the stores and shops,
Are the boys who soon will make the country's laws.
Soon they'll be the voters,
Soon will take the lead
Of our noble, just, pure cause.

With our banners lifted,
By the help of Heav'n,
We again our promise take anew this day,
Pledge to help each other,
Pledge to save some one
From the poison's fatal sway.

— Adapted.

A Tobacco Test

[Let this exercise be given by six or seven young persons. Two or three might be Juniors. Have all come forward to the platform and be seated as for a class. One of the number should act as teacher. He or she should ask the questions; and of course his "students" should be prepared to give perfect answers. The "teacher" should also be prepared to comment briefly on some of the questions. Make the exercise as much as possible like a schoolroom recitation. The Anti-Tobacco Annual contains answers to all the questions given in this list. Be sure to have the "teacher" and "students" speak loudly enough to be heard in all parts of the room.]

1. How many miles of cigarettes does America smoke in one day?
2. How many new recruits does the cigarette army gain daily?
3. What is the average age of forming the cigarette habit?
4. What do you know about women's smoking?
5. How does tobacco affect scholarship?
6. What is the relation of athletics and tobacco?
7. Give the resolution passed by the National Education Association regarding tobacco.
8. How has tobacco helped to make Cuba rich?
9. What good lesson might our ports well learn from the most southerly city in the world?
10. What railway is said to have decided to abolish smoking compartments? Why?
11. What does the United States Surgeon-General regard as the most evil influence in American life? Why?
12. What has the Supreme Court decision No. 2298 to say about tobacco?
13. What were the tobacco taxes in the United States during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1920?
14. Name five poisons found in tobacco, and tell briefly the nature of each.
15. Why may man rightly be called the doping animal?

Missionary Volunteer Department

Devotional Meeting for March 5

Senior and Junior

Topic: *Anti-Tobacco Campaign.*

1. Song and Prayer.
2. Scripture Lesson.
3. Secretary's Report.
4. Talk: The Need of an Anti-Tobacco Campaign.
5. Talk: The Anti-Tobacco Annual.
6. Round Table: Enlisting Recruits.
7. Song by Juniors: Cigarette League Song.
8. Announcements.
9. Close with a season of prayer.

Plans and Suggestions

Aim for Today.—To present definite plans for your anti-tobacco campaign, and to secure the whole-hearted co-operation of every Missionary Volunteer, Senior and Junior. The Junior and Senior societies may meet together or separately, as seems best.

Talk: The Need of an Anti-Tobacco Campaign.—The one giving this talk should study carefully the Anti-Tobacco Annual, that he may drive home to hearts the great need of this work, and inspire all to work earnestly, enthusiastically, and untiringly.

Scripture Lesson.—Use the reading, "Christian Temperance," in "Bible Readings for the Home Circle," page 741.

Talk: The Anti-Tobacco Annual.—This talk should be given by the one appointed to lead out in the campaign. Often the leader of the Literature and Correspondence Band is called upon for this work. He should present plans for selling the paper throughout your territory. The article in this paper by Brother D. W. Reavis gives splendid suggestions.

Round Table: Enlisting Recruits.—Divide your society into groups as seems best; assign to each group its territory. Then give such instruction for work as is needed. Present two or three suggestive canvasses. The article by Brother Reavis gives two suggestive ones. Emphasize the need of Christian courtesy in all our work.

Announcements.—Your executive committee should plan to introduce your campaign with a splendid anti-tobacco rally. You should have it very soon after this meeting. In fact, at this meeting you should be able to announce your last rehearsal before the rally.

Supplies.—Have on hand as large a supply of the Anti-Tobacco Annual as you may reasonably expect to use in an earnest, enthusiastic campaign. Have also Anti-Tobacco pledges in sufficient quantity for your campaign. Aim to get as many young people to sign this pledge as possible. Use it in the evening of the rally and in personal efforts during the campaign.

Caution.—If the paper is sold on the street, great care should be exercised in choosing persons to do this work. It should be done only by the more mature, earnest Missionary Volunteers.

Suggestive Program for Your Anti-Tobacco Rally

1. Song Service.
2. Prayer.
3. Talk by the Leader: We Welcome You.
4. Special Music.
5. Talk: The Tobacco Propaganda.
6. Recitation: The Deadly Cigarette.
7. Song by Juniors: Cigarette League Song.
8. Talk: Woman and the Tobacco Habit.
9. Exercise: A Tobacco Test.
10. Talk: Tobacco and Human Efficiency.
11. Talk: Why I Do Not Smoke.
12. Recitation: Rise to Duty.
13. Pledge Signing.
14. Special Music.
15. Close with prayer.

Notes About the Rally

Time of Rally.—The most favorable evening between March 5 and 12.

Purpose.—To introduce your campaign; to enlist the moral support and hearty co-operation of all who attend.

Attendance.—Invite your fathers and mothers, older and younger brothers and sisters, and neighbors and friends who are not Adventists.

Song Service.—Select some good songs and have them well sung. Try to see that there are books enough for all to use if all are invited to join in singing.

Special Music.—Have appropriate instrumental or vocal

music. If thought best, put in one or two more numbers than are indicated here.

Talks.—Helps for preparing the talks on this program will be found in the Anti-Tobacco Annual. Look for articles bearing titles of talks, but get also helps from others.

Pledge Signing.—Have a quantity of pledges on hand. Invite all who will to sign the pledge. Each usher who passes out cards should have a fountain pen for the signer to use. The signer should retain the pledge he signs. It would be a very good plan for the usher to take the names of all who sign cards for him. Some may choose to ask signers to sign two cards, one to keep and one to give to the usher for society record.

Selling the Paper.—Why not have two Missionary Volunteers stationed at the door to sell the Anti-Tobacco Annual to the guests as they go out?

Close with Prayer.—Ask your church elder or some other older church member to dismiss the audience with prayer. It would be well for the leader, just before the closing prayer, to thank all for coming, and again to ask their hearty support in the campaign which the rally inaugurates.

Preparation.—Make thorough preparation for this rally. The need is great! Then make your rally a really great event. Again let me say: *Make thorough preparation.* Master your subjects; live with your topics until you really get a burden to tell others. See that every number is given not only from memory, but from a heart that is burdened to help. No. 11 should be a most earnest appeal.

Blackboard Motto.—

"To cure is the voice of the past;
To prevent is the divine whisper of today."

The Anti-Tobacco Annual

No argument nor statement of facts is needed to prove that anti-tobacco literature is needed more today than ever before; that it is fruitful in results when circulated; that in the great majority of cases it must precede the gospel message, and as a vital part of individual temperance it will be a message entering wedge with thousands. But how is it to be circulated, and how is it to be done?

The ways are as abundant as the opportunities are great. On every hand the question of tobacco using is introduced by the presence of its devoted victims. The most important thing is to be ready for work when the opportunity presents itself. It is not best to antagonize. It is not necessary. Simply interest the people in the literature, and allow it to do the work.

Young people can do more for other young people in some ways than can any one else. For this reason there is great responsibility resting upon the youth of this age in connection with the increasing use of tobacco.

As to methods of work, we make the few following suggestions:

Get in touch with the W. C. T. U. ladies in your community. They are all interested, and will aid in every way possible. Organize anti-tobacco clubs, taking all in the community who do not use tobacco, young and old, as members. Secure anti-tobacco buttons for all members of the club. Give anti-tobacco programs after the order of former temperance programs. Formulate plans for sale of the Anti-Tobacco Annual by all members of the Missionary Volunteer Society for educational purposes, using the profits for creating a fund for other missionary purposes. Let all who sell the paper also endeavor to obtain signers to the anti-tobacco pledge. Sell the papers in the name and under the direction of your Missionary Volunteer Society, no matter how small the society may be. Make your society a live educational factor in every way.

Make up selected lists of names. Write letters to each, inclosing the illustrated circular, and offer to send a copy of the annual for 15 cents. The circulars may be obtained from your conference Missionary Volunteer secretary.

The most dependable and successful way of circulating the Anti-Tobacco Annual is through the personal solicitation of individuals. This is a pleasant and profitable kind of work. What is easier and what is of greater importance than calmly walking up to Mr. Smith's door, and when Mrs. Smith or any one else comes to the door, asking if she is not interested in the tobacco question. If the answer is, "Yes," as it will be in the majority of cases, simply say, as you

estimated, the membership of our churches in this country at 300,000. This was prompted by the receipt of a flood of petitions opposing certain religious legislation, to which thousands of names had been attached.

Through the Mails

The mails afford an avenue of approach to thousands of people who could not be reached in any other way. The Religious Liberty issue of *Present Truth* and religious liberty leaflets can be used profitably in efforts of this nature. Every church should become responsible for all the territory within the sphere of its influence. The name and address of every family in its territory should be included in a permanent list. Thus in times of special crises thousands of copies of available literature could be quickly placed in the homes of the people. Shall we not prepare ourselves for a great forward movement, so as to be able to accomplish the most possible good when we are facing the issue? In this way many will no doubt be reached who are searching for light.

From House to House

Experience has demonstrated the value of personal visitation with the people in our missionary work. In the distribution of *Present Truth*, the *Liberty* magazine, and also the little book "Freedom," we find a fruitful field for enlightening the people within the vicinity of our own homes. Just at this time when there is general agitation on questions of religious legislation, especially favoring the enactment of Sunday laws, this literature will be received enthusiastically in many homes. In times of special missionary effort by the church, sufficient quantities of religious liberty literature, as suggested above, should be secured, and an effort be put forth to place something in every home within reach of the members of the church as soon as possible.

Subscriptions to Liberty Magazine

As a feature of the yearly program of the Religious Liberty Department in our churches, an offering is taken for the purpose of supplying yearly subscriptions for *Liberty* to various civil officials in the conferences. In connection with this effort many of our church members have special friends or acquaintances to whom they wish to send *Liberty*. Each church should have a list of this kind, which can be provided for either by personal subscription or from the home missionary funds of the church. Other methods of literature circulation might be mentioned, all of which could be adapted in a great forward move by our churches in behalf of religious freedom. We are rapidly nearing the real issue, which will determine the destiny of nations, and cause every soul to decide for time and eternity. This is the supreme hour of opportunity for the people of God to scatter the printed page of warning and entreaty "like the leaves of autumn." Let us not fall our great Leader in an hour like this. "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Esther 4: 14.

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Religious Liberty Literature

It is just as true today as in former times that the printed page is a most potent factor in the advancement of the gospel. In the providence of God, we have been provided with an abundance of literature that sets forth clearly the principles of religious liberty upon which we stand, and it becomes apparent now, above all other times, that we face a limitless opportunity to acquaint our friends and neighbors with these principles through the printed page.

During the days of the Reformation, immediately following Luther's eventful step in nailing the ninety-five theses to the church door in Wittenberg, we recall that in a few short months, these theses were scattered in tracts throughout all Europe. From the records of history we learn that within a few weeks some pages of this literature were found as far east as Jerusalem.

The campaign is on, and the people of God must not be negligent at this time in scattering the printed page "like the leaves of autumn," so as to warn the world of its im-

pending doom, and acquaint the honest in heart with the principles of religious freedom. We refer, in passing, to some of the literature bearing on the principles of religious liberty, that is coming from our publishing houses.

Religious Liberty Leaflets

A series of seven religious liberty leaflets has been printed and should be circulated by the thousands. These leaflets should be read by every loyal Seventh-day Adventist, so that we may be familiar with the principles involved in the issue, which is gradually growing more intense; then they should be scattered by the thousand everywhere, and thus the forces of the enemy be held in check until the work of God can be finished in the earth.

"Present Truth"

In view of the plans which are under way by various organizations that are endeavoring to bring about in the near future national legislation that would tend to curtail the liberties of the American people, a special issue of *Present Truth* has been prepared, devoted entirely to an exposition of the principles of religious liberty. In this form of the printed page, we have another valuable asset to the program which God has intrusted to us. Our churches everywhere should avail themselves of this opportunity, and secure this number of the *Present Truth*, placing it in every home in their territory.

If we can interpret properly the message of the servant of God, we have reason to believe that there are in the popular churches of the country, thousands of honest-hearted people who are looking for light. As the opponents of religious freedom become more active in their national propaganda, and the people of God shoulder their responsibility in placing the printed page in the hands of their friends and neighbors, we can fondly expect that there will be many who will ally themselves with the people of God and help to carry the banner of truth to triumph.

The "Liberty" Magazine

Our people everywhere are familiar with the *Liberty* magazine, which is published quarterly. The latest reports inform us that this excellent publication has an average circulation of 80,000 for every issue. No doubt, in most of our churches, during this month, funds will be furnished with which our conferences can supply the *Liberty* magazine for a year to all the lawyers and other prominent officials in their territory.

After a recent Sunday campaign in a Western State, which was successfully defeated in the State legislature, one of our brethren, while conversing with a prominent member of the legislature, asked the reason for his definite stand in behalf of the principles of religious liberty. Holding a copy of the *Liberty* magazine in his hand, he said, "After reading this excellent publication, I could not take any other stand than to ally myself with the cause of freedom." In this magazine, our people have been provided with a most valuable agency in helping to defend the principles of religious liberty; and in our churches we should constantly study plans by which we can give it a wider circulation, thus reaping greater fruitage from our activities in this work.

"Freedom"

This is the title of a new book numbered among the World's Crisis series. As far as our knowledge of religious liberty reaches, we feel certain that the climax of perfection has been reached in this little book, which can be read and understood by all classes of people. It is convenient to handle, and can be read in a few hours by any one. We should familiarize ourselves with its contents, and plan in our church missionary activities to give it a wide circulation among our friends and neighbors.

In view of the conditions developing around us every day, we can fully expect that in a little while the people of God will face a challenge such as we have not been called to meet in the history of this movement. It therefore behooves us to study the literature that has been provided on this subject, and thus prepare ourselves for the coming issue.

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saw Christian character at its best. Many of these young men, reared in Christian homes, surrounded throughout their earlier life by a Christian environment, all of which was conducive to the development of strong character, stood firm for truth amid the bitterest opposition.

We recall the experiences of four young men in an Eastern training camp. They had been detailed to service in the base hospital, and were placed under the jurisdiction of a captain who was not in sympathy with their Christian profession. Because of their failure to comply with certain demands in the matter of Sabbath duty, these boys had been placed in the guardhouse and later subjected to a court-martial trial. The evidence was presented, and in spite of all efforts to defend them in their stand for the principles of Bible truth, they were consigned to military prison, with varying sentences placed upon them. It was no small trial for these young men to pass through, after having been surrounded by favorable conditions only a few months previous to this time. While in the military prison, they found it rather difficult to comply with the various demands that were placed upon them because of their religious convictions. On one occasion, one of these young men was placed in a dungeon for several days, and bread and water were furnished him through a small porthole in the door of his cell. Even this severe punishment proved a blessing to him, and in his loneliness during these passing days, he found an intimate acquaintance with the One who is able to save in times of severest trial. In the following words he describes his experience during those days of loneliness:

"It seemed as if I could almost see my Saviour face to face, and feel His presence with me during every passing hour."

The experience of these young men presents to us the value of exercising a living faith even amid the darkest hours of persecution. These are perilous times in which we are living, and the future is clouded with uncertainty. In the words of the servant of God, we are told that "fearful tests and trials await the people of God." Shall we not during these passing days of opportunity fortify ourselves so that in the troublous times that are just beyond, we may be able to stand? Shall we not acquaint ourselves with the principles of this message, and seek God earnestly for His blessing, that there may be no wavering when the tempest breaks upon the world? H. K. CHRISTMAN.

Third Week

Opening Exercises.

A Study from the Testimonies: The Coming Conflict.

Reading: Significant Utterances—No. 2. (See *Review and Herald* of February 24, Home Missionary Department.)
Season of Prayer.

Note to the Leaders

The extracts from the Testimonies might be clipped or copied, and passed to different ones to read in response to the numbered questions. There is much room for comment in these valuable extracts. The article by Frank A. Coffin which appears in the *Review*, for lack of space here, deals with recent events, and should lead to the individual inquiry, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do to help in stemming the tide of religious legislation which will work hardship to Thy children?"

The Coming Conflict

1. WHAT do present developments in the religious world portend?

"A great crisis awaits the people of God. A crisis awaits the world. The most momentous struggle of all the ages is just before us. Events which for more than forty years we have, upon the authority of the prophetic word, declared to be impending, are now taking place before our eyes. Already the question of an amendment to the Constitution restricting liberty of conscience, has been urged upon the legislators of the nation. The question of enforcing Sunday observance has become one of national interest and importance."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. V, p. 711.

2. What message has been given us regarding the plans of Catholicism?

"God's word has given warning of the impending danger; let this be unheeded, and the Protestant world will learn

what the purposes of Rome really are, only when it is too late to escape the snare. She is silently growing into power. Her doctrines are exerting their influence in legislative halls, in the churches, and in the hearts of men. She is piling up her lofty and massive structures, in the secret recesses of which her former persecutions will be repeated. Stealthily and unsuspectedly she is strengthening her forces to further her own ends when the time shall come for her to strike. All that she desires is vantage ground, and this is already being given her. We shall soon see and shall feel what the purpose of the Roman element is. Whoever shall believe and obey the word of God, will thereby incur reproach and persecution."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 581.

3. How should the people of God prepare for the coming issue?

"We as a people have not accomplished the work which God has committed to us. We are not ready for the issue to which the enforcement of the Sunday law will bring us. It is our duty, as we see the signs of approaching peril, to arouse to action. Let none sit in calm expectation of the evil, comforting themselves with the belief that this work must go on because prophecy has foretold it, and that the Lord will shelter His people. We are not doing the will of God if we sit in quietude, doing nothing to preserve liberty of conscience. Fervent, effectual prayer should be ascending to heaven that this calamity may be deferred until we can accomplish the work which has so long been neglected. Let there be most earnest prayer; and then let us work in harmony with our prayers."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. V, pp. 713, 714.

4. How are we admonished to relate ourselves to Sunday labor agitation?

"Sunday can be used for carrying forward various lines of work that will accomplish much for the Lord. On this day open-air meetings and cottage meetings can be held. House-to-house work can be done. . . . Whenever it is possible, let religious services be held on Sunday. Make these meetings intensely interesting. Sing genuine revival hymns, and speak with power and assurance of the Saviour's love. Speak on temperance and on true religious experience. You will thus learn much about how to work, and will reach many souls."—*Id.*, Vol. IX, p. 233.

5. What assurance is given to those who have made God's word their rule of life?

"When the testing time shall come, those who have made God's word their rule of life will be revealed. In summer there is no noticeable difference between evergreens and other trees; but when the blasts of winter come, the evergreens remain unchanged, while other trees are stripped of their foliage. So the false-hearted professor may not now be distinguished from the real Christian, but the time is just upon us when the difference will be apparent. Let opposition arise, let bigotry and intolerance again bear sway, let persecution be kindled, and the half-hearted and hypocritical will waver and yield the faith; but the true Christian will stand firm as a rock, his faith stronger, his hope brighter, than in days of prosperity."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 602.

Fourth Week

Opening Exercises.

Scripture Lesson: Esther 4:14.

Some Methods in Religious Liberty Work.

Religious Liberty Literature.

Note to the Leaders

There can be no question but that every Seventh-day Adventist is in his place "for such a time as this." Failure to do our part will mean that deliverance will arise from another source, but the results to those who fail to meet the issue will be disastrous. Study to adapt the methods suggested in such a way as to accomplish the most in your church, and have specimens of all religious liberty literature and use as large quantities as possible.

Some Methods in Religious Liberty Work

Securing Signatures to Petitions

DURING recent years there has been frequent agitation in various State legislatures, and also in Congress, affecting questions of religious liberty. On such occasions our people have exercised the "right of petition" very successfully. By securing names, not only of our church members, but of our friends and neighbors, to petitions opposing legislative measures which would curtail our religious rights, we can aid in driving back the forces of the enemy, and give opportunity for the advancement of the gospel. We are reminded of the statement of one national legislator who

conference, ought to receive *Liberty* magazine. Let there be a liberal offering, so that this may be made possible.

Let every church member become a reader of the *Liberty* magazine, and let each church take a club of fifty or more copies for general circulation and distribution among interested friends. Each issue grows more and more interesting. Let us also circulate the new book "Freedom." It is the book for this time. Its contents are most entrancing and convincing. It is elegantly illustrated. It sells for 35 cents, and can be ordered through the tract society at a liberal discount. The yearly subscription price of *Liberty* is 35 cents if ordered today.

Let us rally to the standard of Prince Immanuel, to the cause of human freedom, and let us remember that still "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and America the political hope of civil rights on religious questions.

C. S. LONGACRE.

Suggestions for Missionary Meetings

First Week

OPENING EXERCISES.

Bible Study: Christian Liberty.

Reading: *Liberty* a Priceless Boon.

Plans for the Sabbath Missionary Service.

Note to the Leaders

During the month of March, in all our churches, special consideration will be given to the important subject of the principles of religious liberty. We earnestly solicit your co-operation in presenting the matter to your constituency in the manner best suited to your local conditions. You will, of course, keep informed as to the movements of the so-called National Reformers, and keep our people informed as to the significance of current events. The missionary service on March 5, if carefully planned for, will prove a strong incentive to the arousement of our church members to do their part in meeting the issue.

Christian Liberty

1. WHAT should be our relation to civil government? Rom. 13: 1.
2. How did Christ refer to a power other than the civil government? Matt. 22: 21.
3. Whom alone should we worship? Matt 4: 10.
4. How only were Daniel's enemies able to conspire against him? Dan. 6: 5.
5. What decree was made, and how did Daniel relate himself to it? Dan. 6: 7, 10.
6. What was finally done with Daniel? Dan. 6: 16.
7. How did deliverance come to him? Dan. 6: 22.
8. What was done to the apostles for preaching Christ? Acts 5: 17, 18.
9. What accusation was brought against them, and what was their reply? Acts 5: 28, 29.
10. How does the prophet describe the closing conflict? Rev. 12: 17.
11. What will be the outcome of the struggle? Rev. 17: 14.
12. What promise is given to the overcomer? Rev. 3: 12.

Liberty a Priceless Boon

LIBERTY, like health, is most appreciated when just beyond the grasp. Among the last pathetic words of Miss Edith Cavell, the English martyr nurse of 1919, is the following utterance: "Everywhere in life we learn something new; and if you were in my place, you would realize how precious is liberty, and how grateful we should be to have it."

In this land of glorious liberty it is impossible truly to sense what it would mean to be deprived of civil and religious freedom; but the warnings and admonitions which have come to Seventh-day Adventists are cause for serious consideration of what it means to stand in opposition to national law, on the platform established by the apostles of the early church—"We ought to obey God rather than men."

To be forewarned should mean to be forearmed,—to be thoroughly familiar with the principles which govern human rights, and the Biblical instruction concerning the Christian's conduct in governmental affairs, thus making it possible to refrain from indiscreet action and to stand firm for principle when put to the test.

But as a people we are not awake to the impending situation. Our condition is clearly described by the servant of the Lord in the following paragraph, which appeared in the *Review and Herald Extra* of Dec. 24, 1889:

"There are many who are at ease, who are, as it were, asleep. They say, 'If prophecy has foretold the enforcement of Sunday observance, the law will surely be enacted;' and having come to this conclusion, they sit down in calm expectation of the event, comforting themselves with the thought that God will protect His people in the day of trouble. But God will not save us if we make no effort to do the work He has committed to our charge. We must be found faithfully guarding the outposts, watching as vigilant soldiers, lest Satan shall gain an advantage which it is our duty to prevent. We should diligently study the word of God, and pray in faith that God will restrain the powers of darkness; for as yet the message has gone to comparatively few, and the world is to be lightened with its glory. . . . There is now need of earnest working men and women who will seek for the salvation of souls; for Satan, as a powerful general, has taken the field, and in this last remnant of time he is working through all conceivable methods to close the door against light that God would have come to His people. He is sweeping the whole world into his ranks, and the few who are faithful to God's requirements are the only ones who can ever withstand him, and even these he is trying to overcome."

It is time to awake. Already mutterings of the coming storm are clearly audible. Can we remain at ease, sitting in "calm expectation," comforting ourselves "with the thought that God will protect His people in the day of trouble"? The warning is unmistakable—"God will not save us if we make no effort to do the work He has committed to our charge."

Of all people in the world, Seventh-day Adventists should give the most ringing and convincing message on the principles of religious liberty. The influence which the denomination should wield in this issue would not only benefit the oppressed in all lands, but at unexpected times and in unexpected ways it would prove of great value to the individual members of the remnant church who are suddenly to feel the sting of the enforcement of unconstitutional law. To remain careless and indolent at this time, concerning the movement for the enactment of Sunday laws, is to invite sorrow and heartache which those who have experienced them earnestly seek to avoid. The entreaty of the apostle Paul should at this time arouse us to "awake out of sleep," and "put on the armor of light:"

"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light." Rom. 13: 11, 12.

Second Week

Opening Exercises.

Scripture Lesson: Eph. 6: 13, 14.

Reading: A Living Faith in a Period of Adversity.

Reading: Significant Utterances—No. 1. (See article in Home Missionary Department of the *Review*, February 17.) Experiences.

Note to the Leaders

In the Scripture lesson, place emphasis on the words "having done all, to stand," and outline in a definite way what needs to be done now in order to make it possible to endure in times of persecution. The article by Walter L. Burgan, which, on account of lack of space here, appears in the *Review*, is present-day history of movements at work to legislate in favor of strict Sunday laws. Few realize how near we stand to the volcanic eruption of the pent-up energies of persecuting forces.

A Living Faith in a Period of Adversity

We have often heard reference made to the statement, "In the evening the stars appear," and are, no doubt, quite familiar with the words of the prophet Zechariah, "At evening time it shall be light." Zech. 14: 7. Adversity and persecution are the real tests of faith. We little appreciated the significance of this principle until it was forcibly impressed upon our minds in some of the experiences of the recent war. When some of our young men from Seventh-day Adventist homes were called into military life, and as a result of their firm, unwavering stand for the principles of truth, were subjected to persecution of various kinds, we

living God. "O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!" "O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon His name: make known His deeds among the people."

(Here have the congregation join in singing "To God Be the Glory," No. 191, Christ in Song.)

The Present Crisis

Just now the people of God are facing a great crisis. The Lord's Day Alliance, the National Reform Association, the International Reform Bureau, and a number of other allied religious associations have combined to launch a nation-wide campaign in behalf of drastic Sunday legislation. They are putting forth vigorous efforts to rally all the social reform forces in America to secure a Federal Sunday law for the nation, the same as they secured a Federal prohibition law. The whole country has been stirred over this issue. There is hardly a newspaper in the country that has not taken up our side of the question against these reform organizations and against the proposed drastic Sunday law for the nation.

They propose to stop on Sunday all unnecessary work in every vocation in life. The penalty for violating the Sunday law ranges from \$100 to \$100,000 in fines for the first offense. For the second offense, corporations and business firms are to be deprived of their charters, the property is to be confiscated, and they are to be prevented forever from operating again.

All this is simply an echo of a convention which was held several years ago by these "reform" associations, when the same drastic provisions were formulated and these extreme penalties were advocated, in a clinic session, when their wrath was directed almost exclusively against Seventh-day Adventists. The blame for the defeat of their Sunday bills was laid at the door of Seventh-day Adventists, and these Sunday law advocates said that their opponents must be brought to time, even if it meant the confiscation of all their property and their business.

Many of our people have been asleep to this issue, and while we have slept, the enemy has been sowing the seed of tares and working in disguise to bring Sunday legislation to the front. The Protestant churches have not been organizing their forces on such a gigantic scale the last few years to no purpose. The Lord's Day Alliance proposes to utilize all these reform forces to legislate compulsory Sunday observance into a Federal statute, in the same way in which they secured a national prohibition amendment to the Constitution. They are carrying on a Sunday law campaign in more than thirty States this year. They are working with the local municipalities and State legislatures, as well as establishing a strong lobby here at the capital of the nation.

Years ago, Sister White said that our people did not sense the gravity of the Sunday law situation, but that some day, when too late, they would wake up bound hand and foot by their enemies, the National Reformers. The National Reform Association and their allies were regarded by many of our people as practically dead, but present indications clearly demonstrate that they are a great deal stronger today, and more active, than they ever have been before. At this writing, they have two drastic Sunday bills pending before Congress for the District of Columbia, which they are pushing with all their might.

We are doing all we can here at Washington to stay action upon these bills, but we cannot do much without the support of the field. Our people must help us to create favorable public sentiment out in the field, relative to our position upon the subject of religious liberty. The men in Congress may be convinced by our arguments, but they act in harmony with the sentiment of their constituency at home. Consequently, we shall have to depend upon our people who are scattered all over the country, to aid us in creating favorable sentiment against the proposed Sunday measures and other religious proposals which are detrimental to the progress of the work of the Lord and to the natural rights of man.

Local issues that threaten our liberties, are arising all

the time in municipalities and in the State legislatures. These must be met, and our people in those localities must be the prime movers to defeat the proposed measures and to enlighten the public mind.

The newspapers are throwing their doors wide open today, and we can readily get articles into their columns upon these agitated questions. In fact, the great city dailies are calling upon us to furnish them ammunition to fight the so-called reformers who are trying to Puritanize America. Some of them are calling for all the back numbers of the *Liberty* magazine, to place in their files for permanent use.

God is certainly working in a marvelous way to get the third angel's message before the public. The hour has struck in which great things are expected of us. Are we ready to accept the opportunities and make the most of the present situation? While we are facing a crisis, and our liberties are trembling in the balance, God is working for the honor of His name and the triumph of His truth. While the angels of God are still holding the winds of strife in check, the Lord is making a tremendous appeal to us to arise and finish the work quickly. The way will soon be hedged up.

We can clearly see from the present activities of the reform associations, that the dangers pointed out by the spirit of prophecy years ago are rapidly coming upon us. What is our duty at the present time?

"It is our duty to do all in our power to avert the threatened danger. We should endeavor to disarm prejudice by placing ourselves in a proper light before the people. We should bring before them the real question at issue, thus interposing the most effectual protest against measures to restrict liberty of conscience."—"*Testimonies for the Church*," Vol. V, p. 452.

"We are not doing the will of God if we sit in quietude, doing nothing to preserve liberty of conscience. Fervent, effectual prayer should be ascending to heaven that this calamity may be deferred until we can accomplish the work which has so long been neglected."—*Id.*, p. 714.

From the above statement it is evident that it is possible to defer the time of trouble. Indeed, if we had not worked as earnestly as we have in behalf of liberty of conscience, we should have few rights left us today. A prominent United States senator recently stated that if it had not been for the noble work and public agitation which we have carried on against the many Sunday bills introduced into Congress, the Federal Government would have passed a drastic national Sunday law long ago. Prominent men realize that the only way we can defer the day of calamity which is coming, is by the peaceable processes of education and public agitation.

"Shall we sit with folded hands, and do nothing in this crisis? . . . God help us to arouse from the stupor that has hung over us for years!"—*Mrs. E. G. White, in the Review and Herald, Dec. 18, 1888.*

"The people of our land need to be aroused to resist the advances of this most dangerous foe to civil and religious liberty."—"*The Spirit of Prophecy*," Vol. IV, p. 382.

"Let not the commandment-keeping people of God be silent at this time, as though we gracefully accepted the situation."—*Mrs. E. G. White, in the Review and Herald, Jan. 1, 1889.*

Certainly this exhortation fits the present hour exactly. Now is the time and opportunity to lay the subject of religious legislation, the necessity of a separation of church and state, and the rights of conscience, in a judicious and intelligent way before the people, that they may clearly see the principles involved in this drastic Sunday legislation.

Now is the time to circulate the *Liberty* magazine. It has done a wonderful work in molding public sentiment among prominent and leading public officials in judicial and legislative circles as well as among clergymen and newspaper editors. Our friends are multiplying rapidly, in every vocation of life, and are lauding us with letters of commendation for our courage and noble warfare against the encroachments upon the natural rights of all men. This is the day set apart by the General Conference for our Religious Liberty annual offering, which will enable the local conference to send the *Liberty* magazine to all the State and court officials and the members of the legislature. Every judge, lawyer, newspaper editor, city and school library, and officers of every city and town municipality, in every

Home Missionary Department

UPHOLDING THE PRINCIPLES OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Suggestive Program for First Sabbath Home Missionary Service

(To be held March 5)

OPENING SONG: Christ in Song, No. 509.

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 124.

Prayer.

Song: Christ in Song, No. 510.

Reading: God's Providential Care.

Reading: The Present Crisis.

Prayer: Supplication for divine protection, and for consecrated activity to meet the crisis.

Offering for Religious Liberty work.

Renewal of clubs of *Liberty* magazine and solicitation for new subscriptions.

Closing Song: Christ in Song, No. 678.

Instruction to the Leaders

After studying the program suggested, it will be unnecessary to urge the importance of making a strong appeal for a liberal religious liberty offering on Religious Liberty Day, March 5. Announcement of the day should be made on the previous Sabbath, and an urgent invitation extended to all our people to be present and to come prepared to give a liberal donation and to renew clubs and single subscriptions for the *Liberty* magazine. It would be a good plan to order a club of fifty *Liberty* magazines for distribution among the leading officials of your town or city — judges, lawyers, editors, etc. — and for supplying libraries and depots. A club of fifty sent to the church would cost only \$16 for the entire year, or \$4 for three months. Single copies can be sold at 20 cents, which leaves a good margin of profit. Present this plan at the close of the meeting, after the annual offering is taken. The annual religious liberty offering is to be sent to the conference treasurer, for the promotion of religious liberty work in the conference. Whatever amount is raised for a club of *Liberty* magazine to be used by the local church, is retained by the church itself. Single subscriptions are 35 cents a year, when taken on Religious Liberty Day; otherwise, the price on single copies is 50 cents a year.

Make the program for the day as impressive and spiritual as possible. Bring into it interesting items and experiences and thoughts of your own. May God use you effectually this day to help meet the present situation and crisis, is the prayer of the Religious Liberty Department. C. S. L.

God's Providential Care

THE last year was one of unusual interest in the work of the Religious Liberty Department. Many times we were led to exclaim, with the psalmist, "If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us: then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us;" but by the help of the Lord "we are escaped." God's care over His work has been marvelous. "Blessed be the Lord" who has given us the victory and His divine favor. While great uncertainty permeates the financial, political, and social worlds, the cause of God has never made greater strides in advancing the message for this time. It is not all smooth sailing, for great barriers are constantly looming up and must be surmounted; but there is nothing too difficult for God to overcome, and when we are on His side, we have nothing to fear.

God helped us to win some striking victories during 1920. Especially was this true during the last few months of the year.

In the State of Michigan, an effort was made to close all private schools, and compel all children in the first eight grades to attend the public schools. An amendment was submitted to the people of Michigan on the referendum, which, if enacted into law, would have closed every church school and parochial school in the State of Michigan. The Religious Liberty Department, together with the Lutherans, Dutch Reformed Church, and Catholic societies, carried on a vigorous State-wide campaign against the amendment, and we are glad to report that the cause of religious freedom scored a great victory. The anti-church-school amendment was voted down at the November election by a majority vote of more than two hundred fifty-six thousand.

This State-wide campaign enabled us to present the grand and glorious principles of religious liberty before thousands of people not of our faith, and we made many fast friends among the Lutherans, Dutch Reformed Church people, and the leading Catholics of America, with whom we were associated in this great and fierce conflict for religious freedom. Some of the leading men of these different churches assured us that hereafter, when our rights were being assailed by the Sunday law advocates, we could count on them; and they have proved true to their promise. They are now joining us in opposing a drastic national Sunday law, and are preaching sermons and writing articles against the proposed Sunday bill which the Lord's Day Alliance has framed for the whole nation.

We also won several victories before the courts in Sunday law prosecutions during the last year, for which we give the Lord the praise. While both the Sunday laws and the previous judicial decisions were against us, yet in the face of all these obstacles we obtained favorable decisions.

Another great victory gained last year for our people was a reversal of a decision of the Navy Department of our Government. Former Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Roosevelt, issued an order that all our brethren working in the Department of the Navy should be discharged if they refused to work on Saturday, the Sabbath. In harmony with this order, our brethren at the Mare Island Navy Yard were being summarily discharged from the service. They appealed their cases directly to the Secretary of the Navy for redress, but the appeal was denied, and the former ruling reaffirmed by the present Assistant Secretary of the Navy. Thereupon the brethren appealed their cases to the Religious Liberty Department for aid in their defense.

The first step in response to this appeal was to interview several of the subordinate officers of the Department of the Navy. We were met with the positive assurance that nothing could be done to change the order that had been issued, and that our people would have to work on Saturdays, or leave the service. A carefully drawn-up petition was finally sent by the Religious Liberty Department to Secretary Josephus Daniels and delivered into his hands by a special agent. The God who hears prayer, answered our prayer in harmony with our petition. The Secretary of the Navy reversed the former order issued by his assistants, and granted our brethren Sabbath privileges. He also issued an order that those who had been discharged should be reinstated in the service. This victory for human rights means much to those who are loyal to conscience and the commandments of God. It establishes a precedent that will serve us favorably in other departments of the Government and in the service of our nation.

Another favor providentially granted us last year is the reversal of the decision of the army officials concerning our soldier boys who were dishonorably discharged from the army service, and without bonus pay. Many of our boys who had performed faithful military service in a non-combatant capacity during the Great War, were affected by this decision. It was a difficult matter to handle, but the Lord granted us favor, and we finally secured honorable discharges and bonus pay for all our soldier boys who had been thus unjustly treated by some of the army officers at the time of demobilization.

God also favored us by overruling and bringing to naught the efforts of a number of municipal authorities in different places, that had passed local ordinances against the selling of our literature — principally magazines — and against the soliciting of funds for charitable purposes without permission, which permission they had refused to give. Claiming our rights under the interstate commerce clause in our Federal statutes, and referring to the favorable decisions in similar cases brought before the State supreme courts, as well as the Supreme Court of the United States, we have so far succeeded in ironing out all these wrinkles.

The angels standing at the four corners of the earth are still holding back the winds of strife and trouble, that we may hasten to finish the work of God in the earth and that the servants of the Lord may be sealed with the seal of the

sions, divisions into one general conference,—this is the visible church organization. The believers are thus bound together into one body, the body of Christ. The church thus constitutes an invincible power on earth, well likened to an army with banners. Individuals may fall away, but the proclamation of the truth of Christ's soon appearing; the world-wide movement proclaiming that the hour of God's judgment is come; the Sabbath reform truth, calling people back to the true worship of God in the keeping of all the commandments,—this well-organized movement, exalting the Bible and bringing into one grand setting all its gems of truth, shall triumph, and that gloriously, in all the world. And in the unity of the believers holding these precious Bible truths is found that unity for which Christ prayed when He said,

"That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me. . . . I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one. . . . Father, I will that they [these united ones] also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am." John 17: 21-24.

T. E. B.

Family Worship

THERE was a time when, in the home of nearly every Seventh-day Adventist family, worship was held; but now there are many of these homes where the voice of prayer is not heard. I quite well know that all have their secret prayer, but how much is lost by our neglecting to call our loved ones aside for a little while, and after reading God's word, and singing, to engage unitedly in audible prayer!

The following experience was related by a Christian gentleman:

"Ten years ago I boarded in the family of a pious woman whose husband was not a Christian. There was a daughter of nineteen, another of fourteen, and a son of ten. Every morning I saw that humble woman gather her family into the kitchen, and read with them a chapter, verse about, in the Bible. Then, as I could not help listening, there was a peculiarity of service that mystified me.

"At last I asked one day if I might remain. She hesitated, her daughter blushed, but she said I might do so if I really desired to. So I sat down with the rest. They gave me a Testament, and we read a verse in turn. Then kneeling on the floor, that mother began her audible prayer for her dear ones there, her husband, and herself; and then pausing a moment, as if to gather energy or wing her faith, she uttered a tender, affectionate supplication for me.

"She closed, and her daughter began to pray. Poor girl; she was afraid of me. I was from college; I was her teacher; but she tremulously asked for a blessing as usual. Then came the other daughter, and at last the son, the youngest of that circle, who only repeated the Lord's Prayer with one petition of his own.

"His 'amen' was said, but no one arose. I knew on the instant they were waiting for me. And I, poor prayerless I, had no word to say. It almost broke my heart. I hurried from the room, desolate and guilty.

"Only a few weeks passed when I asked their permission to come in once more; and then I prayed, too, and thanked my dear, patient Saviour for the hope in my heart and the new song on my lips."

It was the family altar that brought this young man to God.

"If ever there was a time when every house should be a house of prayer, it is now. Infidelity and skepticism 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 archrebel leads the way. And yet, in this time of fearful peril, some who profess to be Christians have no family worship."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. VII, p. 42.

And to the careless among us, the Lord has said:

"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, and peace, and happiness. Jesus prayed to the Father 'with strong crying and tears.'"—*Ibid.*

Because the Lord is interested in our salvation, and anxious that our children shall be saved in His kingdom, He tells us who should conduct family worship.

"The father, and, in his absence, the mother, should conduct the worship, selecting a portion of Scripture that is

interesting and easily understood. The service should be short."—*Ibid.*, p. 43.

Of Abraham we read that he was "the friend of God;" we know that his life was a life of prayer. "Wherever he pitched his tent, close beside it was set up his altar, calling all within his encampment to the morning and the evening sacrifice. When his tent was removed, the altar remained;" and the Canaanite, or others who might come that way, "knew who had been there." So from the home of every Seventh-day Adventist, light should shine forth into the world.

M. LUKENS.

The Importance of Personal Labor by Church Members

MINISTERS, preach the truths that will lead to personal labor for those who are out of Christ. Encourage personal effort in every possible way. Remember that a minister's work does not consist merely in preaching. He is to visit families in their homes, to pray with them, and to open to them the Scriptures. He who does faithful work outside of the pulpit, will accomplish tenfold more than he who confines his labors to the desk. Let our ministers carry their load of responsibility with fear and trembling, looking to the Lord for wisdom, and asking constantly for His grace. Let them make Jesus their pattern, diligently studying His life and bringing into the daily practice the principles that actuated Him in His service while upon the earth. . . .

Among the members of our churches there should be more house-to-house labor, in giving Bible readings and distributing literature. A Christian character can be symmetrically and completely formed only when the human agent regards it as a privilege to work disinterestedly in the proclamation of the truth, and to sustain the cause of God with means. We must sow beside all waters, keeping our souls in the love of God, working while it is day, and using the means the Lord has given us to do whatever duty comes next. Whatever our hands find to do, we are to do it with faithfulness; whatever sacrifice we are called upon to make, we are to make it cheerfully. As we sow beside all waters, we shall realize that "he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." 2 Cor. 9: 6. . . .

Women as well as men can engage in the work of hiding the truth where it can work out and be made manifest. They can take their place in the work at this crisis, and the Lord will work through them. If they are imbued with a sense of their duty, and labor under the influence of the Spirit of God, they will have just the self-possession required for this time. The Saviour will reflect upon these self-sacrificing women the light of His countenance, and this will give them a power that will exceed that of men. They can do in families a work that men cannot do, a work that reaches the inner life. They can come close to the hearts of those whom men cannot reach. Their work is needed. Discreet and humble women can do a good work in explaining the truth to the people in their homes. The word of God thus explained will do its leavening work, and through its influence whole families will be converted.

My brethren and sisters, study your plans; grasp every opportunity of speaking to your neighbors and associates, or of reading something to them from books that contain present truth. Show that you regard as of first importance the salvation of the souls for whom Christ has made so great a sacrifice.

In working for perishing souls, you have the companionship of angels. Thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand angels are waiting to co-operate with members of our churches in communicating the light that God has generously given, that a people may be prepared for the coming of Christ. "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." Let every family seek the Lord in earnest prayer for help to do the work of God.—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. IX, pp. 124, 127-129.

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you." Eph. 4: 31.

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God's Power or Man's Power

Too long have men with cultured art
Denied God's power in mind and heart:
And human means and human modes
Have led the easy multitudes.
Hiding the Giver in the given,
Their work has no reward in heaven.

Men worship still, not gods of stone,
But philosophic thought alone.
The living, loving God is not
In all their study and their thought.
But hollow forms and lifeless creeds
Hide not the shallow make-believes.

'Tis now God calls for humble men
Endued with power beyond their ken,
Witness to bear in daily acts,
To prove God's power in living facts.
So shall the last be first to prove
God's faithful watchcare, constant love.

LILLIAN S. CONNERLY.

Washington, D. C.

Church Unity and Order

ALL true unity is found in Christ. The church in every age has been made up of individuals united with Christ. This was true in patriarchal times, as also of the church in the days of Israel. It is the close union of the individual members with God in all generations, that forms the basis of strength for the church. This, coupled with organization, has made the church a power for good in the earth.

Without organization the enemy would have an advantage in his attack upon believers, even though the individual members were true to God; while a perfect organization without the connection of its members with God, makes of

the church a tyranny in the world. These two principles were inwrought into the early Christian church after Christ's ascension. The apostle Paul likened the organization of the church, the many believers "rooted and built up in Him," to the close organization of the many members of the body into one working whole. Each member of the body is closely related to the other, and all work in unison under the direction of one head. It is this union of all the members that constitutes the body. So the individual members of the church unite to form the body of Christ.

This unity and organization of the church is clearly set forth in "The Acts of the Apostles," pages 95, 96, in the following language:

"The order that was maintained in the early Christian church, made it possible for them to move forward solidly, as a well-disciplined army, clad with the armor of God. The companies of believers, though scattered over a large territory, were all members of one body; all moved in concert, and in harmony with one another. When dissension arose in a local church, as later it did arise in Antioch and elsewhere, and the believers were unable to come to an agreement among themselves, such matters were not permitted to create a division in the church, but were referred to a general council of the entire body of believers, made up of appointed delegates from the various local churches, with the apostles and elders in positions of leading responsibility. Thus the efforts of Satan to attack the church in isolated places, were met by concerted action on the part of all; and the plans of the enemy to disrupt and destroy were thwarted."

The first disputed question, therefore, to arise in the church, as to whether Gentile believers were to have imposed upon them the rite of circumcision, as certain Jewish believers maintained they should, was settled once and for all by the first general conference of the Christian church, assembled at Jerusalem. God led those chosen delegates to the right decision through the Holy Spirit.

"God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." He requires that order and system be observed in the conduct of church affairs today, no less than in the days of old. He desires His work to be carried forward with thoroughness and exactness, so that He may place upon it the seal of His approval. Christian is to be united with Christian, church with church, the human instrumentality co-operating with the divine, every agency subordinate to the Holy Spirit, and all combined in giving to the world the good tidings of the grace of God." — *Id.*, p. 96.

Thus the church is to close up its work on earth. There is safety in unity and counsel. However many the units, spread as they may be into every land, among many nations and tribes and peoples, the true church of Christ in this day shall be one — all bound together in Him.

This unity of the church down at the end, in its completion of the gospel work in the earth, is beautifully described by the prophet Joel:

"A great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like. . . . Nothing shall escape them. . . . Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array. Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness. They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks: neither shall one trust another. . . . They shall run to and fro in the city. And the Lord shall utter His voice before His army; for His camp is very great: for He is strong that executeth His word." Joel 2: 2-11.

Unified and perfectly organized, with love shed abroad in the hearts of its members by the Holy Spirit, and with Christ as its leader, the church will come off triumphant in the closing warfare with the wicked one. The gates of hell shall not prevail against it, for it is founded upon the rock Christ Jesus.

Individual believers are formed into churches, churches into conferences, conferences into unions, unions into divi-