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## Church Officers' General Instruction Department

### Special Appointments for the Month of May

Home Missionary Day . . . . . May 5  
Foreign Missions Rally Day . . . . . May 19

### The Kind of Workers Everywhere Needed

FROM a talk given by Pastor C. H. Watson to students in Australia expecting to enter the Lord's service, we take the following paragraphs expressing principles very applicable to church officers and workers everywhere, whether called in service at home or as missionaries sent to fields afar:

#### Ineffectiveness of Loveless Service

"And follow love, for the love of Christ constraineth us, urges us irresistibly to give ourselves for the good of others. Love must be the propelling force in our service. No man can serve at his highest who does not love the people. Some of the saddest situations in church life obtain where the people realize that their minister or missionary does not love them. A pathetic condition was revealed when a missionary arrived in Fiji. His predecessor was a cold, formal, loveless man, who labored at a distance from his people. On the first evening of the new missionary's arrival the natives gathered to pray for him. One poor fellow, who had evidently felt the lack of warm sympathy and love, prayed like this: 'O God, bless our new missionary. May he be to us a flat track, along which our feet shall run swiftly and safely to Thee. May he not be to us a great mountain, over which we must climb and climb and lose our breath.'

"Serving from a sense of duty without love glowing in our hearts, only makes us an obstacle in the way of weary feet. We must be urged by love. There is no other way to reveal God to man. As well might we expect the Holy Spirit to descend in the form of a raven, as a man in whose heart love is not blazing forth to make known to his needy fellows their God who is love; for he that loveth not knoweth not God.

#### Another Most Pitiabie Sight

"And follow peace. There is no quality of life more needed to-day. The world is riven with jealousies and strife and contentions, and men seek vainly for even a basis upon which peace might be established. This spirit of unrest and contention is seeking to establish itself in the church. But the servant of God must not strive, but be gentle to all men. The most pitiabie sight in church life is a worker in God's cause, the center and substance of a church squabble. How dull the spiritual perceptions of such a one! How miserable his understanding of his relationship to the flock of God. Since the hour that Jesus uttered those words, 'Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you,' the peace that passeth understanding has been the heritage of the church. That we may, as workers, be instrumental in establishing the church in this rich heritage at this

time, when strife and distress without abound, it is absolutely necessary that we follow peace.

#### Abundance of Room for Such Workers

"So those who serve God are called to live and labor on the uplands, where purity and righteousness and faith and love and peace are forces inseparably linked with victory in their lives. There is abundance of room in the service for such workers."

### Church Order and Discipline—No. 2

THE MARCH GAZETTE presented the fundamental Scriptural principles held by Seventh-day Adventists to which candidates subscribe on being accepted for baptism and membership into the church. Scriptures were cited showing for what purpose the church is founded,—that its members may be "built together for a habitation of God through the Spirit;" that we might "all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

As a church, then, we are all "growing up," all seeking that perfection found only in Christ. Constantly children are being added to this family of God on earth—new ones brought into the church. Christ regards these very tenderly. There is yet much, perhaps, for them to learn. What great responsibility rests upon not only church officers, but the whole membership of the church as well, that these "little ones" in Christ (the age of the member is not to be so much considered) are properly fed and nourished that they too may "grow up" and become strong, able-bodied soldiers of the cross. Here comes in the gift of "pastors," delegated with important work for God, undershepherds whose duty it is to watch over, keep, and feed the flock. They are to find the "green pastures," where, satisfied, the sheep and lambs may "lie down," and to lead them "beside the still waters," while by day vigilantly watching lest in some unguarded moment the enemy carry off a straying sheep or lamb for its prey, and by night guarding the fold lest some thief break through to steal. The pastor must possess the tenderness of the shepherd, coupled with the courage and vigilance possessed by him in meeting wild beasts of the forest, proving himself an acceptable undershepherd of Christ. "Feed My sheep," was repeated by the Master to Peter as by the seaside He reinstated him among the apostles after his base denial, and once he was commanded, "Feed My lambs." The sheep and lambs belong to Jesus. In working for them, undershepherds are but serving the great Shepherd.

"I am the good shepherd, and know My sheep, and am known of Mine." John 10: 14.

The Lord largely laid the responsibility for the loss of His flock to the false shepherds who failed in their work and responsibilities back in Israel's day. Through Ezekiel in those days of great apostasy, He said:

"Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God unto the shepherds: Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks? . . . Ye feed not the flock. The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them. And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, My flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them." Eze. 34: 2-6.

Jacob, the shepherd, tells us in his talk with Laban what it means by way of unselfish, arduous work to be a true shepherd:

"This twenty years have I been with thee; thy ewes and thy she goats have not cast their young, and the rams of thy flock have I not eaten. That which was torn of beasts I brought not unto thee; I bare the loss of it; of my hand didst thou require it, whether stolen by day, or stolen by night. Thus I was; in the day the drouth consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes. . . . God hath seen mine

affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked thee." Gen. 31: 38-42.

God requires that the undershepherd of souls likewise be vigilant in caring for the flock. He must watch as one having to give account. The true Shepherd said He knew His sheep. Likewise the pastor is to know them. Not alone at church should he meet them, but in their homes. Jacob's flocks prospered because he cared for them. Painstakingly the feeble were nourished, the needs of the flock were anticipated and provided for. Things were not allowed to drift. That which is drifting is going downstream. God's work is not to be performed negligently. Great disasters are often avoided by giving careful attention to the "little things," vigilance in looking after and correcting those small details promptly before they lead to a serious situation.

Our converted Peter, in passing on what he by experience had learned in a lifetime of service as an undershepherd, writes this to those intrusted with the flocks of God's pasture:

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being *ensamples to the flock*. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." 1 Peter 5: 2-5.

And the apostle Paul in speaking of those called to minister for God unto the people points out the great need of the exercise of patience in dealing with those for whom he labors:

"Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity. And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins." Heb. 5: 2, 3.

T. E. B.

### Receiving Into the Church a Former Member Backslidden

A CORRESPONDENT writes:

"The question is of the proper way to receive again into the church a member who had backslidden, given up the truth, broken the Sabbath, and for a time made no profession of being a Christian, but who now wishes to come back and join the church again. Would such an individual be restored to fellowship by the vote of the church simply? or should he be asked to be rebaptized?"

We believe such a one should be labored with until of his own free choice he would desire to go forward again in baptism. By his openly denying his Lord, giving up the Sabbath, and disconnecting entirely from the church, he has broken his former baptismal vow with God and before the world, returning to that place which he occupied before being baptized and entering the church. In other words, he has deliberately laid again the foundation for repentance, having put Christ to open shame. And to again enter the church, he should openly confess his backslidden, sinful life in being rebaptized. Jesus in His instruction to the church, makes clear that in the dismissal of a member for reasons such as are cited above, such a one is "loosed in heaven." Then in instructing the church how it is to relate itself toward such a one "loosed" the Lord says, "Let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican." Matt. 18: 17, 18. In admitting into the church one born into Christ from heathenism and the world, for which the word "publican" would stand, it is by the ordinance of baptism. If, therefore, the labors of the church are successful in restoring the backslider from his sinful way into fellowship with the Lord and his former brethren, why should he not re-enter the church in the same way as would any other repentant sinner in coming to Christ? We believe he should. And so far as we know this is the general understanding and practice among Seventh-day Adventists in receiving again into its fellowship one such as is described above, in returning to the fold of Christ.

T. E. B.

THE story is told that when the great Dr. Carey was dying, one of his friends sought to encourage him by rehearsing to him some of his wonderful achievements. As the friend was leaving the room, Dr. Carey whispered, "When I am gone, speak no more of Dr. Carey, but tell of Dr. Carey's Saviour."

## Home Missionary Department

### "THE MINISTRY OF THE SILENT PREACHER"

#### Suggestive Program for Home Missionary Service

(Sabbath, May 5)

OPENING SONG: "Sound the Battle Cry," No. 510 in "Christ in Song."

Prayer.

Church Missionary Secretary's report, allowing time for the taking of individual reports.

First Sabbath Offering.

Song: "The Ninety and Nine," No. 61 in "Christ in Song."

Bible and Testimony Study: "The Power of the Printed Page."

Talk: "Wesley's Vision of Literature Ministry."

Talk: "Value of Literature Ministry in Soul Winning."

Presentation of Local Plans for Literature Work.

Recitation: "The Call for Help."

Closing Song: "Winning Precious Souls to Thee," No. 536 in "Christ in Song."

Benediction.

#### Notes to Leaders

We suggest that every elder call together the missionary committee of the church for counsel regarding the planning of this program and the work which will follow. There is perhaps no denomination in existence to-day so blessed with an abundance of literature material for soul winning as is the Seventh-day Adventist body. How sad it is that we are not making use of this literature as systematically as we should! While remarkable results are being accomplished through this phase of the ministry, far greater good could be wrought if each missionary committee carefully studied its local opportunities and planned for a definite, systematic soul-winning campaign. Give careful study to the experiences telling of results obtained, and you will see the importance of this line of work. We further suggest that the missionary committee spend some time in earnest prayer, asking God to lay upon each heart His program for your local situation. The following is a suggestive list of the various lines of literature ministry which may be used in your church as a soul winner's tool kit:

1. Home Bible Study League.
2. King's Pocket League.
3. Tract racks.
4. Systematic distribution of *Present Truth*.
5. Magazines and periodical work.
6. Small books.
7. Lending books and periodicals.
8. Big Week.
9. Harvest Ingathering.

From your Book and Bible House secure the new leaflet, "The Ministry of Tract Distribution," which covers the King's Pocket League, and systematic tract work. Also get the leaflet entitled, "The Home Bible Study League." From all parts of the country are coming experiences of souls being won by this method, which correlates the mailing and personal distribution of *Present Truth*. And plan some time in your yearly missionary program for a *Signs* campaign. Other avenues for missionary literature endeavor than those given in the list will suggest themselves to you as you study the question from a local standpoint. Plan carefully. Make your plans practical. And then work your plans. Don't start something and leave it unfinished. Keep up enough inspiration and enthusiasm to finish whatever literature work you start. The servant of the Lord has said: "Be faithful minutemen, to show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." Faithfulness in literature work will bring stupendous results.

### The Power of the Printed Page A Bible and Testimony Study

J. J. STRAHLE

1. IN carrying forward the Lord's work on earth, by what power has God decreed it shall be done? Zech. 4: 6 (last part).
2. To whom belongs all power? Ps. 62: 11; Matt. 28: 18-20.
3. What will again be manifested as the gospel is closing in the day of God's power? Ps. 110: 3.
4. Just before the end, what movement represented by an angel did the prophet John see going on in the earth? Rev. 18: 1.
5. What is said as to how powerful the printed page would be in radiating light?

"In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from

heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VII, p. 140.

6. As we go forth with the printed page filled with precious truth for this time, enlightening the people, what is it our privilege to experience? Isa. 41: 10; Joshua 1: 9; Ps. 126: 6.

7. How effective is our truth-filled literature?

"The printed page passed along down the drift of months and years, giving its message of hope and warning in undiminishing power, never faltering in its power of statement, but silently convincing, no matter how determinedly antagonistic that one might be whom the Spirit of God would convince of truth."

8. How far-reaching is the printed page?

The printed page is man's greatest helper in reaching the majority of persons for their spiritual good and future welfare.

9. How important does the Lord consider our publications?

"Papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people. In enlightening and confirming souls in the truth, the publications will do a far greater work than can be accomplished by the ministry of the word alone."—*Manual for Convoysers*, p. 8.

10. What are we admonished to do in this our day?

"Let the workers go from house to house, . . . circulating the publications, telling others of the light that has blessed their own souls. Let literature be distributed judiciously, on the trains, in the street, on the great ships that ply the sea, and through the mails."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 123.

NOTE.—The servant of God has given us much instruction, pointing out to us the "power of the printed page," and has emphasized the importance of circulating it everywhere, so as to bring lost men and women in touch with the message for this time. We believe that our church members will respond most heartily to the calls for means to help publish the message of the third angel in these latter days.

### Wesley's Vision of Literature Ministry

WESLEY had quite a modern conception of the possibilities of the press as a teaching instrument, and as early as 1747 he had organized a tract society. Two years later he began to compile the "Christian Library," a series of fifty volumes. A Methodist might be poor, but Wesley was determined he should not be illiterate. Later he taught his helpers that to put a good book into a home was to plant into it a permanent civilizing force; and so they must sell books as diligently as they preached sermons. He says: "Let each of you do like William Pennington: carry books with you through every round. Exert yourselves in this. Be not ashamed. Be not weary. Leave no stone unturned." To one of his preachers he writes: "It is of unspeakable use to spread our practical tracts in every society. Billy Pennington, in one year, sold more of these in Cornwall than had been sold for seven years before. So may you, if you take the same method. Carry one sort of book with you the first time you go the round; another sort the second time; and so on. Preach on the subject at each place, and, after preaching, encourage the congregation to buy and read the tract."—*Wesley and His Century*, pp. 358, 359.

### Value of Literature Ministry in Soul Winning

C. S. PROUT

BEFORE Jesus ascended on high He said, "The gospel must first be published among all nations." With prophetic eye the Saviour must have beheld our day, with the thousands of printing presses, daily turning out gospel-filled literature in nearly every language under heaven. The remarkable progress we have made, and the effectiveness of this mode of disseminating truth is well expressed by Rev. J. S. Gale, the first Protestant missionary to enter Korea forty-three years ago, who wrote thus regarding our work: "Wisely and well has this mission [Seventh-day Adventist] seen beyond the more limited horizon that bounds most of us, and put their emphasis on books, thus reaching a world where no missionary goes; a world that never comes to church; a world that is old, proud, distressed, and needs the light as much as any. I propose that we take our hats off to the Seventh-day Adventists and make them a deep bow. They have had more sense and vision in regard to missionary work

than the rest of us. All other things pass away; printed pages alone remain." Thus you see how others are watching to see what we are doing. And think of the great variety of printed matter we have in our possession as a people; in the form of tracts, periodicals, magazines, and books.

Since we began printing small books, known as the World's Crisis Series, up to Feb. 1, 1928, with no report from Hamburg, Brookfield, or Inter-America, we have printed and sent out 12,200,000 copies. Laying each page side by side, counting 128 pages to each book, this line would extend 110,453 miles. It would more than belt the globe at the equator four times. This same plan of calculating could be followed with periodicals and larger books as well as tracts, and the results would be astounding.

Tract distribution is one of the most effective and important phases of literature ministry. Our statistical report for the first six months of 1927, shows that Seventh-day Adventists circulated 1,670,137 tracts, and perhaps many thousands more which were never reported. A tract a day is our slogan. This means that 40,191,608 tracts would be distributed each year by Seventh-day Adventists in North America, or more than 100,000,000 tracts a year by the entire denomination.

From a recent copy of the *Far Eastern Division Outlook* we quote the following: "Friends, it is truly remarkable that during the past year, which has found China so beset with troubles, God has made possible the sale of \$162,100 worth of gospel literature. The natural feeling of antipathy to things Christian has ripened into open hostility to Christianity in large sections of the country. Our colporteurs have faced a difficult task as they have continued their work. Happy indeed were we, and thankful to God, to see the *Signs* circulation stand at over 60,000 copies a month at the close of this most trying year." And this, dear friends, is only a sample of many, many reports which could be produced from various parts of the earth, telling the same story. So when the servant of the Lord wrote, "Our publishing work was established by the direction of God and under His special supervision," it certainly was the truth. We read further from "Testimonies," Vol. VII, p. 140: "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."

Now we hear some one ask, "Does this literature ministry really accomplish any definite results?" The following will serve as a sample of thousands of other testimonies we could reproduce if space and time permitted:

From the *Western Canadian Tidings*: "The Saskatoon church has won a soul through sending out twenty-five copies of the *Present Truth* regularly for twenty weeks. This individual has taken his full stand for the truth. Three other persons have also been won through the Home Bible Study League, and a number of names are coming into the office through reading the little tract, 'Is Jesus Your Friend?' which is being distributed with the Harvest Ingathering. Let us be faithful in the circulation of this little tract."

Brother S. E. Jackson writes: "About the year 1902 some one in the United States learned of the name Alejo Handumon, and sent him the *Watchman* for a period of six months. These were slightly read and hung on a nail, where they remained until the year 1918. At that time Brother Handumon came in contact with a colporteur, and had his interest in present truth aroused. He at once sought his magazines, and began to read them in earnest. About that time it was the privilege of the writer, in company with Pastor E. M. Adams, to visit Mr. Handumon. Since that time a church has been organized and a chapel built in his town, San Enrique.

"Brother Handumon at once began doing missionary work. He gave a tract to a very ungodly man living in a neighboring village. This man did not care for the tract, but he took it home and gave it to his wife, who read it through. Her interest in the second coming of Christ was at once aroused, and she said to her husband: 'When Mr. Handumon comes this way again, you tell him I want to see him.' About this time meetings were started in another village near where this lady lived. She attended whenever she could, and as she went back and forth alone, she often prayed that God would give her a companion. She became converted, and united with the church where the meetings were held. The more she attended, the more interested

she became, and more earnestly she prayed that God would give her companions. As the result of her work and prayers, the evangelists were invited to the village in which she lived, to conduct meetings. It was the privilege of the writer a few weeks ago to visit her in her home, and preach in the little chapel which has been built on their lot. So now we have a church and a chapel in Agusan, all as an indirect result of that person in the United States sending the *Watchman* to an unknown person about the year 1902. These experiences speak in trumpet tones for the splendid work that is being done by our literature."

W. J. Westerman, in the *Australasian Record*, says:

"If any little word of mine may make  
a dark life brighter,  
If any little song of mine may make  
a sad heart lighter,  
God help me speak the helping word."

"Recently one of our brethren had a very interesting experience. He called at a policeman's home, and sold him some of our literature, saying he was endeavoring to do good by circulating interesting reading matter. After purchasing, the policeman said to this brother, 'Now I am going to take you at your word, as you say you are anxious to help others. I have a man, a drunkard, whom I locked up at four o'clock in the morning. I want you to come and talk with him.'

"As the door was opened where the man lay, the brother thought of the time when he himself might be in such a place for the truth's sake. He received quite a shock as he looked at the poor man, with his face cut and bleeding. He appeared to be a man hardened in sin. The brother said, 'My poor man, I do sympathize with you in your suffering. Is there anything I can do for you? Can I get you a drink of water?' The man immediately replied, 'Yes, sir, I would be glad to have some water?' After the policeman had supplied him with a drink, our brother spoke further kindly words to him, assuring him that the Lord Jesus could help him to better things. The man was greatly moved and his heart made very tender. He said, 'We chaps are not accustomed to sympathy. Thanks very much.'

"The policeman expressed appreciation of our brother's visit and the kindly way he had spoken to this man. 'No sooner is the name of Jesus mentioned in love and tenderness than angels of God draw near to soften and subdue hearts.'

"Where the home is cheerless and the board is bare,  
Where the children never hear the voice of prayer,  
Where the drunkard rages o'er the wife's despair,  
With my Saviour I must hasten there."

Two contrasting letters, which represent many that come to *Present Truth*, were recently received in the same mail. One was from a brother who assures *Present Truth* that he has put thousands of copies of this paper in a large area his business requires him to cover once a year; that he has literally sown them in some places, and has not heard of one person becoming interested as the result of the papers he has put out.

The other is from a brother who is an artist; and, being unable to work full time in his studio, spends his forenoons systematically circulating *Present Truth* and delivering Crisis books to such as he finds interested and prepared for study on certain subjects. His further plan is to get the readers of the small books on the *Signs* subscription list, and finally to provide them with our large books. He has a good interest in the community where he is day by day systematically placing this literature; and in addition, he has two adults who have accepted the truth as the result of his personal work during the past year.

The suggestion apparent in these two letters should be sufficient to encourage all to try the systematic method of missionary work, rather than to continue spending money and time in the promiscuous method without results.

SARCASM is the language of the devil; for which reason I have long since as good as renounced it.—*Thomas Carlyle*.

Do good constantly, patiently, and wisely, and you will never have cause to say that life was not worth living.—*George W. Childs*.

## The Call for Help

"SOMEBODY near you is struggling alone  
Over life's desert sand;  
Faith, hope, and courage together are gone,  
Reach him a helping hand;  
Turn on his darkness a beam of your light;  
Kindle, to guide him, a beacon fire bright;  
Cheer his discouragement, soothe his affright;  
Lovingly help him to stand.

"Somebody near you is hungry and cold;  
Send him some aid to-day.  
Somebody near you is feeble and old,  
Left without human stay.  
Under his burdens put hands kind and strong;  
Speak to him tenderly, sing him a song;  
Haste to do something to help him along  
Over his weary way."

## Saying and Doing

SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS is not true righteousness, and those who cling to it will be left to take the consequences of holding a fatal deception. Many to-day claim to obey the commandments of God, but they have not the love of God in their hearts to flow forth to others. Christ calls them to unite with Him in His work for the saving of the world, but they content themselves with saying, "I go, sir." They do not go. They do not co-operate with those who are doing God's service. They are idlers. Like the unfaithful son, they make false promises to God. In taking upon themselves the solemn covenant of the church they have pledged themselves to receive and obey the word of God, to give themselves to God's service, but they do not do this. In profession they claim to be sons of God, but in life and character they deny the relationship. They do not surrender the will to God. They are living a lie.

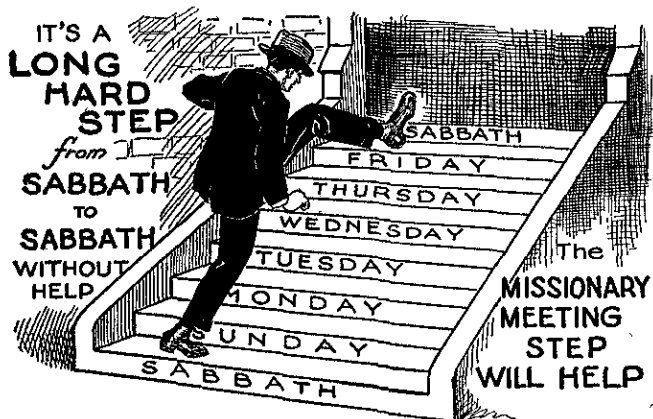
The promise of obedience they appear to fulfill when this involves no sacrifice; but when self-denial and self-sacrifice are required, when they see the cross to be lifted, they draw back. Thus the conviction of duty wears away, and known transgression of God's commandments becomes habit. The ear may hear God's word, but the spiritual perceptive powers have departed. The heart is hardened, the conscience seared.

Do not think that because you do not manifest decided hostility to Christ you are doing Him service. We thus deceive our own souls. By withholding that which God has given us to use in His service, be it time or means or any other of His intrusted gifts, we work against Him.

We can never be saved in indolence and inactivity. There is no such thing as a truly converted person living a helpless, useless life. It is not possible for us to drift into heaven. No sluggard can enter there. If we do not strive to gain an entrance into the kingdom, if we do not seek earnestly to learn what constitutes its laws, we are not fitted for a part in it. Those who refuse to co-operate with God on earth, would not co-operate with Him in heaven. It would not be safe to take them to heaven. . . .

In the command, "Go work to-day in My vineyard," the test of sincerity is brought to every soul. Will there be deeds as well as words? Will the one called put to use all the knowledge he has, working faithfully, disinterestedly, for the Owner of the vineyard? . . .

If you cultivate faithfully the vineyard of your soul, God is making you a laborer together with Himself. And you will have a work to do not only for yourself, but for others. In representing the church as the vineyard, Christ does not teach that we are to restrict our sympathies and labors to our own numbers. The Lord's vineyard is to be enlarged. In all parts of the earth He desires it to be extended. As we receive the instruction and grace of God, we should impart to others a knowledge of how to care for the precious plants. Thus we may extend the vineyard of the Lord. God is watching for evidence of our faith, love, and patience. He looks to see if we are using every spiritual advantage to become skillful workers in His vineyard on earth, that we may enter the Paradise of God, that Eden home from which Adam and Eve were excluded by transgression.—*Mrs. E. G. White*, in "*Christ's Object Lessons*," pp. 279-282.



## Missionary Meeting Suggestions

### First Week

TOPIC: "Personal Soul Winning."

TEXT: John 1: 40-42.

SEED THOUGHTS: "If soul winning in a large way is to be accomplished by the mass of church members, the germ must first find lodgment in the individual consciousness, a heart aflame with love for Christ, and a passion for lost souls. It will never come through a general consideration of the case. It is of no use for a man to sit down with pencil and paper to figure out how continents can be won for Christ and how the church as a great army may move forward to the conquest, if he has inconsistently failed to give personally the gospel invitation to the poor dying soul living next door to him."—*Selected.*

"Everywhere there is a tendency to substitute the work of organizations for individual effort. Human wisdom tends to consolidation, to centralization, to the building up of great churches and institutions. Multitudes leave to institutions and organizations the work of benevolence; they excuse themselves from contact with the world, and their hearts grow cold. They become self-absorbed and unimpressible. Love for God and man dies out of the soul. Christ commits to His followers an individual work,—a work that cannot be done by proxy. Ministry to the sick and the poor, the giving of the gospel to the lost, is not to be left to committees or organized charities. Individual responsibility, individual effort, personal sacrifice, is the requirement of the gospel."—*"The Ministry of Healing," page 147.*

Stress especially the necessity of every individual soul taking upon himself the responsibility of engaging in the Missions Extension Fund work this week. It affords a wonderful opportunity for winning souls.

### Second Week

TOPIC: "Loving the Lost."

TEXT: Mark 6: 34.

SEED THOUGHTS: "The life of Christ was an ever-widening, shoreless influence, an influence that bound Him to God and to the whole human family. Through Christ, God has invested man with an influence that makes it impossible for him to live to Himself. Individually we are connected with our fellow men, a part of God's great whole, and we stand under mutual obligations. No man can be independent of his fellow men; for the well-being of each affects others. It is God's purpose that each shall feel himself necessary to others' welfare, and seek to promote their happiness."—*"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 339.* And we are told that because "iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." We are living in constant danger of growing insensible to the great responsibility which each should bear,—that of loving lost souls and putting forth an individual effort to save them. Jesus looked upon the multitudes with compassion, beholding them as sheep without a shepherd. He loved sinners, though He hated the sin. He pitied humanity, and longed to save them. His longing was manifested in loving ministry which many times extended through long periods with no rest or relaxation.

Spend much time in prayer for a greater passion for the lost, in the home, in the neighborhood and in the church. When we think that God loved souls so much that He was willing to choose the costliest method to save them, we can well afford

to spend more time praying for love and compassion for them.

During this month much time can well be spent in emphasizing the importance of actually selling literature, and giving for the Mission Extension work. How rapidly the message is being given through this agency alone, can be shown by the Big Week literature which has been sent to each church.

### Third Week

TOPIC: "Power for Witnessing for Christ."

TEXT: Acts 1: 5, 8.

SEED THOUGHTS: "From the beginning God has been working by His Holy Spirit through human instrumentalities for the accomplishment of His purpose in behalf of the fallen race. . . . To the church in the wilderness . . . God gave His 'good Spirit to instruct them.' And in the days of the apostles He wrought mightily for His church through the agency of the Holy Spirit. The same power that sustained the patriarchs, that gave Caleb and Joshua faith and courage, and that made the work of the apostolic church effective, has upheld God's children in every succeeding age. . . .

"And to-day . . . the Spirit of the Almighty is moving upon men's hearts, and those who respond to its influence become witnesses for God and His truth. . . . As they continue to let their light shine, . . . they receive more and still more of the Spirit's power. Thus the earth is to be lightened with the glory of God."—*"The Acts of the Apostles," pp. 53, 54.*

In this text the Lord commissions each believer as a witness and this presupposes that one has a testimony of some personal experience in the things of Christ. This experience can be obtained only as one's heart is touched with the Holy Spirit, victory over sin obtained, and the blessings of the new life found in the soul. What greater testimony can one hear than this? When such an experience is enjoyed, it becomes a shameful sin to fail to hear witness to it. This witnessing can be done in prayer meeting and in personal service. During this Big Week for Missions Extension work every child of God will have an opportunity of bearing witness to the power of the truth.

### Fourth Week

TOPIC: "Bible Methods of Soul Winning."

TEXT: Acts 8: 4, 5.

SEED THOUGHTS: "After the descent of the Holy Spirit, the disciples went forth to proclaim a risen Saviour, their one desire the salvation of souls."—*"Testimonies," Vol. VIII, p. 241.* "Why has the history of the work of the disciples, as they labored with holy zeal, animated and vitalized by the Holy Spirit, been recorded, if it is not that from this record the Lord's people to-day are to gain an inspiration to work earnestly for Him? What the Lord did for His people in that time, it is just as essential, and more so, that He do for His people to-day. All that the apostles did, every church member to-day is to do. And we are to work with as much fervor, to be accompanied by the Holy Spirit in as much greater measure, as the increase of wickedness demands a more decided call to repentance."—*Id., Vol. VII, p. 33.* The methods these disciples used in accomplishing this mighty work are just as effective to-day. They went from house to house, meeting people, telling the grand story of redemption. The holy consecration lighted their faces and great earnestness possessed them, until men and women were made to cry out, "Men and brethren, what must we do to be saved?"

Every lay member can give Bible readings. Here refer to the little book published by the General Conference Home Missionary Department on "How to Give Bible Studies." A class should be organized, and where there is a conference Bible worker obtainable she undoubtedly would gladly join in helping instruct this class of laymen. This work is being revived in many places, and it proves to be very effective in winning souls to Christ. Read "Testimonies," Vol. IX, pp. 111, 127, 123, 34; Vol. VII, pp. 21, 127.

Again urge home the importance of the Big Week campaign, and have members relate their experiences in doing this work.

### Fifth Week

TOPIC: "The One-Soul Audience."

TEXT: John 4: 5-29.

SEED THOUGHTS: "The work of Christ was largely made up of personal interviews. He had a faithful regard for the one-

soul audience. From that one soul the intelligence received was carried to thousands."—*Testimonies, Vol. VI, p. 115.*

"He was faint and weary; yet He did not neglect the opportunity of speaking to one woman, though she was a stranger, an alien from Israel, and living in open sin."—*The Desire of Ages, p. 194.* "There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. If less time were given to sermonizing, and more time were spent in personal ministry, greater results would be seen."—*The Ministry of Healing, p. 143.*

"We are not to wait for souls to come to us; we must seek them out where they are. When the word has been preached in the pulpit, the work has but just begun. There are multitudes who will never be reached by the gospel unless it is carried to them."—*Christ's Object Lessons, p. 229.*

**NOTE.**—During this week special stress will be laid upon the necessity of every Seventh-day Adventist's reading the *Review and Herald*, in order that all may be kept informed first-hand regarding the progress of this message. Urge this in your church, and see how many subscriptions can be obtained at this time. This matter should also be presented on Sabbath, following this meeting.

### My Prayer

"I do not ask, O Lord, that life may be  
A pleasant road;  
I do not ask that Thou wouldst take from me  
Aught of its load:  
I do not ask that flowers should always spring  
Beneath my feet;  
I know too well the poison and the sting  
Of things too sweet.  
For one thing only, Lord, dear Lord, I plead,  
Lead me aright,—  
Though strength should falter and though heart  
should bleed,—  
Through peace to light.

"I do not ask, O Lord, that Thou shouldst shed  
Full radiance here;  
Give but a ray of peace, that I may tread  
Without a fear.  
I do not ask my cross to understand,  
My way to see;  
Better in darkness just to feel Thy hand,  
And follow Thee.  
Joy is like restless day, but peace divine  
Like quiet night;  
Lead me, O Lord, till perfect day shall shine  
Through peace to light."

### The Law of the Lily

WHY should the Christian ever attempt to take God's responsibilities from Him? Or again, why should the Christian ever fear or wonder whether God is going to meet His responsibilities? A Christian writer has said, "The disciples are concerned about the future. They tremble for the little flock which they are asked to believe is destined for a world-wide triumph, but has not sufficient food and clothing to lift it above dull care. And the Master points them, not to the sage who knows how to endure, nor to the prophet who knows how to fling the glorifying light of eternity upon the dark places of time, nor to the statesman who can save a distressed cause by his sagacious counsel, but to the lilies of the field. 'They toil not, neither do they spin; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.' As we ponder the miracle of the glory of the lily, it comes to us that, however important toiling and spinning are in their proper sphere, they none the less belong to the circumference rather than to the center. At the heart of life rules the law of the lily." The lily unconsciously trusts God. We are to do it consciously. It is a safe risk! "Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?"—*Sunday School Times.*

"THE appreciation of the Bible grows with its study. Whichever way the student may turn, he will find displayed the infinite wisdom and love of God."—*Christ's Object Lessons, p. 132.*



### Spiritual Awakening Among the Laity

THE following word from Elder J. H. Roth, president of North Argentine Conference, South America, tells of a situation unparalleled in the history of that field:

"Before me lie seven formal requests for public efforts. Some are signed by Seventh-day Adventists who are pleading in behalf of their city or town, while others are signed by non-believers who are calling for an explanation of 'these things.' All of these are a true index of the unparalleled spiritual awakening which is being manifested in all parts of our field.

"In one of these requests the writer speaks of a doctor of medicine of his town who offers a hall free of charge in which we could hold religious meetings, and yet, because of the limited number of laborers and the scarcity of means, we are obliged to ask the people of this place and of two other places to wait a little longer before we will be able to send them a minister. Four of the calls will be answered during the month of September [1927]. This has been made possible by the co-operation of the South American Division in giving us the services of two of their ablest men along evangelical lines, and by the co-operation of the lay members who have offered to give their time and in some cases to pay their own expense to connect with an effort. The divisional men will unite their efforts, one with the president of the conference and the other with the secretary and treasurer. I am confident of good results from these efforts.

"The lay members of our churches have caught the spirit, and in many cases where they lacked the leadership of a home missionary secretary, they started out with their automobiles, going long distances, to hold cottage meetings, distribute literature, and give Bible readings. These efforts, in many cases, had definite results in the salvation of souls. August 20 we baptized twelve believers, received eight into church fellowship upon profession of faith, and organized a church of thirty-four members, all of which was made possible, to a large degree, by the efforts of our laity.

"In another place Elder Godfredo Bloek baptized eight persons on the same date, seven of whom were to a large measure the fruits of one of our isolated brethren, who began the work by distributing literature among his townfolk. The following Sabbath, August 29, we had another baptism of eleven persons. These had been won largely from the Waldenses by one of our lay members who had been elected by them as their Sunday school superintendent, which office he discharged faithfully for two years. Naturally the efforts of this lay brother had to be seconded by a public effort, conducted by Brother Samuel Weher and the writer in the months of June and July of the present year.

"The Crespo church has plans for next Sabbath, September 10, in which some ten or twelve are to be buried with their Lord in baptism. All of these conversions are the result of cottage meetings and Bible readings given by the elder of the church and seconded by the home missionary secretary.

"Somehow as we hear these calls and see this spiritual awakening among our laity, the thought of the cutting short in righteousness of the work comes to us in a newer and stronger light than ever before.

"The cries for gospel help have not only stirred our lay members into missionary activities, but also into faithfulness in tithe paying, which resulted in a substantial increase of tithe over the first six months of the preceding year, and this in spite of almost a total crop failure."

THE talent of success is doing what you can do well, and doing well whatever you do.—*Longfellow.*

# Junior Missionary Volunteer Meetings

## Suggestions to Junior Superintendents

IN most Junior societies the Missionary Volunteer meeting is a different proposition in the summer months from what it has been during the winter months, which are naturally more suited to study and memory work. Especially will it be different in school Junior societies, and the danger is that they will drift. In these societies which have been bound together by school life, the Junior superintendent (who is usually the teacher) should earnestly seek to have a competent summer superintendent appointed. It is very appropriate that we should come just now in our study of the Junior Manual to Chapter IV, "The Missionary Volunteer Meetings." Doubtless you have already read the chapter, but study it now with the needs of your specific Junior society definitely in mind. It would be quite in place to take at least the officers of the society with you into this study on—

1. Nature and Length of the Meeting.
2. Order and Reverence.
3. Time of Meeting.
4. Preparation for the Program.
5. Getting Co-operation.
6. Suggestions for Informal Meetings.

Suggestions for the camp meeting program and prayer bands, on missions offerings, also reports of work, are given in the Suggestions to Senior M. V. Leaders, page 11. Be sure to read them.

## A Summer Suggestion for Juniors

(For Week Ending May 5)

### Suggestive Program

Songs With a Missionary Spirit.

Secretary's Report.

Reports of Missionary Work, and Assignments of Work.

Song: "What Are You Doing for Jesus?" (No. 542 in "Christ in Song.")

Scripture Text: Mark 16:15. (Memorize the text, and follow it with the blackboard quotation.)

Prayer. "By prayer we may gain an experience which will make our service for God a perfect success."

Song: "Working, O Christ, With Thee." (No. 477 in "Christ in Song.")

Leader's Introduction. ("How shall I spend my summer vacation?") is a question in the mind of every live Junior just now as school closes.

Our program this morning will be a study of a threefold opportunity, — to be in training, to earn money, and to have a good time.

Doesn't that sound good, Juniors?

Talk: "God's Call to the Junior Canvasser."

Duet: "Hark, I Hear My Name." (No. 256 in "Gospel in Song." Suggest that each Junior listen to God's call to him as the song is sung.)

Symposium: "Experiences of Successful Junior Canvassers."

Selling Points for Junior Canvassers. (Have these on the blackboard where all can see while one Junior slowly gives the eight points.)

Song: "Here Am I; Send Me." (No. 641 in "Christ in Song.")

Junior Superintendent's Remarks. (See Notes to Junior Superintendent on earning tuition money. Drill upon the canvass by having the society repeat several times in concert. Call upon Juniors to come forward and canvass the society, applying the eight selling points. Call for all Juniors who are willing, with their parents' consent, to become Junior canvassers this summer, to stand.)

Prayer for Consecration. (While Juniors are standing, close with a prayer of consecration, asking God to give them special success in this work for Him.)

(To Frances A. Howell, who has had successful experiences in Little Friend work with our Juniors, we are indebted for this program.)

### Blackboard Thought

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," is Christ's command to His followers. Not that all are called to be ministers or missionaries in the ordinary sense of the term; but all may be workers with Him in giving the "glad tidings" to their fellow men. To all, great or small, learned or ignorant, old or young, the command is given.—"Education," p. 264.

### Notes to Junior Superintendents

**Chaperones.**—The exposure to dangers of all kinds is too great to allow any child to become a *Little Friend* canvasser unchaperoned. If parents cannot go out with their children, appeal to members of the church to assist. General supervision of this work for the summer should be in the hands of a strong Junior leader appointed by the church who will give watchful attention to the needs of the Juniors.

**Experience meetings** with the Juniors will prove a great incentive to hold on and press on in this work.

**Territory.**—Arrange with your school board and church pastor or elder for suitable and sufficient territory for each Junior desiring to canvass.

**Earning Tuition Money.**—Aside from the experiences to be gained in selling *Little Friends* for the Lord, this is an oppor-

tunity for the Junior to earn his tuition money for the coming school year. The paper sells for five cents a copy. Three cents go to the publishers, leaving two cents profit for tuition. Estimate the number of papers a Junior would have to sell in order to earn his entire tuition money.

### Talk: "God's Call to the Junior Canvasser"

Has a messenger boy ever called at your home with a message from Western Union? With what a firm, quick step he bounds up your stairs and rings your bell. He has come on important business. His ring brings you to the door at once. He has no apology to make for disturbing you, for he has come with a message from Western Union.

Junior Missionary Volunteer canvassers are messenger boys and girls. They do not carry a message from the telegraph office of Western Union; they carry a message from the telegraph office of heaven. It is a summons to get ready quickly to meet Jesus. What a privilege to be God's messenger! Why should not we also bound up the stairs with a firm, quick step that says that we have come on important business for God. People are waiting for the message we carry. Many times they say to our canvassers, "I have waited so long for you to come with that book (or that paper)."

God is calling for an army of Junior canvassers to go into His messenger service for the summer. A special paper filled with gospel stories for Juniors is ready for circulation. It is *Our Little Friend*. We might call it the "Junior Signs of the Times," for it will do for Juniors what the *Signs of the Times* will do for their parents.

If placed in the homes of the people, *Our Little Friend* will turn the hearts of boys and girls to Jesus. Many will desire to know more. They will accept your invitation to go to Sabbath school. As they learn more and more of God's message, they will tell their parents, and thus parents will find their way to God.

Junior, will you be God's *Little Friend* messenger this coming summer? God is calling you to service. He is calling you by name, for He knows your name and all about you. Your part, Junior, is to carry the paper, ring the bell, and give your canvass. When you have done your part, God will do the rest. God never fails to do His part; let us not fail to do our part.

### Symposium: "Experiences of Successful Junior Canvassers"

1. "I love to sell *Little Friends*, for it is a privilege to be God's messenger to Juniors who do not know Him. I recommend this work to Juniors who want to have a good time this vacation."

2. "Do not be discouraged if at first you do not seem to succeed in this work. When I began, I sold only one paper the first day; the second day, two papers; the third day, three papers; but the fourth day, fifty papers. Do not become discouraged, for success will be yours if you keep working."

3. "From the first I seemed to have very good success in this work, but one day I simply could not sell papers. What was the trouble? I was giving the same canvass. Yes, I was doing everything just as at first—except that I had stopped praying. A Junior who forgets to pray cannot sell *Little Friends*. When I lifted my heart to God, I began to sell again. Much prayer will bring much success."

4. Ring, ring, ring, Hear the doorbell! There stands a boy with papers under his arm. How quietly he stands! He seems to have come on very important business. Let us open the door.

"Good afternoon. Who are you? and what do you want?"

The boy quickly removes his cap and holds it in his hand while he speaks: "I am a Junior from the Seventh-day Adventist camp ground. I wish to introduce to you *Our Little Friend*. It is a fine little paper, full of character-building stories. Every home needs this paper. I shall be pleased to leave one in your home for the small sum of 5 cents. Please let me leave one with you to-day."

"I could not refuse such a courteous boy," said the lady. "I believe what you say. It must be a good paper. Thank you for bringing it to me."

"It pays to be courteous," thought the Junior as he walked down the stairs. "This lady may be saved in the kingdom because of this visit. I am happy to be a *Little Friend* worker!"

### Canvass for "Our Little Friend"

This is to introduce to you *Our Little Friend*. It is a fine little paper, full of character-building stories. Every boy and girl should read this paper. I am pleased to leave it in your home for the small sum of five cents.

### Selling Points for Junior Canvassers

1. Be sure to talk to Jesus a great deal about this work you expect to do. The Junior canvasser who prays earnestly can sell *Friends*.
2. As you go to the houses, run up the stairs lightly, or if you are entering an office, close the door softly after you.
3. After ringing the bell, pray as you wait for your prospective customer.
4. Be sure you know how to smile, and smile as the door opens.
5. Speak slowly and distinctly, but give your canvass with spirit.
6. Be courteous. If you are a boy, hold your cap in your hand as you give your canvass. Remember "Yes, sir" and "Yes, ma'am," "Pardon me," and "Thank you," as the occasion demands these courtesies.
7. If you do not succeed in making a sale, hold on to your smile. Retire with a smiling, "Thank you, just the same."
8. Loud talking and laughing should be strictly avoided among Juniors as they go out in this sacred work. Foolishness will grieve your angel helpers away. It will close the doors of the people to the *Little Friend*.
9. Handle your papers very carefully. Untidy papers will not sell. Hold your papers at your side, making them as inconspicuous as possible as you go down the streets and up to the houses.

## Because We Love Mother

(For Week Ending May 12)

### Suggestive Program

- Song Service.** (Sings that our mothers have taught us to love, or Nos. 86, 867, and 580 in "Christ in Song.")
- Offering and Reports.**
- Bible Story.** (Have a Junior prepared to tell the story of a mother mentioned in the Bible, without giving her name, the others guessing who she is. Or, read "Blessing the Children," page 141, "True Education Reader," Book V.)
- Prayer by Three Juniors.** (That God will bless our mothers, thank Him for them, and ask Him to help us show our love for them.)
- Greeting:** "Welcome."
- Leader's Talk:** "Our Mothers." (Visit your community library and get the story of the origin of Mother's Day. Also, see talk, "Mothers of Men.")
- Song:** "Mother Love."
- Exercise:** "Guess Who."
- Story:** "The S.P.C.M." ("True Education Reader," Book V, p. 116. Or, "Human Hands," Book VI, p. 240.)
- Recitation:** "My Mother's Hands." ("True Education Reader," Book V, p. 122.)
- Mother's Box:** "Because We Love Mother." (Previous to this program place a box where Juniors may slip in thoughts which they have written about their mothers. Some may be things they expect to do for her, others will tell how much they love her. These should be read by the Junior superintendent. Names may or may not be given, at your discretion.)
- Motion Exercise:** "The Little Carnations." (We are indebted to Misses Lillian A. Anderson and Helen Edwards for their kindness in preparing this program.)

*Aim to-day* to make this not a mere program which will be forgotten soon after it is given, but instill within the hearts of the Juniors greater love for home and for mother. Urge them to make every day Mother's Day. Emphasize that one of Jesus' last thoughts before His death was for His mother. John 19: 25-27.

Advertise several weeks ahead. Give a written or oral invitation to every mother in your community. Invite the fathers to join you. Perhaps one of them will give a talk on "Honoring Mother," or about his own mother.

### The Little Carnations

1. Open eyes wide.
2. Point east.
3. Yawn.
4. Stretch.
5. Nod.
6. Hold up two fingers of right hand.
7. Hold up two more fingers of right hand.
8. Hold up two fingers of left hand.
9. Smile.
10. Nod.
11. Shake skirts.
12. Toss heads.
13. Reach out hands as if plucking flowers.
14. Step back several paces quickly.
15. Give carnations to mothers in audience.

Six little carnations awoke<sup>1</sup> one bright morn,  
When the sun<sup>2</sup> was just creeping to view;  
And they yawned<sup>3</sup> and they stretched<sup>4</sup> and nodded<sup>5</sup> their heads,  
Much the same as small children might do.

Two<sup>6</sup> were bright red and two<sup>7</sup> were pale pink,  
And the other two<sup>8</sup> white as the snow,  
They smiled<sup>9</sup> and they nodded,<sup>10</sup> they shook<sup>11</sup> their gay skirts,  
As they stood in a brave little row.

Then along came six maidens as fresh as the dew,  
Dear curly-haired,<sup>12</sup> laughing-eyed elves,  
As they spied the carnations, all spicy and sweet,  
They looked like carnations themselves.

Reaching<sup>13</sup> out eager hands, they plucked the bright flowers,  
Then happily hurried away,<sup>14</sup>  
To give the sweet flowers to mother, so dear,  
For you see this was Mother's own day.

### Welcome

(Recited in concert by several tiny tots)

We give you a greeting  
O mothers so dear;  
We're all pleased to see you  
And welcome you here.  
We give you a greeting,  
And that heartily,  
And hope that among us  
You oft-times will be.  
We always will give you  
A welcome right true;  
So, welcome, dear mothers,  
A welcome to you.

### Talk: "Mothers of Men"

SOME one has said that when God wants a great man for a great work, He first sends a great woman to be that man's mother. The testimony of successful men in acknowledgment of the boundless debt they owe to their mothers, would make a record stretching from the gates of Eden to the present hour. Indeed, there are few men who have become great who do not owe a large measure of their success to a mother's love and inspiration.

"My mother was the making of me," said Thomas Edison. "She was so true, so sure of me; and I felt that I had some one to live for, some one I must not disappoint."

"All that I have ever accomplished in my life," declared Dwight L. Moody, the great evangelist, "I owe to my mother."

The inspiration of a mother's love and encouragement is well illustrated by a little incident of school life. Three small boys in the primer class had been reading anecdotes from the life of George Washington. At the close of the reading the teacher, desiring to impress a practical lesson upon their childish hearts, paused a moment to inquire of the boys concerning their future aspirations. "Johnny," said she, "when you grow to be a man, what are you going to be?"

With a heaving face he replied, "I'm going to be a minister, my mamma says I am."

Turning to Jimmy she put the question again: "Jimmy, when you grow to be a man, what are you going to be?"

With equal enthusiasm Jimmy replied, "I'm going to be a doctor, my mamma says I am."

Then turning to Bobby, the third time she asked the question: "Bobby, when you grow to be a man, what are you going to be?"

Bobby's face lengthened. He paused a moment and then stammered with considerable emotion, "I ain't goin' to be nothin', my mamma says I ain't."

A generation ago an old-fashioned motto was found frequently in the homes of our people, bearing the inscription, "What is home without a mother?" The greatest need in America to-day is that of old-fashioned mothers who realize that "the greatest gift in the world is motherhood, and that the mightiest institution on earth is the home."

"O little homes, set close at every hand,  
Ye narrow, walled-in worlds of joys and tears,  
Built of the common place of smiles and tears,  
Ye are the heart and sinew of the land."

As President Coolidge declares, "The destiny, the greatness, of America lies around the hearthstone. If thrift and industry are taught there and the example of self-sacrifice oft appears; if honor abide there, and high ideals; if the building of fortune be subordinate to the building of character, America will live in security, rejoicing in abundant prosperity and good government at home, and in peace, respect, and confidence abroad. If these virtues be absent, there is no power that can supply these blessings. Look well then to the hearthstone. Therein all hope for America lies."



The thought is epitomized by William Ross Wallace in the following stanza:

"They say that man is mighty, he governs land and sea;  
He wields a mighty scepter o'er lesser powers that be;  
But a mightier power, and stronger, man from his throne has  
hurled,  
For the hand that rocks the cradle, is the hand that rules the  
world."

I think of President James Abram Garfield, who was outstanding because of the noble character qualities of his life. In our first picture we see him as a little lad of eighteen months, sitting on his mother's knee before the cabin door in the backwoods of Ohio. The mother is weeping because of the great sorrow which has recently come into her life through the sudden death of her husband. There she faces the future. Her heart is uplifted to God in prayer to save her little family from possible starvation, which apparently was their doom. A few years later we see the boyish hands striving earnestly to assist the mother in clearing a little patch of ground on which they hope to raise the necessities of life. A few years more have passed, and he is driving mules on the canal towpath in order to earn a few dollars for the family welfare.

Later he enters Hiram College, and works at odd jobs and planes boards for two cents each, in order to secure the beginnings of his education. He teaches school for \$12 a month and "boards around," then goes back to college to complete his education. Twenty-five years from the time he rang the doorbell to apply for admittance to Hiram College, James A. Garfield became president of the United States. On the day of his inauguration, after the ceremonies, his first official act in the Presidency was to turn and kiss his aged mother. And she, speaking to a very close friend, remarked that this was the proudest and happiest moment of her life.

Because of all that mother means to each of us in love, in sacrifice, and inspiration, what can be more appropriate than that we do all we can to make Mother's Day significant by specially honoring our mothers?

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President Walla Walla College.

**Exercise: "Guess Who"**

(Seven small children, six of whom carry letters spelling "Mother." Hold letters behind backs until each speaks.)

- No. 1. We're telling you of some one's name  
That has six letters in it;  
And when we show the things she does,  
You'll guess it in a minute.
- No. 2. Mends our stockings every day.
- No. 3. Oils our carts so we can play.
- No. 4. Thanks us if we help her out.
- No. 5. Has a kiss for frown and pout.
- No. 6. Each day plans a new surprise.
- No. 7. Reads stories, sings lullabies.

**Be Courteous and Obedient**

(For Week Ending May 19)

**Suggestive Program**

- Song Service. (Nos. 55, 580, 581, 486, 739, and 495 in "Christ in Song," 263 and 254 in "Gospel in Song.")
- Several Prayers by Juniors. (Asking God to help them to be courteous and obedient.)
- Reports and Offering.
- Leader's Talk: "What It Means."
- Blackboard Exercise: "I Will."
- Recitation: "True Courtesy." (Also see "Magic Keys," "True Education Reader," Book III, p. 41.)
- Story: "Polite Away From Home." (See "True Education Reader," Book III, p. 187; or "Good Manners," Book V, p. 230.)
- Superintendent's Talk: "A Man Who Obeyed."
- Symposium: "Does Obedience Pay?" (Give the names of Bible characters to Juniors, asking each to tell one incident in the life of that character showing his obedience to God and the result in blessing; also one of disobedience in the life of the same character and its result. For example, Jonah's disobedience got himself and others into great trouble (Tell story. See book of Jonah) while by obedience he was the instrument in God's hands of saving a great city. Saul; 1 Samuel 9, also 10, stressing verses 9 and 24; 1 Samuel 15.)
- A Question Box.
- Closing Song: "Jesus Calls Us." (No. 168 in "Christ in Song.")
- Repeat the Junior Law.

**Memory Gem**

A kind, courteous Christian is the most powerful argument that can be produced in favor of Christianity.—"Gospel Workers," p. 122.

**Leader's Talk: "What It Means"**

Again we are to study one phase of the Junior law. To-day our program is on that part which says, "I will be courteous and obedient." First, what does it mean to be courteous? Our Junior Manual says, "Courtesy is helpfulness shining out of the heart." Isn't that a good definition? It means more than just politeness, being respectful to those whom we consider our superiors, though that is included in it. It means being nice to people; it means watching for opportunities to help some one. It is unselfish interest in the lives of others and a desire to be of service to them. It will lead us to greet every one kindly, to be ready to help any who may be in need,—the stranger, the poor, the weak, the aged, and those younger than ourselves,—treating them as we would like to be treated. How much the world needs this true courtesy! So often we forget the need of courtesy in our homes. Our fathers' and mothers' hearts are often saddened because we even forget the little courtesies of "thank you" and "please." And do we not forget sometimes to say "thank you" to God, also? We ask Him for many things, and receive many blessings at His hand, for He is our kind heavenly Father, and should we not remember to say "thank you" to Him?

"I will be obedient." Our first duty is obedience to God; then to our parents. We should obey the laws of our land, too, for if every one did as he pleased, life would not be safe. If we are obedient, we will regard the wishes of God and of our parents. A little girl was one time asked by a friend to do something of which she felt her father would not approve. The tempter said, "Your father loves you and won't hurt you." The little girl replied, "That's the very reason I want to obey. I don't want to hurt him because he loves me." God loves us, and it hurts Him when we disobey, so let us be courteous and obedient, because we know God loves us and we do not wish to grieve Him.

**Blackboard Exercise: "I Will"**

(Place the words "Courteous and Obedient" on the blackboard in a vertical position, letting the Juniors fill in the acrostics as here suggested.)

**I WILL**

- O-bey my parents
- B-e good
- E-at for health
- D-o my honest part
- I-nfluence others
- E-nvy no one
- N-ot sin
- T-ell the truth

**I WILL**

- C-are for my body
- O-rder my steps aright
- U-se good language
- R-un God's errands
- T-hink good thoughts
- E-ndeavor to help others
- O-hsERVE God's law
- U-phold the right
- S-peak kindly

**True Courtesy**

FORGET each kindness that you do  
As soon as you have done it;  
Forget the praise that falls to you  
The moment you have won it;  
Forget the slander that you hear  
Before you can repeat it;  
Forget each slight, each spite, each sneer,  
Wherever you may meet it.

Remember every kindness done  
To you, whate'er its measure;  
Remember praise by others won,  
And pass it on with pleasure;  
Remember every promise made,  
And keep it to the letter;  
Remember those who lend you aid  
And be a grateful debtor.

Remember all the happiness  
That comes your way in living;  
Forget each worry and distress,  
Be hopeful and forgiving;  
Remember good, remember truth,  
Remember heaven's above you,  
And you will find, through age and youth,  
True joys, and hearts that love you.

— Youth's Companion.

### Superintendent's Talk: "A Man Who Obeyed"

CALL upon Juniors to read the references throughout this talk. (Read Gen. 12:1.) Stress the fact that Abram really had a very hard choice to make: on one side were his own homeland and family and friends; on the other, a desert journey into an unknown land, leaving behind everything in life that seemed worth while.

Was there any good reason for Abram's going? (Read Gen. 12:1, 2.) Yes, God told him to go, promising a great many good things if he would obey. Nothing hard about that, then, you think! Wait a minute; isn't it hard sometimes to obey God even when we know He has promised only good to those who obey Him? Illustrate by a story you have read of some one who had to make a choice. (The story of "Min Din," found on pp. 218-236, is a good parallel to Abram's experience.) God's call is simply the call to do right.

Later we find Abraham, for now his name has been changed to "father of a multitude," called upon to endure even a harder test of obedience. He lived among the heathen Canaanites, who sometimes sacrificed children to their gods. Abraham, who worshiped the true God, no doubt saw such sacrifices going on among these people, and I wonder if the thought did not sometimes come into his mind, "Would I be willing to do as much for my God as they do for their false gods?"

(Read Gen. 22:2.) A hard test! But with Abraham obedience had become a habit. God's promises to him depend on this only son, he knows: and now God asks that he be offered up! He cannot understand—how he must obey! So he sets out with his boy to the mountains.

Abraham had trained Isaac to obey also. The boy must have known that something unusual was ahead as he started off with his father, but evidently knew nothing of the real plan, for he asked his father about the sacrifice; yet he caught his father's spirit of soldierlike obedience, self-control, and trust in the Commander. There is no record of any struggle or rebellion on the boy's part as the time came for him to be bound and laid on the altar.

How glad both Abraham and Isaac must have been that they obeyed, after it was all over, and the ram had been offered up, and father and son were not separated after all! How sorry and ashamed they would have felt had they rebelled, and then learned that God never intended that Isaac should be killed, but only that he should be offered, as he was! For even Abraham did not know beforehand what God's plan was; but he trusted and obeyed God, and the Lord again promised him great blessing. (Read Gen. 22:15-18.)

### A Question Box

(Give out the following questions to Juniors beforehand, and ask each to come prepared to answer his question. Have duplicate questions in a small box on the table. At the proper time let the leader or superintendent draw a question, the Junior who has that question giving the answer.)

1. Why should we be courteous?
2. What courtesies are needed in our homes?
3. What courtesies will help our school life?
4. Why should we obey God, and how?
5. Can we know what God wants us to do?
6. Why should we obey our parents?
7. Why should we obey the law of the land?
8. How can we help one another to obey?

## Are You Going to Camp Meeting?

(For Week Ending May 26)

### Suggestive Program

Song Service. (Nos. 571, 71, 656, in "Christ in Song.")

Open With Silent Prayer, Closed by the Lord's Prayer in Concert.

Announcements, Offering, Secretary's Report.

Special Music of Your Own Selection.

Leader's Talk: "A Good Time Coming." (Tell the Juniors of Israel's yearly meetings at the command of the Lord. See "Patriarchs and Prophets," pp. 587-642; also Ex. 28:14-16. Give date of your camp meeting, and create atmosphere of interest in it.)

Recitation: "Are You Listening In?" (See p. 14.)

Dialogue: "The Children Plan for Camp Meeting."

An Invitation: "Come to Camp Meeting!"

Song: "Welcome Camp Meeting!"

Story: "Camp Meeting Corn." (See Instructor, May 8. Article by Emma E. Howell.)

Superintendent's Talk: "Heart Preparation." (Thoughts from "Testimonies," Vol. VI, pp. 41-44. This talk and the symposium can well be joined by calling for thoughts from the Juniors throughout the talk.)

Symposium: "Camp Meeting Memories and Plans." (Ask Juniors beforehand to be prepared to talk two minutes on such subjects as: Why I Want to Attend Camp Meeting This Year, My Tent Home at

Camp Meeting, The Junior Meetings, Camp Meeting Sabbath School, Our Camp Meeting Prayer Band, Our Play Times, What Helped Me Most Last Camp Meeting, What I Want to Do This Year at Camp Meeting.)

Closing Song: "Missionary Volunteers." (No. 51 in "Sunshine Songs.") (Mrs. Blanche Hall Markham, Missionary Volunteer secretary of New York Conference, kindly furnished much of this program for the Juniors.)

### Notes to Leaders

*Aim to-day* to enlist the interest and enthusiasm of every Junior in attending camp meeting this year. They, in turn, may be able to persuade parents who had not planned to go. See Notes to Leaders in the Senior camp meeting program, page 14, for suggestions as to ways in which Missionary Volunteers can be helpful on the camp ground. Encourage each Junior to think of the special thing he can do best, and keep camp meeting constantly before their minds by discussing these things often. Why not make the title of this program your rallying call for the few weeks preceding camp meeting?

### Dialogue: "The Children Plan for Camp Meeting"

(Helen, 10; Junior, 8; and Bobby, 5; also Mary, a friend of Helen's, 9. Helen and Mary sit talking.)

HELEN [goes to door and calls]: O Bobby and Junior, mother says we are going to camp meeting this year. Isn't that fun? Do you think your mother will take you, Mary?

BOBBY: What's camp meeting, sister?

HELEN: Why, Bobby, camp meeting is a place where we sleep in tents, eat in tents, and real missionaries talk to us.

MARY: Oh, yes, I know about camp meeting. My cousin went one time, and she said they had meetings in a tent for the children, and she made pictures, and they sang, and played games.

JUNIOR: Oh, I want to go! When is camp meeting?

HELEN: Camp meeting comes in the summer during vacation time, so all the mothers and fathers can take the boys and girls.

BOBBY: I don't want my mother to leave me at home, even if I am small.

MARY: My cousin said that one missionary brought a man from an island where people used to eat one another, but it's different now because the people love Jesus. He said our Sabbath school and mission money sends missionaries and Bibles to these people. I'm glad, aren't you?

JUNIOR: Yes, I am, and my teacher said when all the people have heard about Jesus, then He'll come and take us home to live with Him.

HELEN: That's why we go to camp meeting; we learn more about Jesus there.

MARY: I hope my mother takes me. I am going home and ask her if she will. Good-by. [She leaves. All go out.]

### Come to Camp Meeting!

"Come to camp meeting," is an invitation meant for you, And I say it again, "Come to camp meeting!"—do! It's the very finest place for us Juniors, they say, To spend our vacation in a real Christian way.

We will sing, and we'll pray, and we'll learn things to do; There we'll hear the missionaries tell stories so true Of the heathen in China and Africa's land Who are thirsting for truth on the hot dusty sand.

We will live in a tent with the moon for a light, While the stars are on guard as we sleep through the night. So now come, bring your Bible, and your song book as well; And the joys of the camp meeting will be more 'n you can tell.

MARION G. SEITZ.

### Song: "Welcome Camp Meeting!"

(Tune: No. 8, in "Sunshine Songs")

CAMP meeting has come again,  
With its happy hours,  
With its prayer bands and its songs,  
With its tents and howers.  
To the woods, oh, come away!  
No one must be sad;  
'Tis our pleasant camp meeting,  
Let us all be glad.

By the streamlet's gentle tide  
With its waters free,  
Where the leafy shadows hide,  
We will happy be.  
Here our sweetest songs we'll sing,  
Here we'll work and pray;  
Welcome, welcome, camp meeting,  
Welcome, lovely days!

BLANCHE HALL MARKHAM.

# Senior Missionary Volunteer Meetings

## Suggestions to Senior M. V. Leaders

Camp meeting programs for both Seniors and Juniors are given this month, because in many conferences the meetings are held in May. If your camp meeting does not come until a later month, it would be better to postpone such a program until a few weeks before camp meeting time. On the other hand, some may need to move it ahead.

Prayer bands for camp meeting should be organized a few weeks in advance. Pray for definite things. If some feel they cannot attend, pray that if it is the Lord's will the way may be opened. If you do not feel like praying, pray the more that God will pour out special blessing during the camp meeting. Pray in faith! Soon the last camp meeting will be held. We are living in a time when young people must be desperately in earnest about their own souls' salvation and the saving of their companions. Be a personal worker on the camp ground. By helping others, we ourselves shall be saved.

This calendar cartoon is a suggestion for a camp meeting reminder. The thought is to keep a blank calendar on the blackboard, listing only the days of your camp meeting dates.

Mission offerings should be stressed in the society meetings. Glean mission items from the *Review and Herald*, and give brief reports as the offerings are taken. Help your Missionary Volunteers to realize that we in the homeland have as much responsibility in carrying on missions as the missionaries in the foreign fields.

Reports of band work should be called for frequently. These bands are your society at work. Let the members of other bands know that you are workers, not shirkers.

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The Lord has need of you. He does not do His work with- out the cooperation of the human agent.						

## Pressing Toward the Mark

(For Week Ending May 5)

### Suggestive Program

**Song Biographies.** (Are you memorizing songs in your society? Be sure to have some biographies given from time to time. These can be found in "Sankey's Story of Gospel Hymns" and "The Story of Hymns and Tunes.")

**Prayer.**  
**Leader's Remarks:** "Possibilities." (See Notes to Leaders.)  
**Stories:** "Courageous Characters." (Tell the stories of Mary Lyon and Anna Shaw as given in "Heroines of Service," a 1928 Senior Reading Course book; or choose others who have obtained an education and served in spite of obstacles.)

**Talk:** "Education and Service."  
**Testimonies:** "Pressing Toward the Mark." (This may be opened with the memory gem. Encourage all to speak of blessings gained in school and of plans for future service.)

Close by Repeating the Pledge in Unison.  
 Missionary Volunteers Separate for Band Meetings. (See p. 15.)

### Memory Gem

The life on earth is the beginning of the life in heaven; education on earth is an initiation into the principles of heaven; the life work here is a training for the life work there. What we now are, in character and holy service, is the sure foreshadowing of what we shall be.—"Education," p. 307.

### Notes to Leaders

The Purpose of this Program is to help every Missionary Volunteer to catch a vision of the possibilities in these summer months, and to press toward the mark of preparing for more

efficient service. Many have been in boarding school during the winter; others are anticipating it the coming school year. Most of them will need to earn money. Whether they *must* or not, encourage each one to engage in definite work and service. Ever there is the canvassing field, a mighty rewarder in service, education, and cash. But not all can canvass. Some will need to return to the farm, some to the shop, others to lighten the everyday burdens in the home. Bring before the eyes of your Missionary Volunteers the vision of service *everywhere*. Urge them to make it a reality, to put the best of their talents to work now. Education and service are not two separate things. (Glean thoughts or read portions from the spirit of prophecy on mistakes in not pressing forward against every obstacle. See "Testimonies," Vol. III, p. 494.) Some have not been able to go to school this year, nor will they next. Help these to see that there are ways of gaining a practical education just where they are, if they are consecrated to God. Guard jealously every spare moment. Some can take up work with the Fireside Correspondence School this summer. Even one lesson a week completed is one step toward better equipment for service. This school gives special courses in Bible, one of which is especially designed to aid the student in imparting to others the truths learned. There is a course in home nursing, and in many other lines. Why not write for a catalogue, and lay very definite plans—*now!* "Higher education is that education which leads men and women to be laborers together with God, practicing self-denial and self-sacrifice. Those with such an education will be acknowledged by God in the heavenly courts, in the presence of Christ and the angels."—Mrs. E. G. White, in *Review and Herald*, Dec. 8, 1910.

### Talk: "Education and Service"

PAUL'S letter to Timothy stands to-day as a model letter to young men. Paul knew him in his home life. He says, "From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures." Without doubt, Paul had gone to this home of piety and simplicity and visited, enjoyed their hospitality, and observed Timothy's home training and-conduct, and in his talks with this youth said words of counsel that made deep impressions and that helped to shape, under the Spirit's guidance, his future work, as a little later in life came the charge, "Preach the word," that set apart Timothy for the gospel ministry.

Paul wanted Timothy to be a real student, devoting his time and energy in a definite way. He wrote to him, "Study to show thyself approved." In other words, pass your grades with credit, do not be careless, or slovenly, but let your papers be marked "Well done." And we note that Timothy's studies were not fiction, myths, fairy tales, skeptical and fanciful literature, but "the word of truth." Paul must have been particular about the selection of books, as on one occasion when they were about to take a trip, he mentioned "the books, but especially the parchments," to bring with him. Also he admonishes "give attendance to reading." A worldly education would not have fitted Timothy for the call.

The physical education was not overlooked in his preparatory training. He was to take proper exercise of body, but not to become absorbed in athletic sports, as he was told in the letter, to take bodily exercise *only* would profit little; but on the other hand, to dress properly, to take time to eat, not in a mad rush, but with the joy of contentment, for "having food and raiment, let us be therewith content."

How Paul loved this young man, as expressed in the words: "Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith;" "To Timothy, my dearly beloved son."

How it must have wounded the feelings of Paul to be obliged to say of Demas, another young man upon whom he was depending to carry forward the work, he "hath forsaken me," because he "loved this present world."

There was worldliness in those days as in ours, temptations and enticements, city life with its tinsel and dazzle, the ballroom and gambling dens for the young men and the young women. Paul said Demas had gone down to Thessalonica, where he thought he would have a "good time," and possibly make more money and wear up-to-date clothes. A young man making a barter of worth for the pleasures of sin; a lost young man for all we know, at least as a worker in the great harvest field of souls.

What a wonderful appeal Paul makes in the words, "But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness." A string of Christian pearls!

We find Paul with the same earnest, considerate solicitude for

Titus and Philemon that he had for Timothy, "To Titus, mine own son after the common faith," "in hope of eternal life." It was put up to these young men as a life-and-death proposition, and what he said to these young people reaches down to us, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." (And they are here.) Then followed the eighteen sin signs that would mark the "last days," and the giving of the message of the soon-coming Saviour, "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

This is the vision for Missionary Volunteers to see, living amid world tragedies, menacing bolshevism, and universal unrest; when the denizens of the spirit world, having come down in great wrath, have made it easy for the inflood of Satanic influences. This condition speaks to our great body of Missionary Volunteers in mighty tones to let the world know what these things mean, the days in which we are living; and warn us to get ready for His glorious appearing.

I. C. COLCORD.

## Mother's Day

(For Week Ending May 12)

### Suggestive Program

**Song Service.** (Invite mothers present to call for their favorite songs.) Reports and Offering.

**Opening Song:** "Love at Home." (No. 580 in "Christ in Song.")

**Scripture Reading:** Proverbs 31: 10-31.

**Prayer.** (By a Missionary Volunteer, thanking God for mothers, asking forgiveness for our thoughtlessness toward them, and that we may live worthy of their care and devotion.)

**Song:** "Faith of Our Mothers." (A special song, or have words on the blackboard and all join in singing.)

**Talk:** "Mothers of Men." (See p. 8.)

**Poem:** "To My Mother."

**Special Song:** "My Name in Mother's Prayer." (No. 36 in "Christ in Song," or solo, "Dear Little Mother o' Mine.")

**Symposium:** "A Tribute to Mothers." (These given are only suggestive. It would be better to give opportunity for young people to pay tributes to their mothers in an informal way. "What my mother (or my home) has meant to me," could be suggested to them beforehand. It may be there is some dear mother in your church who has a boy or a girl in the mission field or in the work in the homeland, who could be persuaded to tell of their work and the joy it has brought to her own heart.)

**Presentation of Carnations.** (Estimate the number of mothers who will be present, and provide enough carnations so that each mother may be presented with one.)

**An Appeal by the Leader.** (Appeal to all Missionary Volunteers to be more thoughtful of their mothers. At the close of the service all possible should speak to the mothers present, expressing their happiness in having them as guests.)

**Closing Song:** "Home Sweet Home." (No. 738 in "Christ in Song.")  
**Missionary Volunteers Separate for Band Meetings.** (See p. 15.)  
(We thank J. L. McConaughy, Missionary Volunteer secretary of the North Pacific Union, for this good program.)

### Song: "Faith of Our Mothers"

(Tune: "Faith of Our Fathers")

FAITH of our mothers! living still  
In all things beautiful and bright:  
Yea, nobly will we do God's will  
And live our lives as in His sight.  
Faith of our mothers! living faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers! living still  
In strong sons' lives and words of praise:  
We humbly own our debt to thee,  
And love thee as in former days.  
Faith of our mothers! conquering faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers! living still  
In deeds of love and service strong:  
We gladly pledge our strength to thee,  
To soothe the sorrow, right the wrong.  
Faith of our mothers! saving faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers! living still  
In words and truths that ne'er can die:  
Thy sons and daughters ever dear  
Shall claim the faith that brings God nigh.  
Faith of our mothers! holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.

— George E. Atkinson.

### Symposium: "A Tribute to Mothers"

1. A boy of thirteen had been brought, on several occasions, to the juvenile court in Denver, charged with truancy. He had been punished, but without results. The teacher kept writing, "Tim will stay out of school to work."

The judge told him that there would be time enough to work

when he was a man. "My father was a man," replied the boy, "but he did not work. He went off and left mother and me. I guess that's what killed her."

One day Tim appeared in court with a happy face. He pulled a soiled, crumpled paper from his pocket and handed it to the judge. "I'm going to remember all the things you told me, and I am going to school regular, now that I got that done," he said with some pride. The judge examined the paper which proved to be a receipts bill, and found that little by little Tim had paid \$50 for a headstone at his mother's grave.

"My hoy, is that what you've been doing all these months?"

"I wanted her to have a monument, Judge," Tim furtively wiped away the moisture from his eyes. "She did a lot for me; that's all I could do for her now."

2. "Governor, wasn't that the proudest day of your life, speaking before an audience likes that—supreme court judges, senators, and congressmen?" a friend asked Governor Johnson who had just returned from making a great address.

"No, it wasn't," said the governor. "The proudest day of my life was when I was a hoy twelve years old and got my first pay envelope at the end of the week with \$3 in it, and took it home and gave it to my mother and said, 'Here, mother, you needn't take in washing any more.'"

3. Thomas Lorimer, when introduced at a public meeting as a self-made man, said:

"Yes, I did begin work when I was six years old, but my mother thought I ought to have the educational teaching of business early. Yes, I have always been a great reader, but it was because my mother led me to it, and made me at her knee give an account of what I had read. You say my integrity is my own; I don't know about even that. When I put the speckled apples at the bottom of the basket, my mother called me and said, 'Tom, if you do that you are a cheat,' and I did not do it. I very much doubt if I am a self-made man. I think my mother had something to do with it."

4. A woman fifty years old went to a school in the West and begged permission to sit with the children in the first grade that she might learn to read and write. When questioned, she explained that she had two sons away from home, and she desired to be able to communicate with them. Her daughter, who had always done this for her, had recently died, and the mother heart yearned for word from her boys, so she was willing to make this sacrifice that she might keep in touch with them. Four weeks from the day she entered school she was able to read the primer through; soon after she could read the first reader through. She learned ten new words at home every day, and always knew her lesson perfectly. How happy she was when she wrote her first letter—a mother love letter, to her boys.

5. Susanna, the mother of John Wesley, was a praying, sensible woman, and gave to the world one of its richest and grandest characters. By the close of her son's life she was the foster mother of full five hundred thousand men and women, children and youth, who, in their turn, have won others to Christ. Thus extends in ever-widening circles the influence of mother and son.

### To My Mother

You painted no Madonnas  
On chapel walls in Rome;  
But with a touch diviner,  
You lived one in your home.

You wrote no lofty poems  
That critics counted art;  
But with a nobler vision  
You lived them in your heart.

You carved no shapeless marble  
To some high-souled design;  
But with a finer sculpture,  
You shaped this soul of mine.

You built no great cathedrals  
That centuries applaud;  
But with a grace exquisite,  
Your life cathedraled God.

Had I the gift of Raphael  
Or Michael Angelo,  
Oh, what a rare Madonna  
My mother's life would show!

— Thomas W. Fessenden.

## The Boy King Reformer

(For Week Ending May 19)

### Suggestive Program

(PK refers to "The Story of Prophets and Kings," by Mrs. E. G. White.)

Song Service. (Nos. 723, 392, 311, 678, 364, in "Christ in Song.")

Opening Song: "Forward Be Our Watchword." (No. 658 in "Christ in Song.")

Repeat in Unison the Three Angels' Messages. (Rev. 14: 6-12.)

Prayer by the Leader.

Reports, Announcements, Offering.

Historical Sketch: "Apostasy and Reformation."

Talk: "The Reforms of Josiah."

Exercise: "Work of the Prophet in the Days of Josiah."

Open Forum: "Lessons for the Advent People." (The points given are suggestive. Call for volunteer thoughts. Make blackboard list.)

Closing Song: "To Be Living Is Sublime."

Miscellaneous Volunteers Separate for Band Meetings. (See p. 15.)

### Historical Sketch: "Apostasy and Reformation"

THE Lord had a wonderful purpose in the establishment of His people in the little land of Palestine "in the midst of the nations" (Eze. 5: 5), between the Great Sea and the Arabian Desert, a roadway between the nations of the south, north, and east. (Show by a map how Palestine was the center of the ancient world.) He intended that His temple at Jerusalem should be a "house of prayer for all people." Isa. 56: 7. Israel miserably failed; yet the Lord was patient with them, and finally accomplished His purpose in sending His truth to the heathen, through their being scattered as captives in Assyria and Babylon.

After the reign of Solomon, the kingdom was torn asunder, the ten tribes following Jeroboam, the remaining two, Judah and Benjamin, following Rehoboam. These divisions were known henceforth as Israel and Judah. Of the nineteen kings who ruled for more than two hundred years in Israel, not one was good. It is a record of idolatry and degradation. Ahab added to the sins of his predecessors by marrying Jezebel, the daughter of the priest king of Phoenicia, and she inaugurated a fiery persecution against the worshippers of Jehovah, and established the licentious worship of Baal and Astarte. Elijah and other prophets protested and accomplished something, but the downward course of the nation was not stopped, and the kingdom was overthrown in 722 B. C., and the best of the people were taken captive and transported to different parts of Assyria.

The Judean kingdom lasted one hundred thirty-six years after the fall of Israel. In Judah there were a few good kings and some efforts toward reformation, in the midst of the prevailing apostasy. (It would be well to put a list of the kings of Judah on a blackboard or large paper, showing in a parallel column a list of the prophets. This can be taken from a Bible dictionary or other Bible helps. Underscore Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah, and Josiah, noting the facts in the following quotation, while pointing to the chart.)

"Under Rehoboam and Abijam, religion underwent a decline, from which it began to recover in the reign of Asa; while under Jehoshaphat the revival was decided and complete. A second decline commenced with the reign of Jehoram, the son-in-law of Ahab and Jezebel, and went on through a long succession of reigns—the spiritual thermometer falling lowest in that of Ahaz. The darkest hour of night, however, was succeeded by the dawn; under Hezekiah, the son and successor of Ahaz, the firmament brightened again. With Manasseh there began a new decline, more terrible than any that had preceded it; followed, in the days of his grandson, Josiah, by a new and most interesting revival. But the corruption had become so deeply seated that little genuine reformation took place. The sons and successors of Josiah were not like-minded with himself; the old corruptions broke out afresh; and, with the awful catastrophe of the Babylonian captivity, the glory departed from the kingdom of Judah."—*Blakie's Bible History*, p. 302.

Manasseh must have been born about the time of the wonderful deliverance of his father Hezekiah from the Assyrians by the miraculous destruction of Sennacherib's army, but such things did not seem to turn him from his evil course. He was a fanatical idolater, not only rearing images to the sun god Baal, but even polluting the temple by them, and carrying on a furious persecution against such as revered the God of Hezekiah and Isaiah. In vain the prophets remonstrated and threatened Jerusalem with the fate of Samaria.

God allowed Manasseh to be taken captive, and carried to Babylon, where he repented and turned from his evil ways. Restored to his kingdom, by the mercy of God, Manasseh ex-

erted himself to undo the mischief he had done; but he found that it was easier to debauch a people than to reform them, "and as his end approached, it must have saddened him to think that the godless Amon was to wield the scepter after him. We may believe, at the same time, that a ray of hope would brighten the future, as he gazed on the gentle face of his grandson Josiah, and observed how already the tender heart of that little child trembled at the word of the Lord."—*Id.*, p. 320.

For two years Amon imitated the first and worst practices of his father, but his wicked reign was cut short by assassination, and Josiah, his son, a boy only eight years of age, came to the throne. Josiah's reign of a half century has been called Judah's Indian Summer. "Born of a wicked king, beset with temptations to follow in his father's steps, and with few counselors to encourage him in the right way, Josiah nevertheless was true to the God of Israel."—*Prophets and Kings*, p. 334. At the age of sixteen he began to devote himself actively to God, and he became a most energetic worker in behalf of righteousness, and a lovable ruler. Josiah was probably greatly influenced by the prophet Zephaniah. How such words as Zephaniah 2: 3 (read) must have stirred this youthful king to seek God personally, and endeavor by the destruction of idolatry to avert the wrath of God upon his people. When he was twenty years of age, he personally began the demolition of the altars and images of idolatry, which took probably six years to accomplish.

Soon after the boy king began this work, he must have been greatly cheered by the rise of a new prophet, Jeremiah of Anathoth, himself a young man. Doubtless he became a warm friend and helper of the king, for we read of the great grief of Jeremiah when Josiah died.

After the discovery of the book of the law and a new consecration to the work of reformation, a great Passover feast was held, and a second tour was made through the kingdom for the further restoration of the worship of God.

Josiah's untimely death at Megiddo, on the plain of Esdraelon (Armageddon), through his ill-advised resistance to Pharaoh-nechoh, who wanted to pass through his territory, brought to an end one of Israel's greatest reformations and the loss of one of her most beloved kings. His operations are unexampled in Jewish history, and it is a significant fact that he had been named and his work predicted by a prophet 326 years before he was born. 1 Kings 13: 1, 2; 2 Kings 23: 15-18.

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### Talk: "The Reforms of Josiah"

IN preparation, read PK, chapters 32 and 33, and study carefully chapter 33. Do not try to cover everything. Touch lightly the work of the prophets. (See separate exercise.) Stress especially the following points:

1. Spiritual condition of the people. Page 384, last par.
2. Josiah's onslaught against idolatry. Page 396, middle, to 398, middle.
3. Finding the Book of the Law. Pages 392-396, 398, 399.
4. The great convocation. Page 400.
5. Further work of reformation. Pages 401-405.
6. The great Passover. Page 405.

### Exercise: "Work of the Prophet in the Days of Josiah"

FIRST SPEAKER: Study PK, chapter 32. Speak of the works of Habakkuk, Zephaniah, and Hulda. "His prophecies of impending judgment upon Judah apply with equal force to the judgments that are to fall upon an impenitent world at the time of the second advent of Christ."—PK, p. 339.

SECOND SPEAKER: Give from memory Zeph. 1: 14-16.

THIRD SPEAKER: Quote Zeph. 1: 17, 18.

SECOND SPEAKER: Quote Zeph. 2: 1-3.

THIRD SPEAKER: Quote Zeph. 3: 19, 20.

SECOND SPEAKER: Quote Zeph. 3: 14-17.

### Lessons for the Advent People

The history of Israel was recorded "for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." Sin is the same in all ages and God's kindness and justice are the same. Make a brief comparison between Josiah's times and message and ours. The following is suggestive:

1. Conditions of universal apostasy and disobedience to God's law.
2. Impossibility of averting the coming judgments, yet the warning must be given and the faithful gathered out.
3. Deep love for the word of God on the part of reformers.
4. Regard for God's messengers.
5. Every word of God will be fulfilled.

## Tenting Toward the Highlands

(For Week Ending May 26)

### Suggestive Program

**Song Service.** (Nos. 84, 44, 21, 80, 27, 63, 59, and 54 in "Gospel in Song.")  
**Repeat in Unison Our Aim and Motto.**  
**Scripture Reading** (Mal. 3: 16-18) and Prayer.  
**Reports, Announcements, Offering.**  
**Leader's Introduction:** "An Important Date." (See Suggestions to Senior M. V. Leaders, also Notes to Leaders.)  
**Talk:** "A Roundhouse of Blessings."  
**Talk:** "Heart Preparation." (Glean thoughts from "Testimonies," Vol. VI, pp. 41-44, emphasizing the fact that we should begin early to prepare our hearts for the blessings which God wants to give us at camp meeting. The better the preparation, the greater the blessing.)  
**Reading:** "Are You Listening In?"  
**Story:** "Camp Meeting Corn." (See Instructor, May 8. Article by Emma E. Howell.)  
**Response:** "What This Camp Meeting Will Mean to Us." (See study given, also Notes to Leaders.)  
**Renewing Our Pledge.** (Repeat Missionary Volunteer Pledge.)  
**Missionary Volunteers Separate for Band Meetings.** (See p. 15.)

### Notes to Leaders

The results of this program may be known only when eternity shall reveal them. It should be preceded by earnest prayer on the part of the executive committee members. Pray that every young person in your church may attend camp meeting this year, and that all may go prepared to receive the blessing waiting for them. If there are any who, it seems, cannot go, make every possible effort to help them. If some one *must* stay at home to care for a sick mother, or to do necessary work, it would be the best kind of missionary work for some one to volunteer to come home early, letting the other go for a few days of the meeting. If some really cannot afford to go, plan ways by which they can earn the needed cash, or perhaps the society as a whole can help. A family going in an automobile might make room for one more. Some one may be able to share his tent with a friend. Leave no means untried by which every young person in your church can attend camp meeting this year, with an earnest purpose to get the most out of it. If it is absolutely impossible for one to go, arrange for others to send "telegram" postcards bearing news of the camp meeting to him each day.

Your poster to-day may be the calendar cartoon given, or a sketch of a tent, together with a cordial welcome to the meeting.

**Invitations.**—Why not prepare personal invitations? They could be very simple, perhaps an oblong paper folded in triangular shape. If you can, give them an artistic touch, making them resemble miniature tents. Inside, give date, place of camp meeting, and a pointed question, such as, "Which meetings shall I attend?" answered by "The meeting you miss may be the one at which your special need will be met."

**Response.**—At the close of this study, call for and list on the blackboard things which Missionary Volunteers can do to help themselves and others to get the most out of camp meeting. There is something every one can do; for example, pray before and during the meeting for at least one soul's conversion, join a prayer band, lead one if called upon to do so, teach a Sabbath school class, sing in the choir, take part in testimony meetings, be prompt and attentive at meetings, care for children while a tired mother goes to meeting or rests, be courteous and helpful to all, help in caring for visiting ministers' tents under direction of the one in charge, etc. Why not delegate one of your number to-day to write to your conference Missionary Volunteer secretary, offering the help which you can give, so that he can count upon you. And then *be dependable!*

### Talk: "A Roundhouse of Blessings"

AFTER a pleasant trip with an engineer on his engine, we returned to the roundhouse from which we started. As we climbed down from the cab, he said to a group of men who awaited our arrival, "Give her a good overhauling, for she needs it." I stayed to watch the men do the "overhauling act." From pilot to tender, it received a thorough inspection. The clinkers and ashes were drawn from the fire box, the cinders from the flues, and every loose nut and bolt was tightened. Seeing the interest I took in the process, my friend informed me that his engine received such treatment after every run; and when I asked why, he said, "If it wasn't done, she would not steam up, and we could not make schedule time."

On the road to eternal life, we are all somewhat like the engine. We get filled up with cinders and clinkers. The machinery loosens with service, so that friction impedes our progress. To meet our need, the Lord has very wisely provided a roundhouse in the way of an annual camp meeting, where we can be overhauled and prepared for a more successful run.

Many do not see the importance of attending these gatherings, but by neglecting them they lose the very blessings heaven has purposed in their appointment. "It would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no ex-

cuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. You need every ray of light. . . . You cannot afford to lose one such privilege.

"Anciently the Lord instructed His people to assemble three times a year for His worship. . . . Thus they were to be preserved from the corrupting power of worldliness and idolatry. Faith and love and gratitude were to be kept alive in their hearts, and through their association together in this sacred service they were to be bound closer to God and to one another. . . .

"If the children of Israel needed the benefit of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict! . . . Do not plead an excuse. The Lord has need of you. He does not do His work without the co-operation of the human agent. Go to the camp meeting, even though you have to make a sacrifice to do so."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. VI, pp. 39, 40.

"The faith of most Christians will waver if they constantly neglect to meet together for conference and prayer. If it were impossible for them to enjoy such religious privileges, then God would send light direct from heaven by His angels, to animate, cheer, and bless His scattered people. But He does not propose to work a miracle to sustain the faith of His saints. They are required to love the truth enough to take some little pains to secure the privileges and blessings vouchsafed them of God. The least they can do is to devote a few days in the year to a united effort to advance the cause of Christ and to exchange friendly counsel and sympathy."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. IV, pp. 106, 107.

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### Are You Listening In?

HEAVEN'S wireless is on, are you listening in?

There are wonderful things to be told,  
 For the message is sent, with holy intent,  
 From the far-away city of gold!  
 The angels are speaking, and now you may hear,  
 In spite of earth's discord and din,  
 A message divine, for your life and mine—  
 But say, are you listening in?

For ages the station eternal has sent  
 The broadcasting heaven has planned,  
 And still by His word, the voice of the Lord  
 Is speaking to every land!  
 A story enchanting, of wondrous grace,  
 Of life and of pardon for sin,  
 Is sent from above, in infinite love,  
 To all who are listening in!

If tuned to the wireless of heaven, the heart  
 May share in the breathings divine,  
 For love will unfold, from that city of gold,  
 Its purpose for your life and mine!  
 Then wait in the noontide and wait in the night,  
 Life songs will their chorus begin,  
 Heaven's wireless is on, through darkness and dawn,  
 Be sure you are listening in.

The world is intent on its meager designs  
 And pleasures, a moment can trace;  
 Its jazz and mirth breathe only of earth,  
 To the smiles of a clay-born face!  
 But a voice of sweet stillness rings out over all,  
 Telling glories the earth-born may win;  
 'Tis speaking to thee of life yet to be,  
 But say, are you listening in?

—Robert Hare.

### Response: "What This Camp Meeting Will Mean to Us"

1. WHAT went you out to see? Matt. 11: 7-9. (See "The Desire of Ages," chapter 22.)
2. John's Audiences. Matt. 3: 5. Jerusalem, Judea, and all the region about the Jordan. Pharisees, publicans, scribes, lawyers, rich and poor, high and low, saint and sinner.
3. His Message. Matt. 3: 2.
4. Effect of Those Meetings. They marked a new epoch in many lives. Others were hardened, because they resisted. Some became John's disciples and later the disciples of Jesus. Others probably helped to crucify Jesus.
5. Who decided the influence of those meetings? Each individual determined what he got out of John's meetings. Many lepers were in Palestine in the days of Jesus, but we read of the leper in Matthew 8 being healed. *He came to Jesus.* Do you want these meetings to mark a new era in your life? Jesus will heal you. Will you let Him?
6. Seventh-day Adventists have held camp meetings for many years; this camp meeting will be different from all others. What will it mean to you?

## Missionary Volunteer Service Bands

"Young men and young women, cannot you form companies, and, as soldiers of Christ, enlist in the work, putting all your tact and skill and talent into the Master's service, that you may save souls from ruin? Let there be companies organized in every church to do this work. . . . Will the young men and young women who really love Jesus organize themselves as workers, not only for those who profess to be Sabbath keepers, but for those who are not of our faith?"—*Mrs. E. G. White, Signs of the Times, May 29, 1893.*

### Our Bands

"WHAT must I do to be saved?" You recognize this as the question asked long years ago by the rich young ruler as he sought out the Master Teacher. It is a question which has rung down through the ages. John Wesley, a student in Oxford University, was perplexed to know how to maintain an active Christian experience while pursuing his studies. He, too, sought out one, an aged man, who was rich in Christian experience, and put the question: "What must I do to keep up a growing Christian experience?" The reply he received was: "My dear young friend, you cannot be a Christian *alone*, you must have companions. I advise you to associate with yourself a few other young men who have the desire to grow in grace, and meet with these young men at stated times for prayer and mutual study of the word. You can help them, and they can help you as you together go on your way to the kingdom." John Wesley followed this good advice, and we see the results in the way God used this humble servant to head the great spiritual movement which so mightily stirred Great Britain, spreading even to America and other parts of the world.

Looking down through the ages, God knew that this would ever be a vital question with His children, how to maintain a Christian experience in everyday life. It was with this in mind that through the spirit of prophecy came the call for young people to organize for service. And it is this question borne down to the present time that has led the General Missionary Volunteer Department to advise and urge that our young people group themselves together in service bands for the Master.

Do you have service bands in your Missionary Volunteer Society? It is recommended that half of the regular meeting hour be devoted to service band study and work. In one large society the plan has succeeded so well that for the first time they are able to report a 100-per-cent reporting membership. The conference secretary in writing of it says he feels the plan will succeed equally well in a small society, and he was even then planning to organize ten young people into a band for study and work.

Here is a consecration and service song which it would be well to have every Missionary Volunteer memorize, so that you can sing it often as you separate for your bands:

### Consecration and Service Song

(Tune: "They Brought Their Gifts to Jesus")

We bring our hearts to Jesus  
To have them freed from sin;  
His precious blood will cleanse them,  
His Spirit dwell within;  
Then ready for His service  
We can go forth with prayer,  
To do the work He gives us  
And serve Him anywhere.

We bring our hands to Jesus,  
That He may make them strong  
To fight the daily battle  
With sin and every wrong;  
We're soldiers in His army  
And pledged to serve our King.  
Then let us lift His banner  
With faith unwavering.

We bring our seed to Jesus,  
The seed we want to sow,  
That He may give His blessing,  
And cause each grain to grow;  
We're sowing for the harvest,  
And pray for precious corn,  
To fill the Master's garner  
Upon the happy morn.

We want to glean for Jesus,  
In fields both far and near,  
To gather in the lost ones,  
The gospel news to hear;  
Although He may not send us  
To work in distant lands,  
We know he also serveth  
Who by his Master stands.

But if the voice of Jesus  
Should say, "Go, work to-day,"  
We want to follow gladly  
To dark lands far away.  
O Saviour, take us, use us,  
And make us all Thine own,

Thy weak and faltering children,  
But Thine, Lord, Thine alone!

—*Amos R. Wells.*

### Prayer and Personal Workers' Band

"Let young men and women, and children, go to work in the name of Jesus. Let them unite together upon some plan and order of action. Cannot you form a band of workers, and have set times to pray together and ask the Lord to give you His grace, and put forth united action?"—*Mrs. E. G. White, in Youth's Instructor, Aug. 9, 1894.*

This was one of the first messages through the spirit of prophecy calling young people to organized service, and I would have you notice that first of all the call is to prayer. This month let us study the life of Christ, using "The Desire of Ages" as our text. Assign appropriate topics from the index, pages 851, 852, for individuals to bring to the band. The following topics are suggestive for weekly studies:

1. How Jesus worked.
2. The personality of Jesus.
3. The self-sacrifice of our Master.
4. What it cost the Son of God to win.

### Christian Help and Gospel Meeting Band

"Are you longing to work for the Master,  
Yet waiting for something to do?  
Do you fancy the future is holding  
Some wonderful mission for you?  
Well, while you are waiting, the moments  
Are rapidly passing away.  
O friends, awake from your dreaming;  
Do something for Jesus to-day."

In a recent issue of a farm magazine almost a half page is devoted to suggestions as to how young people may help those about them. Among the things suggested are carrying dainty dishes to the sick, reading to a blind lady, and visiting homes for children, also for the aged, ascertaining from those in charge what will give most pleasure to the ones living there. Then incidents are told of one woman kept at home with her daily duties who constantly sent special dinners to an old man in the neighboring block; and another of a gay young couple who never went automobile riding without calling for a crippled man and his wife, who otherwise would have remained much at home. If the world at large is advising these acts of everyday kindness, how much the more should Christian young people be engaging in service for their Master. This is just the kind of work that Jesus did when here upon earth. It is the work that He gives us the privilege of sharing with Him. Are we doing it? These summer months may not see so many in actual need as during the cold winters, but there are hearts all around longing for love and sympathy and kindness. This band should seek every such opportunity. It is impossible to designate in this paper *what* you can do in your community, but *you* can find it.

Word has come from one conference that ten young people obtained permission to sing and give a Bible study in one home. They asked the family to invite their next-door neighbors to be present. The young people, laden with song books and Bibles, went to the home, sang a few songs, and gave a simple study. As a result of that one meeting they were asked to hold similar studies in two of the other near-by homes. Week after week new openings came voluntarily, until every night of the week some of the young people from that one society were giving Bible studies in one home of that community. The result, in brief, is that several new members have been added to the church. Was that your church? It could have been; it can be.

### Literature and Correspondence Band

Have you seen the new leaflet on "The Ministry of Tract Distribution"? This phase of our literature distribution is worthy of special study this month. (Order from your Book and Bible House. Price, \$1.50 per hundred; 1½ cents each.) Have the story of the origin of the tract idea told before distributing the leaflets to band members. Create an interest in becoming "Pocket leaguers;" that is, carrying tracts laden with truth wherever Missionary Volunteers go, giving them out to whomsoever they meet.

Are you constant in your house-to-house literature distribution and in mailing papers to those on the correspondence list? Remember that "Steady progress in a good work, the frequent repetition of one kind of faithful service, is of more value in God's sight than the doing of one great work, and wins for the youth a good report, giving character to their efforts."—*Mrs. E. G. White, in Youth's Instructor, Jan. 1, 1907.*

# OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS

This page contains interesting material for use of church elders and conference workers in promoting our foreign mission work.

## Another "Look on the Fields" "White Already to Harvest"

### And Now Mohammedans Are Calling Unto Us

A VERY extraordinary call comes to Seventh-day Adventists to-day from out of Abyssinia from those who have turned their backs upon Islam, for teachers to give them the true message. In a few words Foreign Missions Secretary W. E. Read, of the European Division Conference, will tell us about it:

"Several years ago in the heart of Abyssinia where there were no missionaries, Sheik Zacharias turned from the superstitions of Islam and gave his heart to God. He had but the glimmerings of light, but he gladly accepted what God revealed to him. He was a polygamist. On his conversion he put away all his wives but one, and began teaching the coming of the Lord and urging the people to be prepared to meet Him. He taught them also that some day the white missionaries would come and bring them the true message. He said they would know that they were the true missionaries because they would teach that the coming of Christ was near.

"To-day there are between ten and thirteen thousand of these people, most of whom have turned from Islam, and they are eagerly looking to us for help. They are pathetically appealing for teachers to go and teach them the way of the Lord more perfectly. Shall we deny them the blessings of the gospel?"

### A Glimpse Into Our Medical Mission, Ecuador

There is a reason for the good word to pass away back into the mountain interiors of Ecuador as to what the Adventist missionaries are doing down at Colta. Despite priestly threats, the Indians flock in. Missionary Orley Ford will now open the dispensary doors, while we peep in upon them to see what is going on within:

"8:00 A. M. Bsl rings, and all workers greet the sick, twenty to fifty in number, waiting without, as they come into the office when the door is opened. Sometimes only about half can get inside. Prayer is offered by one of the workers (sometimes by one of our Indians), asking God's blessing on the sick gathered. A portion of the Bible is read.

"8:15 A. M. Treating of sick begins. I feel the pulse, look at the tongue of first patient, ask a few questions, get symptoms, then tell helper to boil hypodermic while I give the patient two teaspoonfuls of castor oil. Give an emetine injection, give him some bismuth to take later, and tell him to return to-morrow.

"Next patient through interpreter tells all his disagreeable symptoms. Is suffering with malaria in active form. A purge is given, and he is provided with eight fifteen-grain doses of quinine to take for eight days, then return.

"Next, an aching tooth must come out. Patient is nervous, a white woman. Again helper boils hypodermic while I prepare the novocaine solution. Soon the tooth is out, without much more than a few prayers to the patron saint of her church to ask that the saint keep it from hurting. It did not, so evidently the saint did his part.

"An Indian holding his jaw, takes heart, seeing it didn't hurt the woman. He calls on same saint and asks to have his out. He rejects the injection, so I pull it without. Evidently his prayer does not get through, for he lets out groans heavily as the tooth comes out.

"Next patient. 'No you are not bewitched, but that swelling in your leg is full of pus and must be opened.' Under the pretense of examining it, I lance the swelling, and out comes nearly a pint of pus. The patient is now convinced that it is something besides the effect of an evil eye or a bad neighbor that has caused the intense pain in his leg. After the wound is washed and dressed, he is told to return.

"A patient comes from two days' journey, and is found to have almost his entire lower extremities covered with a weeping eczema, which he has been treating the past two or three years with no result. A bottle of picric acid and some tar salve, and he goes on his way.

"Thus until late afternoon a steady stream of sick from near and far passes through our little dispensary — malaria, dysentery, cholera, toothache, boils, carbuncles, skin diseases, wounds, tumors, tubercular sores, venereal diseases, kidney trouble, worms, rheumatism, and lice. An average of one thousand each month visit us. We long for the time when the 'inhabitants will no more say, I am sick,' and we hope that the counsel given, and the literature carried home by each one, may help many of these sick ones to get ready for that glorious home our Saviour is preparing. The Lord's blessing on the treatments given here has carried the fame of our clinic everywhere, until we can scarcely attend all who come. But we are endeavoring to make every treatment given an opportunity to sow gospel seed."

## Suppose You Had Been Born in This Section of India

Missionary M. M. Mattison, of the United Provinces Mission, sends us this story, telling of the difficulty a little girl encountered in remaining at one of our mission schools so that she might learn to read:

"Chaitu is the eight-year-old daughter of one of our Christian men. Her father was baptized two years ago. Chaitu is old enough to go to school, so the parents said they would send her. Such a thing had never been heard of in this village before — to think of sending a girl to school was ridiculous. As far back as this man and his wife can trace, in all their tribe no woman has ever been able to read. This was a strange thing indeed for his old Hindu neighbors. The women especially couldn't understand it. Chaitu went to Lucknow, and was very happy to go with the other girls to our mission school. After she had left the village, the mother became lonesome to see Chaitu. The other women told her to send for her. The mother and the other folks urged the father to go for her. He held out against it. Finally they came with the money for his fare to Lucknow and back, and said, 'Go for her.' This was a great trial for him, his wife and neighbors urging him to go, and now they had come with the money for his fare. He refused to yield to their entreaties, and said the girl should stay in school. Her life should not be ruined. And the prospects are good that Chaitu will become a useful worker by and by."

### Entering in at the Mouth of the Amazon

"You are thirty years late," were the words used by one of the provincial governors as he greeted Missionary J. L. Brown sent to open a mission in the region of the mouth of the Amazon. And so we *are* very late, but now that work has begun we will listen while Brother Brown tells us of their first entering-in experiences:

"May 11, 1927, the first group of Seventh-day Adventist missionaries, numbering six, landed in Belém, Pará, about 180 miles from the Atlantic Ocean. Our first duty was to find a suitable location for mission headquarters.

"We next visited the highest officials of the state, placing before them the plan of our work. We received a hearty welcome, and also recommendations to the mayors of the interior and for our health literature. We also visited some of the best doctors in the capital, from whom we obtained good recommendations, and an expression of appreciation for the noble undertaking in this region. Orders were taken by our colporteurs from the prominent people of the city. Books have been delivered, and already we see good results. Many have expressed their appreciation on meeting the colporteurs. One man said money would be no inducement to cause him to part with his book. To reach the cities and villages of the great interior it is necessary to travel by launch. Our colporteurs are ordering small sailboats for their work. They must about live in their boats. Bibles, gospel literature, and health books will be carried on these voyages.

"This newly organized mission is progressing by the will of God. We are of good courage as we face the gigantic problem of evangelizing this majestic region abounding with Indian tribes. Will our brethren in the homeland pray for us?"

### At the Headwaters of the Amazon

As this page is being made up a letter comes from Missionary F. A. Stahl, written at Iquitos, eastern Peru, at the headwaters of the Amazon, saying:

"Our journey to Iquitos was a hard one on account of heavy rains and mud. Because my mule played out, I was obliged to walk for miles every day through this mud. I ruined two pairs of shoes, but in all we were very fortunate, for our five mule loads of cargo came through all right. Brother and Sister Westphal arrived a few days ago. Yesterday we organized a church here of thirty-four members. Every one is happy."

### These Three Millions Having Never Heard

Missionary G. A. Ellingworth points to the South African map, and tells us this (hunt out on your map where it is):

"Portuguese East Africa looms up before us as one of the great unworked fields of Africa. Few among this host of 3,000,000 people know that Jesus died for their sins; few have any idea that 'God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' They have no means of knowing that sickness is primarily the result of transgression of the laws of health. They believe sickness and death are the result of evil intentions on the part of some of their acquaintances, and the poison cup is still the arbiter of right and wrong. I have spoken to those who have taken the ordeal poison, and taken it gladly to prove their innocence when death has entered a neighbor's hut.

"The sore need of these benighted ones is a great appeal to us, a Macedonian call for us to help them into the wonderful light God has permitted to shine upon our pathway.

"Salvation, oh, salvation! the joyful sound proclaim Till earth's remotest nation has heard Messiah's name."

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