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## Church Officers' General Instruction Department

### Special Appointments for the Month of October

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### "In Re"—Our Behavior

THERE is probably no subject upon which a minister dislikes to speak, or to which an audience dislikes to listen, more than to the subject of our behavior while in attendance at sacred services. The futility of such sermons is also seen any Sabbath in any of our churches. Can we honestly invite outsiders to our meetings to hear the saving truths that we believe should be given to the world, when the disturbance is so great that their only impression can be that Adventists are a very badly behaved class? Can we convert people to the Sabbath while we ourselves do not reverence it by proper behavior at our services? The answer is, "We cannot."

As parents we are not fair to our children when we allow them to run in and out of meeting, often disturbing the entire congregation; for we are teaching them irreverence. How can they grow to adult estate and keep the Sabbath when they have never been taught to reverence the gatherings held on that day? It is not necessary for children of primary or even kindergarten grade to leave the average service. They are perfectly capable of sitting quietly by their parents. The only reason they do not do so is that the parents have not taught them to do so. It is not unknown for parents in some of our churches to send the children outside to play during the service. Thus the entire congregation is disturbed, and passers-by are justified in the opinion that Adventists do not teach reverence for their house of worship.

To be more specific in my remarks, let me speak of what occurred not long since in a service which I attended. One of our leading missionaries, a man who ranks with any worldly ambassador in his knowledge of conditions in the country where he is laboring, and to whom any worldly audience would have listened with quietness and pleasure, was addressing us. In addition to that, he stood before us as an ambassador from God. Perhaps we in this favored section of the country are surfeited with good things. There were quite a large number, at any rate, who appeared not to be interested in what our good brother had to say, and who seemingly were not anxious to

make it easier for those to hear who wished to do so. One father, for instance, found seating room atop a gas heater for his two small sons, where they gleefully kicked their heels on the resounding metal, while the older one industriously dissected a window sill with his knife. The father was not disturbed, he was absorbed in the conversation of one of our teachers who had chanced to meet some college classmates near the door, where, for a half hour, their conversation disturbed, I would say, at least one hundred people who had come to hear the sermon.

In this same group were five elderly ladies who seemingly were enjoying a pleasant visit together. Two families, each with four children, after several attempts to adjust themselves, gave up at the end of an hour and left, much to the relief of their neighbors. Outside, a number of boys found entertainment tossing rocks on the roof. Some restless folks seemed to have nothing to do but to wander about looking for a better place. All this seems unforgivable when one stops to consider that every person in that large audience could easily have heard the speaker if all had taken their places and remained there quietly.

Sordid as this seems, it is nevertheless true, and it is tragic that such disorders should be allowed in the house of God and on His holy day. I write these few lines that they may set us to thinking seriously, with the hope that we all may endeavor to show more reverence for God, whom we worship in His house. Let us, each one, turn over a new leaf in this respect, and at its top write,

"Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil." Eccl. 5: 1.—*Gladys Schufelt Larson, in Pacific Union Recorder.*

[We wonder where the deacons and ushers were upon this particular Sabbath above described. Evidently not on duty that day.—Ed.]

### Organization Is Necessary

EVEN in earthly warfare we see an illustration of the importance of having the armies involved in the conflict well trained and thoroughly organized. Leaders among men recognize that confusion brings defeat, while organization is a necessity if success is to be attained. Likewise in God's work, organization has always been emphasized. God wants His children thoroughly organized, in order that real progress may be made in His work.

As one studies the history of the human race as brought to view in the Scriptures, he is impressed with the fact that when heavenly directions or orders have been obeyed, blessings and successful work have always been the result, while a failure to obey heaven's marching orders has always resulted in confusion, distraction, defeat, and disappointment.

Seventh-day Adventists have an organization which is a gift from God. Our work is organized more efficiently perhaps than any other movement in the world to-day. It is both a duty and a privilege to maintain the organization which God has given us, and which will become more and more important to us as we reach the final scenes of this earth's history.

"I have been instructed by the Lord that in this work there is no such thing as every man's being independent. The stars of heaven are all under law, each influencing the other to do the will of God, yielding their common obedience to the law that controls their action. And, in order that the Lord's work may advance healthfully and solidly, His people must draw together."—*Testimonies, Vol. IX, p. 258.*

"We want to hold the lines evenly, that there shall be no breaking down of the system of organization and order that has been built up by wise, careful labor. License must not be given to disorderly elements that desire to control the work at this time. Some have advanced the thought that as we near the close of time, every child of God will act independently of any religious organization. But I have been instructed by

the Lord that in this work there is no such thing as every man's being independent."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 487.

"Let none entertain the thought that we can dispense with organization. It has cost us much study and many prayers for wisdom that we know God has answered, to erect this structure. It has been built up by His direction, through much sacrifice and conflict. Let none of our brethren be so deceived as to attempt to tear it down, for you will thus bring in a condition of things that you do not dream of. In the name of the Lord I declare to you that it is to stand, strengthened, established, and settled."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 27.

Let us always keep in mind the fact that heaven itself is thoroughly organized. The angels of God are organized, and move in perfect order in response to the direction of their leader. God is not the author of confusion. Let us thank God for the efficient, Spirit-filled, thorough organization He has given us to assist in taking His message of truth to all the lands of earth.

S. A. RUSKJER.

### Christ in Us the Victor

Is victory such a hard task, I pray,  
For the Christian traveling along life's way,  
That he questions as to whether it can be attained,  
Failing to grasp the truth, in the word contained?

We may try our best,—work, struggle, and pray,—  
And in all the conflict, lose our way;  
The trials are so great and we so small,  
Failing to let Jesus in us conquer all.

He here on earth conquered the wily foe  
In a far greater conflict than is left for you;  
Yet how loath to trust Him in us to reign,  
The only way; once we've learned, it's very plain.

If self be dead, and Christ enthroned within,  
The life is spotless, the record pure and clean.  
No task for Him, when self is slain,  
To keep the surrendered life free from stain.

A surrendered people, though not a mighty throng,  
To complete our task would not take long.  
Trust our Captain, He comes with drawn sword;  
If He leads the way, we'll soon receive our reward.

O. L. NASH.

Cottonwood, Ariz.

It is not the kind of weeds that grow in one's garden that so much matters, but that weeds are there. Likewise it is not so important as to the particular sin found in these hearts of ours, but that sin is there. "Thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins."

### Three Kinds of People

THREE kinds of people will be found  
Where'er we go the world around—  
The workers, jerkers, shirkers.

One class will work with heart and mind,  
Are always ready, always kind,  
And these are called the workers.

The second class will jerk and jerk.  
Sometimes they stop, sometimes they work;  
So they are called the jerkers.

The other class will always shirk,  
They love to talk, but hate to work;  
Hence these are called the shirkers.

Which class, dear reader, are you in?  
Which do you like? Where have you been?  
Are you a steady worker?

—N. P. Neilsen, in  
*South American Bulletin*.

Losses and crosses are heavy to bear, but when our hearts are right with God, it is wonderful how easy the yoke becomes.—*Spurgeon*.

DISCOURAGEMENT lies before the thought of God when we become conscious of our partnership with Him.—*O. S. Marden*.

## Home Missionary Department

### LETTERS THAT SAVE

#### Suggestive Program for First Sabbath Home Missionary Service

(October 6)

OPENING SONG: "I Love to Tell the Story," No. 476, in "Christ in Song."

PRAYER.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SECRETARY'S REPORT.

FIRST SABBATH OFFERING AND INDIVIDUAL REPORTS.

SONG: "Is Your Lamp Burning?" No. 481 in "Christ in Song."

BIBLE STUDY: "Recipe for Acceptable Service."

TALK: "Soul Winning Through Correspondence."

TALK: "The Home Bible Study Leagus."

EXPERIENCES:

"Twenty-five Souls in 1927."

"Home Bible Study League in the East China Union."

"Ninety-eight New Members in One Year."

PLANS for formation of Home Bible Study League, or for broadening the activities of this soul-winning agency if it is already formed in your church.

CLOSING SONG: "Make Me a Blessing To-day," No. 500 in "Christ in Song."

BENEDICTION.

#### Note to Elders and Leaders

Missionary correspondence is a line of work brought into use by Seventh-day Adventists. The idea originated with a few earnest sisters in South Lancaster, Mass., who tried for a time the plan of sending our denominational tracts and papers by mail to people not of our faith, accompanying them by letters. As a result several persons accepted the truth, and the method by which they had been reached was brought to the attention of some of the leading workers. They saw it was a line of work which could be used by our members generally, and it was advocated through the pages of the *Review and Herald* during 1871. At the end of that year the General Conference laid plans for the formation of tract societies in connection with conferences and churches to foster this and other lines of missionary work in the churches.

To-day the Home Bible Study League plan is the most effective one we know of for systematic distribution of literature through the mails. From all parts of the field reports are coming of souls won to the truth where this method of missionary endeavor is followed. By all means do not let the inspiration and enthusiasm which will come as a result of this day's service be lost. Use it specifically in the formation of a Home Bible Study League in your church. Every church, regardless of its size, should have one. More detailed information than that contained in the article under the heading, "The Home Bible Study League," may be obtained from the "Home Bible Study League" leaflet, which may be secured from your conference home missionary secretary.

R. T.

#### Recipe for Acceptable Service Bible and Testimony Study

RUTH TYRRELL

1. Be wise. Matt. 10:16.

"The followers of Christ who work with an eye single to the glory of God will have heavenly wisdom."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VIII, p. 141.

"After the ascension of Jesus, doctors, lawyers, priests, rulers, scribes, and theologians listened with astonishment to the words of wisdom and power from unlearned and humble men. These wise men marveled at the success of the lowly disciples, and finally accounted for it to their own satisfaction from the fact that they had been with Jesus and learned of Him."—*Id.*, Vol. IV, p. 378.

2. Be faithful. Rev. 2:10.

"The present is a season of solemn privilege and sacred trust. If the servants of God keep faithfully the trust given to them, great will be their reward when the Master shall say, 'Give an account of thy stewardship.' The earnest toil, the unselfish work, the patient, persevering effort, will be abundantly rewarded. Jesus will say, Henceforth I call you not servants, but friends. The approval of the Master is not given because of the greatness of the work performed, but because of fidelity in all that has been done. It is not the results we attain, but the motives from which we act, that weigh with God. He prizes goodness and faithfulness above all else."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 267.

3. Be fervent. Rom. 12:11.

"In order to perfect Christian character, we should not cultivate merely a life of quiet, prayerful abstraction, nor a life of all outward zeal and busy excitement, while personal piety

is neglected. But the present time requires us to be waiting for the coming of the Lord, and vigilantly working for the salvation of our fellow men. 'Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.'—"*Testimonies*," Vol. II, p. 673.

4. Be fearless. Phil. 1: 14.

"God calls for men who, like Nathan, Elijah, and John, will bear His message with fearlessness, regardless of consequences; who will speak the truth, though to do this calls for the sacrifice of all they have."—"*Gospel Workers*," p. 150.

5. Be zealous. Num. 25: 10, 13.

"We need to humble ourselves before God, because so few of the members of His church are putting forth efforts that in any wise compare with the efforts that the Lord desires them to put forth. The opportunities that He has given us, the promises that He has made, the privileges that He has bestowed, should inspire us with far greater zeal and devotion. Every addition to the church should be one more agency for the carrying out of the plan of redemption. Every power of God's people should be devoted to bringing many sons and daughters to Him. In our service there is to be no indifference, no selfishness. Any departure from self-denial, any relaxation of earnest effort, means so much power given to the enemy."—"*Testimonies*," Vol. VII, pp. 221, 222.

## Soul Winning Through Correspondence

GRACE KELSEY-KEITH

THERE is an unlimited field of opportunity in personal correspondence as a soul-winning agency.

Did you ever receive a letter from a relative or very dear friend who was watching with intense interest your development and success, who commended you for your zeal, but who also warned you to be watchful of your health and not overtax your strength? Did you appreciate that loving interest? Did it touch a responsive chord in your heart? Did it not make you love and appreciate that friend or relative more, and deepen your confidence and respect because of the keen interest in your welfare?

If this interest on the part of a relative or friend is appreciated, can you not readily imagine, if not realize from personal experience, how much more precious it is to receive a letter from some one whom you have never met, but whose words and message ring true with a real heart burden for your soul's salvation?

Uncle Sam delivers thousands and thousands of our truth-filled periodicals, pamphlets, and books. True they bear their message with a general appeal, which in the ultimate accomplishes its design, for God has promised that His word shall not return unto Him void; but how much more strength could be added with a personal appeal!

There are many avenues for such correspondence—friend with friend, relative with relative, etc., but I am thinking especially of the hundreds of our people the world over who are paying for subscriptions to our splendid message-bearing periodicals to be sent into the homes of nonbelievers. The money is paid. The paper is sent. It makes its weekly or monthly visit in the home with its silent influence. But in far too many instances, after paying the subscription price, the matter is forgotten. Brother, sister, can you imagine what re-enforcement, what power and strength of appeal, would be added if you continually bore on your heart a prayer that each visit of that messenger of light might bear its sacred impress, and then added the personal word in the form of a letter? Surely such an appeal, born from heart anguish for the salvation of a soul, would be attended by God's richest blessing. Let us not leave our task half done, but add the force and strength of the personal touch.

Many of our people belong to correspondence and literature bands, and each week assist in sending out hundreds of copies of *Present Truth*, *Signs of the Times*, *Youth's Instructor*, and other truth-filled literature. They have a list of names. They may even write letters inquiring as to the welcome with which these silent messengers are received in the homes. That is fine! But there is something lacking—the personal work for the salvation of souls. What appeal, born of love and prayer, can fail to touch the most stony heart?

O for more grace His power to know!  
O for more zeal His love to show!

Paul, one of the greatest orators of whom we have any record, made some of his most eloquent appeals in letters to those for whom he carried a real heart burden. Words born of such earnest yearning will not only be eloquent in their appeal, but God will greatly bless them.

Sister White wrote many letters to people whom she had never met, telling them of Jesus' love, and begging them to yield their hearts in full surrender and willing obedience to His word.

It is more real heart longing and agonizing with God in prayer, that is needed to win souls to Christ. Our efforts are too indifferent, too heartless. We are too quick to call our work finished. Because of this our own souls are starved, and the result of our efforts is weak and small. There is nothing in the world which can develop a personal Christian experience in the things of God more than the nourishing of a burden for the salvation of those about us.

Letters written in love and sent forth with an earnest prayer will bear fruit for the Lord, and along with it there will come to the individual who writes them, a personal experience in Christ never before known.

Service for others along any line is a tonic to our own souls.

## The Home Bible Study League

THE Home Bible Study League had its origin in Orlando, Fla., under the name of the "Berean Bible Institute." Having a church membership of 232 in a town of ten or twelve thousand inhabitants the pastor felt it more or less of a problem to provide work for each member. To meet this need, and to stimulate greater interest in the midweek prayer and missionary meeting the organization was perfected. From the very beginning the blessing of God attended their work, and after two years' operation the attention of the General Conference Home Missionary Department was called to this organization from the reports that continued coming of its soul-winning results. In a little more than two years thirty-four persons had accepted the truth from the work of this organization.

### Advantages of the Plan

The Home Bible Study League has many commendable advantages over other methods of missionary correspondence:

1. It is systematic. All literature is sent in serial form, one phase of our message following another in consecutive order.
2. It brings the full message before the people who receive the literature.
3. Any one may take part.
4. It brings people "across the line." Readers are led to make a decision.
5. The cost is small. To send our literature for twelve weeks to a thousand names, including postage and all, will cost on an average only 37 cents for each person.
6. Souls are won.

### How It Operates

Lists of names are secured from various sources. Preceding the starting of a new list, an invitation is usually given in the Sabbath service for the members to hand in names and addresses of relatives, friends, or acquaintances who are interested. The names of interested patients at our sanitariums may also be added to the list. In addition to these, names from colporteurs or conference workers make good prospects.

### Literature Used

The literature to be used covers a course of three months. And the idea is to provide a variety of reading matter that will arouse interest and suit various tastes. Each envelope sent out contains a copy of *Present Truth*, one number of the Bible Truth Series, Leaves of Autumn, the Family Bible Teacher, or other tracts.

### Stationery Required

One reason why the Home Bible Study League is so successful in its work is the fact that it is carried on in a neat, orderly, systematic manner. The papers are mailed in a neatly printed envelope, and all the stationery used has the Home Bible Study League heading on it. All the letters are signed by one person, as "Director," or "Home Bible Study League."

A box is next secured at the local post office, where all correspondence from the persons receiving the course is directed. The director, or some one else appointed for this work, receives and answers all mail, or turns it over to some one else to be answered. Most of the Leagues are using government stamped envelopes, which may be secured from the post office of any city or town. If possible high-back envelopes should be used, as they are more desirable for this work. Envelope size,  $3\frac{3}{4}$  by  $6\frac{1}{4}$  inches.

#### Wrapping, Addressing, Etc.

For half an hour preceding the regular prayer meeting the members gather together to prepare their packages of literature. An assortment of literature is placed in a neatly printed envelope, bearing the League name. Thus every piece of literature goes out under the name of the organization, which gives added prestige.

These packages of literature are gathered together in bundles of ten or fifteen each, and placed in a large literature rack, made for the purpose, in the vestry of the church or some other convenient place, where the church members who have previously signified their intention of doing so, may secure their ten or fifteen envelopes, taking the same home for addressing and mailing. In this manner the responsibility is spread around among the membership, and many shut-ins have an opportunity to do missionary work by addressing and mailing out the packages.

With the first mailing is sent an introductory letter as follows:

DEAR FRIEND:

We take this means of placing in your hands an assortment of tracts and leaflets, dealing with various subjects of a spiritual nature, that we are sure will be read with enjoyment. This package is only the beginning of a series that will be sent you at regular intervals for a certain length of time.

We are living in an age of restlessness and activity, so that spiritual things are more or less of a side issue, even among professed Christians. The things of this world so engross the minds of thousands that they hardly have time to read and study about their own soul's salvation and matters of eternity. How sad this is, when we stop to think we are all judgment-bound creatures!

This package is sent to you free, from the Home Bible Study League, an organization founded for the moral uplift of humanity and the spreading of the "everlasting gospel." If the reader receives an inspiration to a higher and holier life as a result of perusing these papers, the purpose of the league will have been met.

Nothing will please us better than to hear from you from time to time, telling us how you like the literature we are sending you gratuitously. The Free Information Bureau conducted by the league is at your service, so if you have any questions on Biblical subjects, send them in.

Wishing you a real blessing as you study this reading matter, and assuring you of our desire to help you in any way possible, we are,

Sincerely yours in the Master's service,  
HOME BIBLE STUDY LEAGUE  
....., Director.

#### Letters

No further letters are sent to the reader until the close of the course, when the last number is mailed, although, if desired, another letter of personal interest may be sent in the middle of the course. Usually these letters are neatly mimeographed or printed. Accompanying the last number, when mailed, should be a "questionnaire letter," together with a self-addressed envelope. This gives the reader an opportunity to express himself, and send in his request to be put on the regular mailing list, when copies of the *Signs* and *Watchman* are sent him each month.

#### Questionnaire Letter

DEAR FRIEND:

For some time you have been receiving literature from the Home Bible Study League. The sole object in sending you this reading matter has been to help you spiritually, and also to bring to your attention what the league believes to be special light and truth for this time. We would be glad to visit you personally, but since this is impossible, we write you this letter.

First of all, we would like to know something of your interest in the truths explained in this literature, and especially how you regard the presentation of the prophecies, the Sabbath question, and other subjects. To obtain this information, we have printed a few direct questions on the bottom of this sheet for you to answer. All we ask you to do is to write "Yes" or "No" after each question, and mail the slip back to us in the inclosed, self-addressed envelope. Your answers to these questions will determine just how we shall distribute a limited number of nicely illustrated religious books we have on hand and wish to place in the homes of the people, free of charge. All questions should be answered by "Yes" or "No."

Hoping to hear from you promptly, we remain,

Yours for the Master,

The Home Bible Study League.

#### Questions to Be Answered by "Yes" or "No"

1. Do you enjoy studying the Bible? .....
  2. Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your Saviour? .....
  3. Are you interested in the Bible prophecies? .....
  4. Do you believe in the soon return of Christ? .....
  5. Do you believe the doctrines as taught and explained? .....
  6. Do you believe Saturday, the seventh day, is the Sabbath? .....
  7. Are you keeping it to the best of your ability? .....
  8. If not, are you arranging to keep it soon? .....
  9. Have you enjoyed the literature we have sent you, and do you want us to continue sending literature to you? .....
- Name ..... Address .....

#### Twenty-five Souls in 1927

THE Home Bible Study League is in full force in the Saskatchewan Conference. Brother S. J. Westman, home missionary secretary of that field, writes as follows:

"You may be interested to know that during the year of 1927 the lay members won twenty-five souls through the different periodicals circulated by them through the Home Bible Study League. We are having a good start for 1928, and trust a goodly number of new Sabbath keepers will be baptized during the year, who together with us will carry the heavy burdens of finishing God's work."

The Home Bible Study League gets results!

#### Home Bible Study League in the East China Union

JOHN OSS

LAST year a few workers within the union conceived the idea of beginning a definite line of work for the English-speaking people residing principally in Shanghai. Consequently we made a call for an evangelist, but for various reasons this call did not bring a worker. So we began casting about among our own laborers and found one who could carry this work. The other members of the union family joined in fostering this new endeavor, and \$1,400 was pledged toward this literature ministry for English-speaking people within the union. We are already getting returns from some of the earlier courses that we sent out, and many favorable replies have been received. While it is yet too early to foretell what the results will be, we firmly believe that as a result of this liberal scattering of truth-laden literature some will be gathered in, and who knows but that these very ones may become strong factors in the support of our native work in the days to come?

Just the other day a dear sister we baptized a year ago, came to our veteran Bible worker, and told her she had been constrained by the love of Jesus in her heart to bring a little gift to the Lord. She stated that she did not want her name attached to the gift in any way, but wanted the Bible worker to pass it on in the regular manner. Then she pulled out a roll of paper bills and handed it to our worker. It contained \$100. Praise the Lord for a love that leads in this direction, and may the giver be doubly blessed here and hereafter!

ANOTHER bit of good advice is never to start anything you can't stop.—*Philadelphia Inquirer*.

## Ninety-eight New Members in One Year

LEMUEL E. ESTER

WHILE visiting a church recently a young man took me to one side and said: "Do you see that man over there? He accepted the truth as a result of my taking him literature. He wasn't interested at first, but I am glad that the Lord impressed him, and I have had the pleasure of seeing him baptized. I am glad for the Home Bible Study League." God is giving this young man a burden for souls.

In this same church at the close of the meeting we gave opportunity for any who wished, to give their hearts to God. A lady gave this testimony: "This is the first time I have ever attended an Adventist church, but I thank God to-day for this stirring sermon. My soul has found peace and I am at home. I am glad this sister was impressed to bring me to-day. I have studied my Bible and your literature, am convinced that Saturday is the Sabbath, and I am going to keep all the commandments of God. I want to join you in giving this message to the world."

Every heart was touched. A very earnest brother arose and said: "I want to apologize to this sister. I have known her for fifteen years and have never spoken to her about the Saviour. I did not have faith to believe she would ever become an Adventist. I don't know whether she knew I was an Adventist or not." "No, brother, I did not," replied the woman.

The brother finished by saying, "God helping me, I am not going to be so backward about speaking of my Saviour again."

Others gave the same testimony, promising their Saviour they would have more faith and courage to speak of Jesus and His soon coming.

Ninety-eight precious souls have been reported as won to God through missionary work for this year. Brother or sister, won't you consecrate yourself to God to win souls for His kingdom before it is too late? Remember, a united laity in a united soul-winning movement is God's solution for a quick work on earth.

## The Happy Cross Bearer!

MATTHEW 6: 17, 18: "Thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret."

It was the custom in Jesus' day for folk who wished to be particularly pious and radically religious to disfigure their faces, adopt a sad countenance, and go about with an air of gloom. Even to think of these old religious customs stirs in our hearts a feeling akin to horror. No wonder Jesus said: "If you want to discipline yourselves, do it inwardly. Wash your faces, anoint your head with oil. And while you undergo the discipline, go about with a smile."

To-day, too, Jesus does not want any of us to be sad. We may have sorrows to bear—who hasn't? We may have temptations to face. We may have troubles and trials to encounter, and discipline to undergo; but through it all we should strive to be radiantly, victoriously happy! Our paths are lifting before us in rugged and dangerous heights, and our burdens are heavy upon our backs; but not sadly and despondently and hopelessly are we to walk with the Lord of life. Our heads are to be anointed with the oil of gladness, our faces are to be laved with the water of divine springs until they shine with the glow and glory of immortal hope. There is not a cross on earth as heavy as His, not a trial as hard as His, not a pain as great as His! Yet beside our sadness, place His triumphant joy? Beside our worry, place His splendid peace!

Who is the happy warrior? It is he who in the discipline of life knows how to keep the glad heart. It is he who, though friends disappoint, worldly affairs go wrong, pain comes, sorrows crowd, and dangers threaten, still trusts the Father who is in secret, and walks happily on his pilgrim way with brave and unquestionable joy.—*Rev. Vincent G. Burns, in the Christian Herald, July 10, 1926.*

A MAN who does not know how to learn from his mistakes turns the best schoolmaster out of his life.—*Henry Ward Beecher.*

## Church Missionary Meeting Suggestions for the Month of October

"It is not the Lord's purpose that ministers should be left to do the greatest part of the work of sowing the seeds of truth. Men who are not called to the ministry are to be encouraged to labor for the Master according to their several ability. Hundreds of men and women now idle could do acceptable service. By carrying the truth into the homes of their friends and neighbors, they could do a great work for the Master. God is no respecter of persons. He will use humble, devoted Christians, even if they have not received so thorough an education as some others. *Let such ones engage in service for Him by doing house-to-house work.* Sitting by the fireside, they can—if humble, discreet, and godly—do more to meet the real needs of families than could an ordained minister."—*"Testimonies," Vol. VII, p. 21.*

## First Week

MISSIONARY TOPIC: "Harvest Ingathering Follow-up Work."

TEXT: Acts 4: 20.

SEED THOUGHTS: The apostles Peter and John had had so clear evidence that Jesus was the Messiah and so clear a command to preach that they could not keep silent. The same command is given to every Seventh-day Adventist, and the responsibility should not be less keenly felt. A splendid opportunity for "preaching the word" is provided in follow-up work where Harvest Ingathering magazines have been left. One of the most interesting times in the work of the farmer is when he goes out to the field to see if the grain he has planted has germinated and is showing above the ground. At the first visit he may not see the tender blade shooting through the soil, but when he sees the raised and opening earth, he knows that he has only a day or two to wait until the promise of the harvest shall appear. In the Harvest Ingathering solicitation work the seeds of truth will be sown. Interests will be developed by friendly visits and conversation. Then it is time to look for the increase—time to follow up by cultivation the seed that has been sown. To arouse an interest in eternal things means to assume a responsibility. To neglect this responsibility is to become guilty of the blood of souls who might have accepted the truth and been saved if we had done our duty. Shall we not make the 1928 campaign an outstanding one because of the follow-up effort put forth to win souls to the truth? The *Signs of the Times, Present Truth, Family Bible Teacher*, and other literature are excellent for this use. Carefully note name and address of every person who shows a real interest. Then you will be prepared to follow up the interest by visits, literature, and Bible study.

"Long has God waited for the spirit of service to take possession of the whole church, so that every one shall be working for Him according to his ability."—*"The Acts of the Apostles," page 111.*

## Second Week

MISSIONARY TOPIC: "Home Bible Study League."

TEXTS: Galatians 6: 11; 2 Corinthians 7: 8-12.

SEED THOUGHTS: The great apostle Paul wrote many letters to build up God's work. He wrote to men and women who were in danger of falling, and pointed them to the God of peace, assuring them that through the blood of Christ they might be made perfect. Letters written in love and heart longing for souls have had remarkable results. Through the spirit of prophecy we are told that our ministers should not give all their powers to preaching discourses and let the work end there; they should instruct the members of the church how to take hold of and successfully carry forward missionary correspondence. The First Sabbath service, October 6, was devoted to a presentation of ministering through the mails. Let the time of the missionary meeting to-day be devoted to the securing of names of those who are willing to help in this work, and the presentation of more detailed plans for carrying it forward.

## Third Week

MISSIONARY TOPIC: "Soul-Winning Experiences."

TEXT: John 15: 1-8.

SEED THOUGHTS: "When Christ ascended, He left the church and all its interests as a sacred trust to His followers. And the work of the church is not to be left to the minister alone, or to a few leading men. Every member should feel that he has entered into a solemn covenant with the Lord to work for the best interests of His cause at all times and under all circumstances. Each should have some part to act, some burden to

bear. If all church members felt an individual responsibility, greater advancement would be made in spiritual things. The solemn burden of responsibility resting upon them would lead them to seek God often for strength and grace.

"The real character of the church is measured, not by the high profession she makes, not by the names enrolled on her books, but by what she is actually doing for the Master, by the number of her persevering, faithful workers. Personal, unselfish effort will accomplish more for the cause of Christ than can be wrought by sermons or creeds."—*"Gospel Workers,"* p. 200.

To-day let the missionary meeting time be taken by the church members in telling of their missionary experiences.

#### Fourth Week

MISSIONARY TOPIC: "Home Workers' Books."

TEXTS: Deuteronomy 6: 6, 7; Ephesians 6: 4; Psalms 128: 2, 3.

SEED THOUGHTS: It is exceedingly difficult to-day for thoughtful, sensible parents to provide proper reading for their children. The world is flooded with novels of every description. Some are immoral and low. Others have a refined cloak but are, nevertheless, pernicious in their influence. This is an age when corruption is teeming everywhere, and parents who consider the welfare of their children are reaching out for something better in books for them to read. To meet this need our various publishing houses put out a series of books under the caption of "Home Workers' Books," on which there is a 50-per-cent profit, and which our church members may sell in the homes of the people. The fall of the year, just prior to the holiday season, is an excellent time to take orders for these books, and it is surprising how easily they sell. Many of our sisters can do an excellent work along this line and not neglect their home duties in so doing. A few hours a week used in this manner under the blessing of God may result not only in monetary value to the individual doing this work, but also in placing books containing the truth in the hands of those who may otherwise be lost.

"Many are sad and discouraged, weak in faith and trust. Let them do something to help some one more needy than themselves, and they will grow strong in God's strength. Let them engage in the good work of selling our books. Thus they will help others, and the experience gained will give them the assurance that they are God's helping hand. As they plead with the Lord to help them, He will guide them to those who are seeking for the light. Christ will be close beside them, teaching them what to say and do. By comforting others, they themselves will be comforted."

The home missionary secretary or the Book and Bible House secretary of the conference will furnish the names of the books in the Home Workers' Series.

#### "Chairs of Wellness"

"It is said that Henry Ward Beecher prayed not only for those who were absent from the church services on beds of sickness, but particularly for those who were absent on 'chairs of wellness.'"

There are many persons, and we would not by any means exclude Seventh-day Adventists, who are afflicted with periodical Sabbath sickness. They are abundantly able to carry on their labors of the week up to the very beginning of Sabbath on Friday evening; they appear well able to begin their labors early on Sunday morning, and oftentimes at the sunset hour Saturday evening; but, for some unaccountable reason, they are quite incapacitated during the hours of the holy Sabbath. They are unable to attend the Sabbath school or the church service, or if they do manage to reach the service, they make the occasion one for sleeping and rest.

This class particularly needs the prayers of God's people, even above those who are kept away from the Lord's house by actual physical disability. While the Sabbath of the Lord was given man as a day of physical rest, it was likewise given as a day for spiritual refreshing; and if he enjoys the one without improving the other, he misses the great purpose of God in the establishment of this institution. To the "shut-ins" and to those who, in consequence of physical disability, are kept from meeting with those of like precious faith, our hearts go out in fullest sympathy, but as well, let us remember the more needy class who remain at home on "chairs of wellness." Please read Malachi 3: 16, 17 and Hebrews 10: 25.

ALFRED E. BACON.



#### Providences of God in Mexico

THE following word from Elder C. E. Wood, home missionary secretary of the Inter-American Division, pictures the forward movement for the winning of souls by lay members now in progress in Mexico:

"Brother D. A. Parsons gave a report of the work in Mexico this morning in our worship hour, and it would seem that the great forward movement in Mexico is largely the result of the work of lay members. He told of one Indian woman who has won one hundred converts to the message. Companies of believers are springing up in some sections of Mexico faster than the workers can visit them. He attributes much of this interest to the seed that was sown years ago through books which were sold by our colporteurs. It is very evident that we are rapidly approaching the time when the great reformatory movement which we have long looked forward to will quickly develop in all of these Spanish-speaking fields."

#### Work of the Laity in the Far East

IN his home missionary report for the Far Eastern Division for the year 1927 Elder J. J. Strahle writes as follows:

"One of our isolated sisters living in the northern part of Japan has been selling some magazines each month. The Holiness church sent a worker into that section. He held meetings, and many people came out to hear him. Many questions were raised by the people who had purchased our magazines. The Holiness preacher could not give satisfactory answers, so he had to leave. Then the people came to our sister for more light. She did her best, and when one of our workers visited the place, he found a company of interested people ready for meetings. This is a good example of how our church members can create an interest.

"The work done by our church members has been given a great deal of publicity in Harbin and throughout the Russian cities of Manchuria. The priests have made it a particular point to explain to their communicants the wonderful organization the Seventh-day Adventists have in carrying on their propaganda. Here is what the Greek Catholics have been told: 'The Seventh-day Adventists carry on a very clever propaganda to win converts to their faith. Their most powerful lever in winning people is the kind of literature they produce. It is written up in a very subtle way, creating on the part of the people a strong desire to read more of such literature, until they are fully persuaded of the said doctrines. The Seventh-day Adventists are our greatest enemy, for they are undermining the belief of our church members. Their literature gives us much trouble. We find it everywhere. The Seventh-day Adventists have sold \$6,000 worth of their literature in this district, and the worst part of it is that it has been our members who have purchased it. We exhort you to buy literature from our printing house, instead of buying this cleverly written literature introducing new doctrines from abroad.' The priests unconsciously made one of the strongest appeals they possibly could have made, arousing a curiosity in the minds of their members to learn what those new doctrines 'from abroad' are.

"A very interesting experience has taken place in the island of Mindanao. An American, La Sage by name, was recently baptized to this faith. Brother La Sage lives among the Moro people (Mohammedan), and he is greatly beloved by them because of his kindly dealing with them. Through his personal missionary work, Brother La Sage was instrumental in winning the first Moros in the Philippines to become Seventh-day Adventists. When the first converts, a Moro man and his wife, were baptized, a group of twenty Moro men under the leadership of their sultan witnessed the baptismal scene."

# Junior Missionary Volunteer Meetings

## Suggestions to Junior Superintendents

"*Social Life of the Junior*," chapters IX and X of the Junior Manual, are our chapters for special consideration this month. As the long winter evenings come on, this subject will be of paramount interest because of the stress which your Juniors will place upon it by expecting suggestions and helps for profitable and pleasant evenings. Let us not begrudge time thus spent, for it is in this way that some Juniors may be reached with whom you can never find any other point of contact. If the Junior superintendent neglects to help in this, the Juniors will build up a social life of their own.

*Are Your Programs Interesting?* The Suggestions to Senior Missionary Volunteer Leaders are applicable to the Junior Society also. Do not fail to read them. (See p. 11.)

## Helping the Boys' School in India

(For Week Ending October 6)

### Suggestive Program

Three Songs: "It Pays to Serve Jesus," "Send the Light," and "Since the Fullness of His Love Came In," (In "Gospel in Song.") Silent Prayer, Closed by the Junior Superintendent.

Reports and Announcements.  
Junior Leader's Introduction to the Boys' School. (See Senior Notes to Leaders, p. 11.)

Talk: "What We Need."

Song: "Missionary Volunteers." (No. 51 in "Sunshine Songs.")

Letters: "Why the Boys Go to School." (See p. 11)

Superintendent's Talk: "Gifts of the Wise Men." (Tell story of the wise men. Matt. 2: 1-11. Plan definitely with the Juniors as to how they will earn money for India, and set your goal. See Notes to Leaders for Offering Device.)

Recitation: "Give Cheerfully"

Special Song to Close: "Let Us Work, and Never Falter." (Memorize and sing this song often during the quarter. If possible, give a copy to each Junior.)

### Notes to Junior Leaders

Aim to bring the Juniors into the spirit of this school where the boys of India are receiving a training that they may go forth to labor in the Master's vineyard. (See Notes to Senior Leaders, p. 11.)

For Your Offering Device we suggest a canopy of blue across one corner of the room. From this by means of threads suspend stars of various colors. One color might represent a certain number of nickels received in your offering that week, another color could represent pennies, another dimes, etc. Large gold stars could represent dollars or half dollars. If the favorite colors of the Juniors are chosen for the larger pieces of money, it will be a great incentive to increase the size of individual offerings. Like the wise men of old, who followed the star until it rested over the Bethlehem manger, let us bring our gifts and lay them at the feet of Jesus.

### Give Cheerfully

"PENNIES and nickels and dollars and dimes  
Seem made to give children very good times.  
But when we remember God's world, I don't see  
How we can ever forgetful be  
Of children who, black, red, yellow, and brown,  
Are made to stone idols their heads to bow down,  
I think that God wants us like wise men to be,  
And give all we can very cheerfully."

### Talk: "What We Need"

OUR hearty thanks to the dear young people of North America who have taken it upon themselves to raise \$5,000 during the fourth quarter of this year for the work of the Northeast India Union Training School at Ranchi, India. We greatly appreciate your kind interest and the sacrifice on your part in order to help this needy institution. "I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you." 1 John 2: 14.

From the time the above suggestion reached us from the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference, we have eagerly looked forward to the time when the young people of North America will rise up as one man to see this enterprise through. We have faith in God and in you that by His help you will be able to raise \$5,000 and more, and to this end we are upholding you in our prayers from across the seas.

In ancient times when Ben-hadad, the king of Syria, with his mighty host and thirty-two kings, and his horses and chariots, went to war with Ahab, king of Israel, "the young men of the

princes of the provinces"—two hundred thirty-two in number, went out as leaders with seven thousand of the children of Israel, and vanquished their foe. (1 Kings 20: 1, 2, 13-20.) If God could use the young people in those days to His glory and honor, the same is possible in these days also. Thank God, He is working through the young people of our denomination in a marvelous way, and yet there are greater possibilities before them.

Perhaps our Missionary Volunteers in North America would like to know something of our needs, which will help them to work definitely for us. They are many,—the buildings and equipment are not adequate for the work:

1. Our school is located about five miles from town, where we must get our school supplies and food. It is here also that we take students to the government hospital who need medical help. Both Mrs. Mookerjee and I, and others connected with the school, have to go to town on a springless bullock cart. This mode of conveyance is so slow that it takes a good share of a day to go and return, besides being very uncomfortable and tedious. Money to buy a car will be very gratefully accepted.

2. As for a library, we have not even a set of the "Testimonies" in the school, not to mention other books of importance published by our denomination. New or old denominational books, English Bibles, Bible Dictionary, Concordance, English Dictionaries, Teachers' Normal Helps, suitable library books, magazines for teachers and students, will fill a very urgent need of our school. (Any Missionary Volunteer Society desiring to give books or magazines should first correspond with the Missionary Volunteer Department, Takoma Park, D. C. Do not send any item until you have specific directions.)

3. We are planning to start a small printing press with English, Bengali, and Hindi types, and are anxiously looking forward to the generosity of the Publishing Extension Fund to furnish us the means.

4. We have a carpenters' workshop, but do not have adequate tools.

These are only a few of our needs. The \$5,000 which you Missionary Volunteers will give may bring many of them to us.

"As a church, as individuals, if we would stand clear in the judgment, we must make more liberal efforts for the training of our young people."—"Counsels to Teachers," p. 48.

L. G. MOOKERJEE.

## Let Us Work, and Never Falter

(Tune: "Help Me Find My Place," No. 194 in "Gospel in Song.")

On the forefront of the battle  
In the world-wide mission fields,  
Men and women, facing danger,  
Stand unmoved that hearts may yield  
To the calling of the Master,  
To the pleadings of His love;  
Loyal servants these, of Jesus,  
Gathering sheaves for heaven above.

### CHORUS:

Let us work and never falter,  
Let us bear each one his part;  
Never shrinking nor excusing,  
May we serve with all our heart.  
While they work in loyal service  
In the distant heathen lands,  
Surely we will gather for them,  
Here at home uphold their hands.

Ferth they fared to do His bidding,  
Save those lost in sin and shame;  
Counted not the cost, the heartaches,  
Sickness, loneliness, and pain.  
There they struggle still, nor courage  
Ever lose, nor count the cost;  
Only longing, like their Master,  
By some means to save the lost.

While they wage the distant battle,  
Holding firm in fields afar,  
They are counting on us, brethren,  
To equip them for the war.  
Let us then be up and doing,  
Never falter, never fail;  
Reach our goals, bring in the offerings,  
See that other workers sail.

S. A. WELLMAN.

## "I Will Be Pure and Kind and True"

(For Week Ending October 13)

### Suggestive Program

Opening Song: "Kind Words Can Never Die." (No. 789 in "Christ in Song.")  
 Scripture Reading: Eph. 4:32; 1 John 3:1-3; Phil. 4:8. (To be given by three Juniors.)  
 Prayer.  
 Minutes and Missionary Reports.  
 Offering for Foreign Missions.  
 Solo: "A Clean Heart." (No. 19 in "Christ in Song.")  
 Talk by Superintendent: "Be Pure."  
 Talk: "Be Kind."  
 Recitation: "Wishing."  
 Reading: "Be True."  
 Closing Song: "Dare to Do Right." (No. 67 in "Christ in Song.")

### Talk by Superintendent: "Be Pure"

TENNYSON represents Sir Lancelot as saying:

"My strength is as the strength of ten,  
 Because my heart is pure."

How true it is that as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he! If we are selfish, untruthful, unkind in our hearts, our lives are sure to be just as selfish, untruthful, and unkind. If our hearts are filled with kind thoughts for others, our lives are sure to be a blessing to all with whom we come in contact, for they will be filled with kind deeds for others.

When we allow wrong habits to enter into our hearts, they take root and grow until the little twig of evil becomes a mighty tree, whose roots will twine in and out and around our hearts until the good habits that might grow there are entirely choked out. It is much easier to pull many weeds out of a garden than to pull one out of a heart.

Suppose some of us have allowed our hearts to become tainted with impure thoughts, and they are therefore no longer clean. How are we to make them clean?

First of all, let us throw away the books we have been reading that do not tell of beautiful lives, and let us put in their place books that are helpful, books that will make us want to do helpful deeds. Added to these, let us choose companions who have clean thoughts and are living clean lives. Added to all these, let us take Jesus Christ and His teachings into our lives. He will create a new heart within us.

If we would have our hearts pure, we should keep them open to the love and teachings of Jesus Christ at all times. Many flowers open to the sun, but the sunflower is the only one that follows the sun as it crosses the sky and disappears behind the western horizon. Just as the sunflower follows the sun should our hearts turn always to our heavenly Father, not only opening to receive God's blessing, but constant in looking to Him.—*Miriam Brown Prescott.*

### Talk: "Be Kind"

I KNEW two girls who were schoolmates. It seemed impossible for them even to walk home from school together without having trouble. One evening they indulged in an unusually severe quarrel when they pulled each other's hair. Of course there is no one here who would quarrel like that.

On this particular night one of these girls became very much ashamed of her conduct, and what do you think she decided to do? She went out into the flower garden, and picked the rarest blossoms and arranged them in a most beautiful bouquet. The next morning she carried them to school, and placed them under the desk of the girl she had quarreled with the evening before.

As the girl put her hands under the desk to get her books, she found the flowers, and of course the quarrel was ended. Those beautiful flowers, given in a very kind way, healed all the wounds, and the girls became fast friends. How much happier they were, and how much better their influence upon all their classmates!

"Politeness is to do and say  
 The kindest thing in the kindest way."

Suppose our little girl had brought the flowers to school that morning, and had not been kind and gentle in presenting them to her enemy. We all know that very likely peace would not have been made, and the quarrel would probably not have ended.

Here is another little poem that is to the point:

"Be kind and be gentle to those who are old;  
 For kindness is dearer and better than gold."

Not long ago a little old lady with a shawl about her shoulders and a very heavy basket on her arm climbed up into an open street car. A few blocks farther on a tall, well-dressed man stepped onto the car. When it came time for this little old lady to leave the car, the tall gentleman stepped down, lifted the heavy basket down, and helped the woman also. Quickly he stepped back and took his seat. He was a gentleman.

It is easy enough to be kind to people when they are well dressed. Sometimes it is a little harder when they are poorly clad. How many of you think more of the kind man for being courteous to that little old woman? Of course we all do.

Here is another story of kindness. This time it is kindness to an animal. When Balaam was riding along on his beast, he came to a "path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side." The animal crowded close to the wall, so close that it hurt Balaam's foot. It made him very angry, but all that he said did no good; the beast did not move. Then he whipped the animal; still it did no good. Finally the beast turned and spoke to Balaam; but Balaam was so angry that he did not know what he was doing. He didn't even stop to think that an animal couldn't talk, and he actually talked back to that beast.

All of a sudden a great light shone in the road; an angel appeared to Balaam. He had come to tell Balaam that a record was kept of every deed, whether it be kind or unkind, and that Jesus took notice when even an animal was not well treated.

(Let the Juniors tell here of some kind treatment to animals that they have seen.)

LOTTIE E. BELL.

### Wishing

Do you wish the world were better?

Let me tell you what to do:  
 Set a watch upon your actions,  
 Keep them always straight and true;  
 Rid your mind of selfish motives,  
 Let your thoughts be clean and high.  
 You can make a little Eden  
 Of the sphere you occupy.

Do you wish the world were wiser?

Well, suppose you make a start,  
 By accumulating wisdom  
 In the scrapbook of your heart.  
 Do not waste one page on folly;  
 Live to learn, and learn to live.  
 If you want to give men knowledge,  
 You must get it ere you give.

Do you wish the world were happy?

Then remember day by day  
 Just to scatter seeds of kindness  
 As you pass along the way;  
 For the pleasures of the many  
 May be oftentimes traced to one,  
 As the hand that plants an acorn  
 Shelters armies from the sun.

—Selected.

### Reading: "Be True"

WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY tells us that to be true is to be steady in adhering to friends, promises, allegiance, or the like; faithful and loyal; not false. Surely, then, to be true is a trait to be desired and cultivated by every Junior.

First of all we should be true to God, and to His cause in the earth. He is counting on every boy and girl. He expects each one to be true, and to witness for Him, whether with the crowd or alone. The Junior who is true to God will not attend the movies or other harmful amusements, but will indulge only in those things that will help one to become a stronger Christian character.

We should be true to our friends. Nothing is more hateful than to be false and traitorous to a friend. We should seek to understand our friends so well that when we cannot see the motive underneath what they do, we can trust them just the same.

We should be true to our word. A person who says one thing to-day and the contrary to-morrow, is a disappointment to all who know him. A Junior must be true throughout. Every word and act must ring true. If he fails in this, he wrongs himself. As Emerson put it: "The thief steals from himself; that is, he loses his own self-respect, and in the end it is himself who always pays the penalty."



A young man who was clerking in a dry goods store stated to a customer that such a piece of goods was not of the weave which the customer had asked for. His employer was very angry, and demanded why he did not show other goods, to which the clerk replied, "We did not have that quality in the store." "Young man," said the employer, "if you can't stretch the truth a little to fit the circumstances, you will never do for me." "Very well," said the young man, "if I must tell falsehoods in order to keep my place, I must lose it. That's all." This clerk was Marshall Field, who later became one of America's greatest merchants. But the dishonest employer became a bankrupt, and died in poverty. It always pays to be true.

Another lad, Jackson Keith, was sweating when he came out of the chief's private office. "Did he roast you, Jack?" asked one of the boys in the warehouse. Jackson nodded. "What did you tell him?" "Why, I told him the truth," said Jackson; "what could I tell him?" "Well," said the other boy, "I would have made up a story. Anything would be better than being fired, and I suppose he will fire you. He always does when a boy falls down on the job."

But the chief did not fire Jackson Keith. What had happened was this: Jackson had been sent on an errand down town. On the way he saw some boys playing marbles, and stopped a moment to watch the game. Then he was invited to play just for a minute. And he played. The chief happened to come along, and saw him. When Jackson got back to the office, he was called in to talk with the chief. The boy frankly told the truth about the matter, and said he was sorry. The chief scolded him, but inwardly he knew that a boy who will tell the truth has good in him. He kept Jackson on. He even advanced him. Truth tellers are always worth while. Let every Junior say, "By the grace of God, I will be pure and kind and true."

C. LESTER BOND.

## Harvest Ingathering

(For Week Ending October 20)

### Suggestive Program

Songs of Service, Praise, and Victory. (Nos. 264, 574, 571, 263, 576, 570, in "Christ in Song" are suggestive.)  
Psalm 100 in Concert. (Or by three Juniors.)  
Several Short Prayers of Praise, Closed by the Leader.  
Song: "I Love Thee Better, Lord." (No. 301 in "Christ in Song.")  
Exercise: "Shares in God's Kingdom." (If you have gone out in bands, have the Junior band leaders take part in this exercise.)  
Reports of Harvest Ingathering Experiences. (Encourage each one to tell his experience either in blessing to himself or to others. Some might give the text of Scripture which encouraged them most.)  
Harvest Ingathering Results. (Sing one stanza of "Those Grand Old Dollars for Missions," No. 65 in "Sunshine Songs." Then call for bands or individuals to pass in the money received. List on blackboard the amounts, so that they may be quickly totaled. Also, list names of those who should receive further literature or missionary visits. Intersperse with other stanzas of the song begun.)  
Superintendent's Remarks: "Trophies of Victory." (See p. 14. Stress importance of doing follow-up work among the interested or those in need. Close talk with prayer for those who will receive further visits, and for the Juniors in all their missionary work.)  
Closing Song: "Song of Victory." (See p. 15.)

### Note to Leaders

Your Harvest Ingathering campaign is over for 1928. Make this closing meeting so attractive that it will inspire each Junior to want a larger part in the campaign next year. Lay careful plans for following up every possible interest. It would be well to cover the same territory with special literature, calling at each door, reminding those you meet that you are the Juniors who solicited for missions, and asking if they desire further literature or Bible studies. Some may be in need of food or clothing. This is a good opportunity for the Christian help band. Get the Senior Missionary Volunteers to join you. This follow-up work will emphasize in the minds of the Juniors the soul-winning side of Harvest Ingathering. Have frequent seasons of prayer for those for whom you are working.

### Exercise: "Shares in God's Kingdom"

(Older Junior boy comes on platform ringing a bell, followed by five smaller Juniors, each bearing a Harvest Ingathering can. The older Junior carries cardboards on each of which, in large, bright letters, is the name of a foreign country mentioned. One is handed to each Junior as he finishes reciting, and he in turn sets his Harvest Ingathering can on the table.)

Boy: "Who'll buy? Who'll buy in God's kingdom a share?  
A stock yielding dividends like this is rare.  
Come, speak up at once, or the chance may slip by.  
Is it nothing to you if a human soul die?"

No. 1: "I'll buy one in Syria, just to set free  
The slaves of Mohammed, bound fast as you see

By chains of religion as false as 'tis strong.  
Some day to the King of kings all shall belong."

Boy: "Come buy, come buy, the hours swiftly fly."  
(Rings bell.)

No. 2: "Just give me Korea. 'More light,' is their cry.  
Why should any souls in the darkness still lie?  
When money is flowing like water around,  
For such a good purpose some help might be found."

No. 3: "The Philippine Islands I'll take for my share.  
Christianity's fires are still burning there,  
Kept bright by a few loyal natives and true,  
Who for the Lord Jesus this work gladly do."

Boy: "Come buy, come buy, your dollars now bring,  
And count it a joy to save souls for the King."

No. 4: "In India surely I'll purchase a share,  
The Christ and His gospel are needed most there;  
Superstition and fear, degradation, disgrace,  
In that dreary land can all find a large place."

No. 5: "Please, in the Dark Continent give me a share,  
I'm sure in that lone spot you've plenty to spare.  
The sun of God's love makes the desert to bloom,  
And drives from each heart sighs of sadness and gloom."

Boy: "A share in God's kingdom, the whole world so wide,  
No souls must be lost for whom Jesus has died.  
Brazil, Turkey, Mexico, oh, there are shares upon  
shares left yet (holds up other placards);  
But those who shared in this Ingathering, I am sure  
have no regret.

—Lizzie DeArmond.

## How Do You Read?

(For Week Ending October 27)

### Suggestive Program

Opening Song: "Just a Word for Jesus."

Scripture Reading: Prov. 2: 1-11.

Prayer.

Reports, Announcements, Offering.

Leader's Remarks: "How Do You Read?" (See Notes to Leaders.)

Talk: "The Attractive Junior."

Special Instrumental Music.

Talk: "What Shall I Read, and Why?"

Exercise: "The Mission of a Good Book." (By one or more Juniors.)

Superintendent's Talk: "The Test of a Book." (Have the quotations

given under this title on the back of the blackboard. Ask Juniors to name qualities of a good book, and list these on the board. Then bring quotations on reverse side into view, and have all read them together. Dwell upon them long enough to impress the points upon the minds of the Juniors. Bring in thoughts gleaned from "The Lighted Way," pp. 127-131. Lead up to the Junior Readers' Discussion.)

Junior Readers' Discussion: "Books for Me and My Friends." (See

Notes to Junior Leaders.)

Song: "I Will Early Seek the Saviour."

Close by Repeating the Junior Law in Concert.

### The Test of a Book

A good book, whatever its nature may be, is one that leaves you farther on than when you took it up. This is a good test,—that it shall be known by its fruit in our thinking and living, by what it does for us and in us.—*Anna Warner.*

No book that will not improve by repeated readings deserves to be read at all.—*Thomas Carlyle.*

### Notes to Junior Leaders

*How Do You Read?*—Make this program very practical. Give the Juniors something to think about which will germinate action. Have the Junior and Primary Reading Course books on display. Be familiar with their contents, so you can say a word when necessary about each. Read 1 Timothy 4: 13 and comment on the text.

"There are four kinds of readers. Hourglass readers, whose reading runs in and out, and leaves nothing. Sponge readers, who imbibe all, but only to give it out again as they got it, and perhaps not so clean. Jelly-bag readers, who keep the dregs and refuse, and let the pure run through. Diamond readers, who cast aside all that is worthless, and hold only the gems."—*Samuel Taylor Coleridge.*

*Junior Readers' Discussion.*—Have three Juniors prepared to lead out in this discussion by telling a story or incident from a 1929 Junior Reading Course book in such an interesting way that others will want to read the book. Some story might be

broken off just at the most interesting point, with the remark that it is too long to tell—they must read it for themselves. Encourage others to tell briefly what back Reading Course books they like best and why. Discuss how the Juniors can pass on these good books to boys and girls in your community. Have an honor roll or record kept, listing the books lent by each Junior. Make it a rule that no book lent is to be listed unless the Junior himself has first read it. Have a supply of M. V. Leaflet No. 80, "Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses," on hand. Encourage Juniors to check up and apply for certificates. Also, have 1929 Reading Course circulars for all.

### Talk: "The Attractive Junior"

We all like to be physically strong and attractive. Exercise keeps our bodies physically fit. A boy or girl, healthy, erect, and neatly dressed, is a joy to the eye. But are good health and neatness all the attributes needed to make a Junior attractive? Can a boy or girl whose mind is careless or slovenly, be really attractive?

(Here demonstrate with a small magnet how it attracts things to itself,—bits of steel, pins, needles, tacks, etc.) I might take another piece of steel, shape it like a horseshoe, and paint it the color of this one, but would it have any drawing power? No. Why? Because it has not the *something* within it that the magnet has. The magnet was just like this second piece of steel until it was *electrically charged*. That is the secret of its drawing power.

As we study the life of Jesus, we know that He was attractive, that He had the *something* within Him which drew people to Him, just as the little magnet attracts bits of steel to itself. What was the secret of Jesus' power? (Read Luke 2:52.) What is the most important word in that verse? "*Increased*," is it not? "Jesus increased in wisdom." When He was but twelve years old, He astounded the priests in the temple at Jerusalem with His knowledge of the Scriptures. Jesus was well read. When He began His public ministry, great crowds flocked to hear Him. Why? Because He had read and studied, and He knew what He was talking about.

Have you ever met any one to whom you felt immediately attracted? The reason was because he was interesting. He was *well read*, which means he had read things worth while. How much time we can spend reading trash,—the funny sheets, silly stories,—while the worth-while books are put aside!

Two boys spent their time reading "Wild West" stories. One day they decided they, too, would be heroes, so they started out to emulate the cowboys in the stories. Before very long they found themselves in a prison cell. Here, much to their disgust, they found nothing to read but a Bible and another book, which on investigation proved to be also a religious book. They threw them both in the corner. But as the long, weary hours of the days presented nothing more interesting to them, they picked up the books and began to read. They became interested, and finally were converted. When released from jail, the boys went straight to Battle Creek, Mich., in search of the author of the book they had found in their cell. The book was "Daniel and the Revelation." Who can tell for whom they searched? Yes, and they found Uriah Smith, who soon had them out selling the book that had brought salvation to them. The reading of bad stories landed them in jail; the reading of one good book brought them to their Saviour.

As Missionary Volunteers we have pledged ourselves to help spread "the advent message to all the world in this generation." In order to do this we must have a thorough knowledge of the advent message. We cannot gain that knowledge, and fit ourselves to give it to others, if we spend our time reading that which is not deserving of our attention. Such books as these, Juniors (have new Junior Reading Course books on display), will help us to increase in wisdom as Jesus did, and to be mentally strong and attractive. "Patch your old coat, but buy a good book," some one advises, and these books which are chosen especially for you, Juniors, are worth patching your coat for, in order to own them and have them in your own library.

MARIE T. MOONEY.

### Talk: "What Shall I Read, and Why?"

WHAT is your favorite rainy-day occupation? Did you ever curl up in a big chair in front of a fireplace, with a dish of apple at your elbow and a favorite book in your hands, and

lose yourself to the world? And isn't it true that some of the happiest hours you can remember were spent in this way?

But the question now is, What kind of book were you reading? In what kind of story were you lost? Are the books in which you lose yourself stories of real life, or fanciful, imaginary tales that make you long to do impossible things? Many a young girl has started on the downward trail because she wanted to be a great actress, or a noted beauty, like the one in the story she had read. Listen to what one young woman wrote:

"I had been reading a novel after retiring the other night. As I fell asleep, I had a dreadful dream. I thought I had passed from time to eternity, and was striving to enter heaven; but something held me back. As I turned to discover what it was, I saw a chain of the many novels I had read. The one I had placed under my pillow before I fell asleep, that my parents might not see it, was firmly attached to me, and the other end of the chain was held by demons. As I strove to get free and enter heaven, they, with the chain of novels, drew me back. As I seemed sinking to hell, in great fear and excitement I awoke. I thanked God that I was yet alive, and resolved never to read another novel. But in less than forty-eight hours I was again reading the unfinished novel. I want to be free, and yet I am enslaved."

Junior, did you get that point? This girl was a *slave* to her habit of reading novels. She knew it was drawing her down to hell, but she could not break the habit.

But did you ever hear of any one's going wrong or committing some terrible crime because he had read stories of missionaries in foreign lands, and because he, too, wanted to become a missionary? Here are some of the things good books will do for us: Books have the power to make us travelers in far countries, and voyagers in strange seas, they lead us into fellowship with peoples of all climes. They preserve for us the very personalities of the men and women who have lived and worked through the centuries, those who are living and working at the present time. Think how limited your acquaintance would be if it were confined to the folks in your own home town, and the few you have chanced to meet in your journeys.

Two boys grew up in the same town. One of them made a friend of an evil young man, learned to swear, smoke, and gamble, and came to a bad end. His friend led him astray. The other boy made a friend of a good boy who loved to study. This friendship taught him to love books and nature, and made him a success in life.

Books are friends. Some are decidedly bad, and should be avoided. Others are silly. They are not evil; but they have nothing worth while to tell us, and it is not profitable to spend time on them. Others are good, full of information and helpfulness. This is the kind of book friends we should get to know.

And this is one of the advantages of belonging to a society that offers us a Reading Course. Is there a Junior in this meeting who would not shout with joy if some rich person offered him a trip around the world? Probably no one will make you any such offer. But this is the advantage of good books. For just a few dollars you can lose yourself in vivid descriptions of these strange places.

"The Reading Course books are waiting for you!  
They're friends worth having, tried and true;  
They're books to read, they're books to heed,  
So we send them forth, and earnestly plead  
That you who're busy from morn till night  
Will read these books for help and delight."

LOTO W. SCHOFIELD.

### Exercise: "The Mission of a Good Book"

It will go anywhere, sea or land,  
Gets into cabin or palace,  
Reaches those otherwise unreachable,  
Waits its time to be heard,  
Is never tired of speaking.

Travels farther and cheaper than any other;  
Is unaffected by climate, untouched by fever.

Once started off, calls for no salary,  
Costs nothing to feed or clothe.

Never changes its voice, and lasts  
Forever—until the fire comes!—

—D. L. Moody.

# Senior Missionary Volunteer Meetings

## Suggestions to Senior M. V. Leaders

*Are Your Programs Interesting?*—You have all heard the little story of the question, "Is life worth living?" and the answer, "It all depends upon the liver." So the answer to the question asked above might be, "It all depends upon the giver." In the case of Missionary Volunteer programs the responsibility begins with the society leaders. It is your duty not only to assign parts for the program, but also to train members to carry them out in an interesting way. In some cases this may call for individual help in behalf of an amateur speaker. But it is worth while. You may be training a future worker in the cause of God. It is generally admitted that the matter sent out from headquarters forms an excellent basis for interesting and profitable programs; but we get many criticisms similar to this one:

"The chief fault I find is with the way the program is rendered. Generally some one is chosen to read who does not read distinctly and loud enough to be heard. I have been trying to get them to *tell* what is in the article instead of reading it."

I am confident that this strikes at the real cause of many dull programs. An old lady was asked if she remembered the Sunday morning sermon. "Why! law me, no!" said she, "how could I remember it? The preacher couldn't even remember it himself; he had to read it."

Somehow that paper does get between us and our audience, and we lose their interest. But if we *talk* it, even with hesitation and ungrammatical sentences, but allowing our own interest in the subject to beam straight out of our eyes, the audience is interested.

How can you do it?

1. Study thoroughly the article which is to furnish the basis of your talk.
2. Read something else on the subject if possible.
3. Talk with any one who may be better informed on the subject than you are.
4. Write down the main points, and *think* them over.
5. Tell a friend all you have learned about the subject. In other words, practice on him.
6. Pray that you may be able with your own enthusiasm to impress the society with the importance of the subject, as well as to give some information.
7. If you see any way you can use a map, a diagram, or a chart in your talk, do it, even if you have to make one ever so crude. It is remarkable how something of this kind to turn to is like a friend by the side of a timid speaker.

The Missionary Volunteer Society is a training school for young Christians, in the study of the truth, in witnessing for Christ in missionary work, and in learning how to tell the message. Encourage your members when they are called upon to take part on the program, to make the most of it, for it is really a great opportunity.

M. E. K.

## Northeast India Union Training School

(For Week Ending October 6)

### Suggestive Program

- Opening Song: "There's a Work for Jesus." (No. 254 in "The Gospel in Song.")
- Scripture Reading: Revelation 14: 6-12.
- Sentence Prayers by Volunteers, Closed by the Lord's Prayer in Concert.
- Reports and Announcements.
- Leader's Introduction: "The Boys' School in India." (See Notes to Leaders, last part.)
- Talk: "What We Need." (See p. 7.)
- Song: "Count on Me." (No. 235 in "The Gospel in Song.")
- Letters: "Why the Boys Go to School." (Have these read by two Missionary Volunteers.)
- Recitation: (Your own selection.)
- Our Offerings This Quarter. (See Notes to Leaders, first part.)
- Special Song: "Let Us Work, and Never Falter." (Memorize this, and sing it often throughout the quarter. If possible, give each member a typewritten copy.)
- Missionary Volunteers Separate for Band Meetings. (See p. 15.)

### Notes to Leaders

To-day we have the privilege of getting acquainted with a new mission field for which we will work during the last quarter of 1928. To be sure, we cannot go to Ranchi, India, to assist the teachers in educating the boys of the Northeast India Union Training School; but we can help them much through our offerings and our prayers. By doing this we shall be helping to answer the prayers of these boys themselves, for Brother L. G. Mookerjee, the principal of their school, writes:

"Last night at our farewell meeting with the students of the school before they left for their summer vacation, I requested that each student remember in prayer the young people of the States who will take part in raising the means for us. Our needs are too many to mention, as we are entering upon

a new era in our training school work in the Northeast Union. All these years only a very few attended the school, as instruction was given in English only. But now arrangements have been made to enlarge the work of the school, take in more students, and engage more teachers, etc."

The Northeast India Union Training School is a school for boys alone, but I am thankful to say that we do have schools for girls in India now. By raising money for the boys' school, we shall be helping to release other funds for the other schools. So, boys and girls, young men and young women, all together, let us do by God's help a greater work than during any previous quarter this year.

Introducing his school location and the splendid young people who are in training for service in the army of the King of kings, Brother Mookerjee writes:

"Our Northeast India Union Training School is located at Ranchi, about six miles from the railway station and five miles from the government hospital, the post office, and the shops. We have a compound of twenty-two acres of land, with a bungalow for the principal, a dormitory, school building, and teachers' quarters on the estate. Ranchi is about 273 miles from Calcutta, with an altitude of 2,000 feet. It is the summer headquarters of the Bihar and Orissa government.

"We have in our training school four nationalities:

6 Araons, representing	765,680 people
2 Mundis, representing	593,839 people
16 Santalis, representing	2,265,282 people
16 Bengalis, representing	49,294,099 people
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40 students, representing	52,918,900 people

These languages represent a little more than half the population of the Northeast India Union Mission.

"Our young people, with you in the United States, strive daily for spiritual advancement. Most of the students of the school are studying their Sabbath school lessons daily. Forty students and teachers are observing the Morning Watch; twenty-nine students are taking the Bengali Young People's Reading Course, and twenty-nine are keeping up the Bible Year. At the time of writing, twelve of our students are about to leave for the summer vacation to canvass. Some of them hope to earn a scholarship."

### Letters: "Why the Boys Go to School"

I. [These Indian boys are in earnest about getting an education. Here is a translation of a letter written by one of our Bengali students to his mother, about 425 miles away, dated Jan. 30, 1928.]

"MY WORSHIPFUL MOTHER GODDESS:

"Accept my respectful salutations, mamma. Please do not be anxious about me. I have a longing to go home (during the yearly summer vacation), but I shall not profit by going home. The three months of the holiday will pass by in joy and merriment, but there will be no gain for my future life. Mother, what shall I say? I do not want to waste the remaining portion of my life. It is my desire to forsake all the pleasures, happiness, and selfishness of this world, and from now on to advance toward the seeking of His feet. I do not wish to spend my life uselessly any more. Mamma, if I do not take hold of Him, how will He take hold of me? Please pray for me. From now on I want to keep my aim fixed on Him. The thought that I shall be able to see the face of my sisters I have reveled in for a long time, but there is no time for such things now. Mother, merrymaking will not be able to take me to Him. For this reason I want to forsake all this and stay at His feet. Mother, pray for me that I do not get discouraged, but rather that I may advance and be successful (in life). Give the sisters my heartfelt of love and loving blessings. Tender my heartfelt respects to father.

"LALIT."

II. [Copy of a letter written in English by a Santali father whose boy is attending the Northeast India Union Training School, Ranchi, India, to the principal of the school. It will give you an idea of the importance of the work of the training school as realized by the converts to the third angel's message.]

"DEAR ELDER:

"Your kind letter of 13th instant arrived yesterday. Thank you very much. I have noted all the rules of the school; now my request is, most kindly keep your mind on the boys. We have offered our sons for Christ's work, so please try your best in their education and duties. I trust mighty God will grant you heavenly blessings for the boys who are in your charge for His finishing works. We will pray to God for you every time. I remain

"Sincerely your brother in Christ,

"GABRIEL MURMOO."

## An Education in Spite of Handicaps

(For Week Ending October 13)

### Suggestive Program

**Songs for To-day's Meeting.** (Nos. 35, 34, 43, 53, 194, 238, in "The Gospel in Song;" or 658, 570, 594, 576, in "Christ in Song.")  
**Secretary's Report, Announcements, Offering.**  
**Missionary Volunteer Pledge, Repeated in Unison, Followed by Prayer.**  
**Dialogue: "The Study Spirit."**  
**Special Music of Your Own Selection.**  
**Talk: "Use What You Have."** (See "Pushing On and Up," pp. 63-74, 1928 Senior M. V. Reading Course book.)  
**Recitation: "Always Room at the Top."** (See book, "Pushing On and Up," p. 128.)  
**Symposium: "The Need of Self-Improvement."** (Have Memory Gem on blackboard, and close symposium by repeating it in concert.)  
**Leader's Remarks: "Heather Honey."** (See Note to Leaders.)  
**Close With Song and Prayer.**  
**Missionary Volunteers Separate for Band Meetings.** (See p. 15)

### Memory Gem

"We are responsible for the good we might have done, but failed to do because we were too indolent to use the means for improvement which were placed within our reach."—*Testimonies, Vol. IV, p. 416.*

### Note to Leaders

The purpose of this meeting is to help every Missionary Volunteer to realize the importance of self-improvement, and to encourage any who may have been disappointed this year in not getting to school. There is yet a way; no obstacles are too great to be surmounted by the young person who is fully consecrated to the Master.

The Scotch beekeepers who live in the lowlands send their bees in summer up among the mountains, where they produce that delicious honey known as heather honey. "There is said to be a peculiar tang about heather honey, as if the bees had brought home from the mountain outlooks and the lonely slopes and the fine pure air, something that they could not gain in the lowlands. The high heather has something which the garden blossoms have lost." It takes time for the bee to travel up the mountain and home again, but the sweet quality of the heather honey brings a satisfaction commensurate to the cost.

So with our education that must be obtained in precious spare moments. It takes longer to go over the ground, but gems once learned remain in our minds better than the more hastily acquired knowledge in school. It may have been plucked out of a book propped up against the mirror while we dressed in the early morning, or against the shelf when washing dishes, or perhaps it was only a sentence gleaned on the way to do chores or to hour-time work. But there is time for meditation and thought, perhaps opportunity to use the knowledge gained before other information crowds it into the background, and it is ours forever.

Make a definite call for Missionary Volunteers to enroll to-day for study through the Fireside Correspondence School. If you desire more catalogues, send names and addresses to the Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C. It may seem there is not much time to give to it, but the days go swiftly by, and it is surprising how much can be accomplished by only a few moments here and there. No Seventh-day Adventist young person can know to what work he may be called before this last message is carried to the world. Let us begin to prepare to-day!

### Dialogue: "The Study Spirit"

(Persons taking part: John Babcock, leader of the young people's society; Grace Fairchild, secretary; James Patterson, assistant leader; Esther Hardy, assistant secretary; and Mary Heald and Robert Fielding, band leaders. John Babcock, seated at a table reading. Grace Fairchild enters.)

**JOHN:** Good evening, Grace. I'm glad you came early for our officers' meeting. I want to ask your advice regarding an important matter.

**GRACE:** Is it something about our society?

**JOHN:** No, it's personal. You know I want to go to college and prepare for some branch of our work, but money is scarce, and now that mother's sick I can't even go and work my way through. Yet I feel that I must do something soon to improve myself.

**GRACE:** Why not take studies by correspondence?

**JOHN:** That's just what I've been thinking about. How did you happen to mention it?

**GRACE:** Well, our conference Missionary Volunteer secretary took dinner with us to-day. He talked correspondence school to us, and we all became so interested that we asked him questions until the poor man hadn't half a chance to eat.

**JOHN:** Did he get your names on the dotted line?

**GRACE:** Mother enrolled on the spot for that short course in Bible readings. Father's thinking about it, and brother and I wanted to talk the matter over together and decide on our courses. I think he'll get us before he leaves town.

**JOHN:** How pleasant for several of us to study together! One can encourage the others.

**GRACE:** Yes, and I believe it will bring new life into our young people's society. A number of us have passed the Standard of Attainment, and it is time we went on and took some studies that carry credit in our schools. Here come the rest of the officers. Wonder what they'll think of the plan.

(Enter assistant leader, assistant secretary, and the two band leaders.)

**JOHN:** You're just in time to take part in some important deliberations. Grace and I have about decided to take up correspondence study, and we want company. What do you say, James, to taking college rhetoric with me by correspondence?

**JAMES:** Don't talk to me about correspondence work. Too much writing. Besides, I'm tired when I get home evenings, and I don't feel like studying.

**MARY:** O James, we're all tired at times, often before evening comes. It makes me tired to see a big stack of dishes and an untidy kitchen needing my attention, especially when I know there's dusting and sweeping and other work to follow. But sometimes when I am physically tired enough to drop, it seems to me I could enjoy sitting down and studying something interesting out of a book. I'm glad John and Grace are leading out in these study plans. You may count on me as one who will go in for English or Bible; perhaps both.

**ROBERT:** If I didn't get so sleepy evenings, I might try it, but I can hardly keep awake after supper, unless something very exciting is going on.

**JOHN:** Well, when other young people go to dances and movies at all hours of the night, it seems to me we should be able to keep awake at least a little while, especially when we are officers in a society of Missionary Volunteers. Besides, isn't it interesting to study and advance in knowledge?

**ESTHER:** I'm like James. I don't always feel like studying, and the correspondence method seems dry to me; but if the rest of you go in for it, I'm willing to join the group and do my best. I know we've got to do some studying if we are ever going to follow in the footsteps of the missionaries we've been learning about in our programs.

**JOHN:** I have been reading the life of Abraham Lincoln. When he was a boy of fourteen, he would go home in the evening after a hard day's work, go straight to the pantry, take a piece of cornbread in one hand and a book in the other, and lie down by the fireplace and read all the evening. He had only nine months of district school because he had to work, but by studying evenings he became a well-educated man.

**ESTHER:** I guess Lincoln would have been glad to enroll for some correspondence courses if they had existed in those pioneer days. He had to do it all by himself. We think it hard, even with a teacher to help us, and conveniently prepared lessons of all kinds.

**JAMES:** I was never much good at writing. I'd rather tell what I know.

**GRACE:** Perhaps we need the practice. By reciting on paper we are able to wait until we know the lesson thoroughly, and then it helps us to remember a thing once we have written it down. I shouldn't fear the final examination in a Fireside course, because one has covered the ground so thoroughly.

**MARY:** Whether you take a subject in a resident school or by correspondence, the important thing is to master that subject. It isn't the teacher, but the student, that must learn the lesson, and when you know a thing, it is a pleasure to recite on it, in writing or orally. The resident school affords pleasant opportunities of getting acquainted with Christian teachers and with many fine young people; but as far as learning things is concerned, I can see how the correspondence method makes for thoroughness, and cultivates habits of neatness and care in language that will be a help all through life.

**JAMES:** I'm thinking that if some of us took the same course, we could get together now and then and study and drill together, and that would be interesting.

**ROBERT:** It would help keep a fellow awake.

GRACE: Our Missionary Volunteer secretary said the Fireside Correspondence School is having a remarkable growth in this country and throughout the world. He read some verses written by an enthusiastic student. I jotted down these lines:

"If in doubt or consternation  
'Bout your course of education,  
Better solve the situation  
Through the Fireside.

"If you've pep and good ambition  
And must work for your tuition,  
You will strengthen your position  
Through the Fireside."

JAMES: Ambition is what I need. I'm not satisfied with myself, and I'll gladly join the rest of you in an effort to spend my evenings in something useful. It makes me ashamed to think of David Livingstone. When only fourteen years of age and working in a factory over in Scotland twelve hours a day, he yet found time to master his Latin grammar by studying it while going to and from his work.

ROBERT: I've just been thinking the members of my band might enjoy taking the course in giving Bible readings.

JOHN: That's good! and some of the rest of us can choose other subjects that appeal to us. The Fireside offers more than eighty different courses, and I understand any course can be taken at the small cost of \$2 a month. I wonder how many of us really want to join a Fireside study group. Let's see the hands! Fine! We're all in it—a 100-per-cent group of Missionary Volunteer Society officers. Now the secretary will take down the names, and after looking over the catalogue, each will be able to decide on a definite course. Hands Fireside catalogue to each.)

ESTHER: How about the rest of the Missionary Volunteers? Should they also be invited to join?

JOHN: Yes, indeed! What do you say to having a special self-improvement evening, and getting as many more as possible to sign up for courses?

ALL: Agreed!

ESTHER: Some of us may get our parents to join.

JOHN: So much the better. The study spirit makes and keeps us all young and happy. M. E. OLSEN.

### Symposium: "The Need of Self-Improvement"

(The answers here given are only for those who do not have access to the books mentioned. If you have the books, do not fail to read the entire paragraphs.)

1. WHY should a Seventh-day Adventist spend time and money in getting an education?

Because "his hope and his calling are greater than any other."—*"Counsels to Teachers," p. 510, par. 3.*

2. If the way seems to be hedged up, should we give up to circumstances?

"Mental culture is what we, as a people, need, and what we must have in order to meet the demands of the time. Poverty . . . need not prevent the cultivation of the mind. . . ; Difficulties will be met in all studies; but never cease through discouragement."—*"Testimonies," Vol. IV, p. 414, par. 2.*

3. Give one example of undaunted perseverance in self-improvement.

"Daniel was an intellectual giant. . . . Other young men had the same advantages; but they did not, like him, bend all their energies to seek wisdom."—*Id., p. 569, par. 1.*

4. If I have finished the course I chose in school, should I study further?

"Never think that you have learned enough. . . . Your education should continue during your lifetime."—*Id., p. 561, par. 3.*

5. What is the greatest hindrance to mental improvement?  
"Indulgence of appetite is the greatest hindrance to mental improvement."—*Id., Vol. IX, p. 156, par. 1.*

6. "I feel I cannot enter the Lord's work," says one; "then should I not work, and waste no time studying?"

"Your responsibility is measured . . . by the powers originally bestowed and the possibilities for improvement. The question which each one should ask himself is . . . how and why he is in this condition, and how it can be remedied."—*Id., Vol. V, p. 469, par. 1.*

7. To what degree are we held responsible? (See Memory Gem.)

## The Great Revival of the Eighteenth Century

(For Week Ending October 20)

### Suggestive Program

Opening Songs: "Come Let Us Anew" and "Love Divine." (Sing hymns to-day written by Charles Wesley or other Reformers. Call attention to the authors as you sing. It is said of Charles Wesley that "most of the hymns of this good man were hymns of experience, and this is why they are so dear to the Christian heart.")

Scripture Reading: Romans 5: 1-5, 19, 20.

Leader's Talk: "Conditions at Beginning of the Eighteenth Century."  
Talk: "John Wesley and His Work." (Whatever else you may omit to-day, this talk must be given in order to get the message of this program. Space forbids printing a full biography, but your public library will have a biography of John Wesley, an encyclopedia, or a church history. A brief but excellent sketch of his life is given in "The Advance Guard of Missions," by Clifford G. Howell, chapter on "The Wesleys." See also "The Great Controversy," pp. 254-265; or "Origin and Progress of Seventh-day Adventists," pp. 57-60. Bring out the following points: 1. Home training. 2. Experiences in school. 3. Entering upon life work. 4. His real conversion. 5. Work and message. Stress the fact that it was not until John Wesley came in contact with Luther's doctrine of righteousness by faith that he was actually converted, and that it was the very next year that he began the work which made him the leader in this great revival.)

Quartet: "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

Talk: "Other Powerful Workers."

Hymns of the Revival. (Sing the songs listed at close of talk preceding.)

Talk: "Results of the Revival Movement." (This may be given as a symposium.)

Closing Song: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing!" (This hymn is believed to have been written by Charles Wesley on the anniversary of his own conversion.)

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

### Leader's Talk: "Conditions at Beginning of the Eighteenth Century"

If we were to draw a diagram of the religious experiences of all the ages, we should find its general contour to be mountain peaks and valleys,—a great religious reformation, then a decline in spirituality.

To-day we shall scale another mountain peak in studying the revival of the eighteenth century. The marked spiritual features of the great Reformation which we studied a month ago, in which Luther and his contemporaries aroused the church from its lethargy and stupor, have ebbed during this post-Reformation period of almost two centuries. This decline was not confined to one locality alone, nor to one form of faith. Morals degenerated, preaching from the pulpit became formal, and there was no real point of contact between the religious teachings and the everyday life of the people. There was great need of a living, practical Christianity. But whence was this to come? The missionary societies of the church had languished. Most of the clergy were men of little earnestness, and their preaching consisted largely of theological discussions. Religion was intellectual, not spiritual. The head of the English nation, King George, was indifferent toward religion, and "Sir Robert Walpole, the most influential statesman of the time, seems to have done everything possible to promote the decline of religious interest." Skepticism and open infidelity stalked abroad in aggressive form. (Glean thoughts also from "The Great Controversy," pp. 251-253.)

But our God, who has never failed in any great crisis in times past, He who will never cease to uphold His truth until the end of time, caused a light to shine forth amid the darkness, which was able to penetrate the midnight blackness of the hour. This was the great evangelical revival of the eighteenth century. "It began with a group of young men at Oxford University, who were called the Oxford Methodists, because they undertook to cultivate personal piety in a methodical way." Because of the strength of organization which John Wesley put into this great revival movement, he is recognized as the leader of this period.

### Talk: "Other Powerful Workers"

Two other powerful workers in the revival were Charles Wesley and George Whitefield. Charles Wesley was an effective preacher, but his chief contribution was made through his hymns, of which he wrote over six thousand. They were eagerly taken up by the societies, and were a great power in the movement. Many of them have won permanent places among Christian hymns. Whitefield for years was enormously active as a traveling evangelist. He did not work with Wesley, as they had early separated because of a theological difference. He made long tours in the British Isles and also in America, which he visited seven times. For fifteen years he preached forty or more times a week. Astonishing stories are told of the power

of his oratory over his great audiences. Unlike Wesley, he was merely a preacher, and organized nothing. . . .

Although the Wesleys and Whitefield were clergymen of the Church of England, they were not allowed to preach in its churches. . . . Nevertheless the great movement which they started could not but affect the Church of England. There grew up a strong party called the "Evangelicals," composed of clergymen and laymen who were influenced by the revival. This influence appeared in personal religion, preaching, and all ministerial work and layman's service. . . .

The preaching of the revival was, as Wesley said, nothing new. It was the proclamation of God's free grace in Christ, and of salvation through faith in Christ, and the call to repentance and faith. The hymns of the revival, such as Charles Wesley's "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," Cowper's "Hark, My Soul, It Is the Lord," and Toplady's "Rock of Ages" show the great truths that were taught and learned.—*Robert Hastings Nichols, in "The Growth of the Christian Church."*

### Talk: "Results of the Revival Movement"

1. THE work which John Wesley did was far-reaching in its results, though perhaps not in the exact way that he had first purposed. It had *not* been Wesley's intent to "raise up a new denomination; it was not primarily to teach a new theology, nor to teach any theory as such. The aim was practical—it was to inculcate Scriptural holiness throughout the land." He aimed to lift his fellow men, *even the whole world*, from social and spiritual degradation. But since the intolerance of the churches of that time made a distinct organization necessary, the great revivalist threw himself whole-heartedly into its proper organization, "and in it we have the first example since apostolic times of a church fully and efficiently manned and supported, and yet wholly independent of the state."

He organized his followers into a great association, which was subdivided into societies. "The societies were again subdivided into classes under leaders, and held meetings for the purpose of stimulating one another to spiritual life. . . . The year was also methodically divided into parts, and some form of religious service was appointed to each part. Thus was instituted a series of daily devotional services, weekly class meetings, . . . and annual consecration and covenant meetings." [Compare this organization with our own church organization. Also call attention to Missionary Volunteer Society bands, etc.]

2. But the far-reaching results of this revival were not confined to the newly organized church. "The religious zeal of the Methodists went everywhere, and quickened the spiritual life of all denominations of Christians."

3. Among the results of the revival inside of the Established Church may be mentioned the development of the Sunday school, the establishment (1799) of the Religious Tract Society, the founding of the British and Foreign Bible Society (1804), the founding of the London Missionary Society (1795), in which dissenters and churchmen united, and the Church Missionary Society (1799).—*Albert Henry Newman.*

4. Greatest of all the results of the revival was the rise of the modern missionary movement. Other influences, particularly recent discoveries in the South Pacific, the "South Seas," had to do with this. But without the impulse to Christian service which the religious revival gave, the missionary revival would never have occurred. The splendid honor of leadership in the awakening of missions belongs to William Carey, a cobbler and Baptist lay preacher. . . . In 1792 he secured the organization of the Baptist Society for Propagating the Gospel Among the Heathen. Its first missionary was Carey himself, whom it sent to his noble work in India. The Baptist example was soon followed. The London Missionary Society was formed in 1795, chiefly by Congregationalists, and the Church Missionary Society in 1799 by the Evangelicals of the Church of England. The Methodists also early took up the cause. All the great religious bodies of England felt the missionary inspiration by the end of the century. Their enthusiasm spread to Scotland, America, and the Continent of Europe.—*Robert Hastings Nichols.*

5. (Read Mrs. E. G. White's comment on the work which John Wesley set in operation, in "The Great Controversy," last paragraph in the chapter, "Later English Reformers.")

## The Harvest Home

(For Week Ending October 27)

### Suggestive Program

Song Service. (Nos. 720, 864, 56, 588, in "Christ in Song.")

Scripture Reading. Rev. 7: 9-17.

Several Short Prayers, Closed by the Leader.

Secretary's Report, Announcements and Offering.

Leader's Talk: "The Mark of a Finished Task."

Talk: "Trophies of Victory."

Experiences in Harvest Ingathering Work. (Every Missionary Volunteer should take part. If necessary, speak to some in advance to be prepared to make it lively.)

Reports. (List on the blackboard your society membership roll, with amount individually raised in the campaign; also, if possible, the number of names of interested people found by each one in house-to-house work. Gather reports from young people present who are not members of your society, and add to your report of Harvest Ingathering work for the young people of the church.)

Closing Song: "Song of Victory."

Repeat in Union the Missionary Volunteer Pledge.

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

(To H. K. Christman, Columbia Union Missionary Volunteer secretary, we are indebted for this program.)

### Notes to Leaders

This program marks the close of the Harvest Ingathering campaign in your society. By this time your society goal should have been reached, and every member prepared to render a final report of funds gathered, and experiences enjoyed during the campaign. Rally your forces for a grand jubilee! This program should provide opportunity for two things:

1. Time for the members of the society to report.
2. Definite plans for following up interests created by personal work of the members. (Your executive committee should have given very definite study to this question before the meeting. Work through your bands, meeting the need in each individual case,—give Bible readings, supply literature, etc.)

### Leader's Talk: "The Mark of a Finished Task"

"I HAVE finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do." No earthly conqueror was ever able to repeat such words with greater assurance than the Man of Calvary. These words were couched in the language of a conquering hero on the eve of what seemed to be His most tragic defeat. He came to this world for one purpose only,—to save a lost race. And during the brief period of Christ's earthly ministry, His every thought was directed toward the attainment of His great ambition.

These words were spoken in the upper chamber, just before the terrible night in dark Gethsemane, where He struggled alone. They were but the prelude to the words, "It is finished," uttered on the cross during the last moments of His life. In these decisive events He registered the most conclusive evidence of the fulfillment of His Father's purpose. In those last moments on the cross, Jesus found His greatest consolation in the simple assurance that He had been true to His great mission, and looked forward, by faith to the time when the words of the prophet should be fulfilled, "He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied."

My mind turns to the story of Rome, during those days of Cæsarean conquest, when a rapid succession of victories over opposing armies made her the mistress of the ancient world. As her great military leaders returned from the scenes of battle, they paraded the kings and soldiers of the vanquished states behind their beautiful chariots through the streets of the city as trophies of their successful conquest.

We have come to the close of another season of conquest in the cause of God. Our Harvest Ingathering campaign is ended, and we have come to the time of accounting. During recent weeks our Missionary Volunteers have united their efforts around the world to solicit the wealth of the Gentiles in the advancement of the cause of God. We pause for a brief moment to review some of the evidences of success, and to gather courage for still greater efforts in the winning of precious souls.

### Talk: "Trophies of Victory"

1. *Many Homes Visited.*—During the last few years approximately 2,500,000 Harvest Ingathering papers have been printed for each yearly campaign, practically all of which have been placed in the homes of the people. It is a source of encouragement to feel that in at least this many homes a personal appeal has been made in behalf of this message. It is estimated that no less than 10,000,000 lives have been brought into direct touch with the world-wide movement of Seventh-day Adventists.

2. *Souls Won.*—In a recent campaign one of our members called on a lady in her territory in the interest of Harvest

## 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 23, 1893.

### Prayer and Personal Work Band

OCTOBER 6. "While two thousand prisoners of Sing Sing were taking their daily exercise in the yard by the Hudson, a boat carrying three boys rounded the point and came down the river. The wind was blowing and the water was rough, making it difficult for the boys to manage the boat. As the three lads came opposite the exercise yard, the little craft capsized. None of the boys could swim. They began to struggle for life and to cry for help. The prisoners in the inclosure immediately stopped exercising, and rushed to the fence next to the river. As the boys cried for help, the men pleaded with the guards to be allowed to rescue them. It would have been an easy matter for a few of those strong men to have saved the boys, but they were prisoners. And the three boys perished."

David recognized that he must be free from sin if he desired to be able to help others. Read Ps. 51: 1-14. Call special attention to Morning Watch texts for this week.

OCTOBER 13. Discuss Morning Watch texts, and glean thoughts from "Testimonies," Volume V, beginning with last paragraph on page 112 on to end of the chapter.

OCTOBER 20. Song: "The Larger Prayer" (No. 820 in "Christ in Song"), and call for volunteers to give the Morning Watch texts.

OCTOBER 27. Review Morning Watch texts, and read poem on opposite page of the calendar.

### Christian Help and Gospel Meeting Band

"Every neglected opportunity to do service for God is recorded; and there, too, every deed of faith and love is held in everlasting remembrance."—*Prophets and Kings*, p. 639.

The following testimony comes from a quiet little widow. It shows a beautiful spirit on the part of some neighbor. Could your neighbors give as good report of you, Missionary Volunteers? She says:

"When I arrived home after a trip of about six weeks, Simerons had the house warm for us, so it was quite comfortable. The next morning I discovered my storm windows were all on. The Simeron folks had a key to the house. They had found the storm windows up in the storeroom, had carried them down into their yard and washed them, then washed the outsides of the windows, and put the storm windows all on. I was very glad of it, for I had been dreading the job,

and it turned cold right after I got home, too. It is nice to have good neighbors."

A church school teacher, who takes her seventh and eighth grade students with her each Sabbath afternoon to hold cottage meetings, writes:

"My students can give fine Bible studies now, and they are so interested that they can hardly wait from one week to another to go out. Some of those with whom we hold studies are deeply interested in the truth."

Do not fail to connect your work with the interests aroused in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

### Literature and Correspondence Band

"We shall find work to do until the Master shall bid us lay our armor at His feet."—"Testimonies," Vol. IV, p. 520.

Your work this month should consist in finishing off the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and definite organization of follow-up work to be done. Some of this may have to be done by the correspondence band, but wherever possible arrange for Missionary Volunteers to call in person to deliver literature and talk with recipients regarding questions that may arise. Be sure that no interest is neglected. Assign territory and duties to definite individuals. Keep in close working touch with your Christian help and gospel meeting band.

Then, ever be on the alert for new openings, remembering that great things may come from small beginnings. How little did the person who posted a placard on that bridge in England one day anticipate the mighty results which followed. Robert Moffat, who later became one of the greatest missionaries we have known, crossing the bridge, caught sight of the missionary convention announcement. Though the date was already past, Robert Moffat could not shake off the thoughts which it aroused, "and from that hour he gave himself to that work, and nothing could turn him from it."

John Wesley was assailed by many doubts and fears, until he questioned if he should not refrain from preaching until he had acquired sufficient faith and love. But a friend recognized that that was not the way to develop these qualities. His advice was, "Preach faith till you have it. And then because you have it, you will preach faith." Apply this principle to your band work. Meet each week and tell your experiences, discuss your problems, and seek wisdom from on high, that souls may be won for God.

Ingathering work. At first the visit was resented, but this resentment was broken down by the talk on missions which ensued, and finally the door of the home was thrown open for Bible studies. The worker took one of our Bible workers with her, and as a result of the Bible study the lady in this home, and also her mother, accepted the truth. Two of the woman's sisters living in another State were communicated with, and now these two women with their husbands are in the truth. In addition to these six adults, seven children belonging to the families represented are in the truth. (Read Eccl. 11: 6.)

In a distant State, in close proximity to one of our Missionary Volunteer Societies, a diligent Bible student was perplexed over the meaning of Revelation 13. For two days she fasted and prayed to the end that God would make plain to her the meaning of the "beast," the "mark," etc. In the afternoon of the second day, a Harvest Ingathering worker called at her home. In the course of the conversation the woman revealed her intense desire for light. The worker explained the text as best she could, and arranged for a series of Bible studies in this home. In a few weeks the lady fully accepted the truth.

3. *Funds Raised.*—In 1927 almost \$750,000 was raised in North America through the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Our Missionary Volunteers raised over \$154,000 of this amount.

4. *Financial Provision for Other Lands.*—Through our Harvest Ingathering campaign efforts of the entire church we have provided practically one fourth of all the funds necessary to finance our great world-wide work. Practically four fifths of all Missionary Volunteer funds for missions come through the channel of the Harvest Ingathering.

5. *Personal Inspiration.*—We cannot overlook the personal inspiration that has come to every Missionary Volunteer who

has had a part in this work. Sincere effort to advance the cause of God always reacts favorably upon ourselves. As we have participated in the Harvest Ingathering campaign this year, a threefold blessing has come to each of us:

- A deeper devotion to the Christian life.
- A better understanding of our talents which can be used in the service of Christ.
- A clearer vision of the work, both at home and in the regions beyond.

### Song of Victory

(Tune: "Lean on His Arms," No. 502 in "Christ in Song.")

'Tis time to sing our song of victory.  
Sing, "Glory to God, Glory to God!"  
He touched the hearts of men and women  
As to the doors we trod.

CHORUS:

We've reached our goal,  
Happy is our song;  
We've reached our goal,  
Tell it to the throng;  
We've reached our goal,  
Pass the word along,  
For we have reached our goal.

All praise unto our loving Saviour,  
Shout praises to Him, praises to Him.  
We trusted in His loving promises,  
And spake the word for Him.

We've gathered in the mites for Jesus;  
We've strengthened the cause, strengthened  
the cause.

Until we reached our goal for missions,  
We learned to never pause.

ESTEL LACKFV.

# OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS

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

## Encouraging Word From Iceland

MISSIONARY O. J. OLSEN sends us a photograph of a neat little church recently completed on the island of the Sagas, just off the coast of Iceland, and also tells us how the Lord is guiding the workers to souls hungering for the truth:

"The Lord is blessing His work here in the island of the Sagas, and we see precious souls turn away from the ways of the world to serve the Lord Jesus. Some seek the truth in ways so peculiar that one cannot but see how the Lord is working to finish His message also here in the northernmost island of the Atlantic.

"It is not long since a young lady came to me and told me of a dream she had had. She dreamed that she saw a man coming into her room with a large book in his hand. He turned to her and said: 'If you want your name put down, you'll have to hurry.' And then he looked on her with a penetrating look, and she saw him no more. She was attending our meetings, and is now a member of the church.

"The other day a young man canvasser came into a little farm hut, where he met a man about fifty years old sitting on a chair as if waiting for some one. When our brother walked in, he stood up and said: 'Then you are coming.' Our brother could not understand, as he had never seen the man before. The man said: 'I think the Lord has let me know of you before. Last night while sleeping I heard some one call my name, who then said, "To-morrow you will have a chance to see things you long to see, but have never heard of yet. A man will come to you with books and a paper," and he heard the name of the paper. When our canvasser came and gave the name of the paper, he knew it as the same that was told him. It is not strange that he had a long talk with our brother, bought some of his books, and subscribed for the paper. He is now studying the truth.

"Some twenty years ago one of our canvassers sold a copy of 'The Prophecies of Jesus' to a young man who had had the book two years, but had not read it. He then traded the book to another young man who was working in a shoe shop. This young man had the book for a year or more, and one day he took it in to the proprietor's wife and said: 'You can take this.' She took it and put it into a box of junk, and there it lay fourteen years. One day while searching for something, she came across the book, took it out, and put it under her pillow. Every evening she would read in the book, and when she had read it three times, she came to our meetings, and is now one of our best members. "Many are attending our meetings, and we expect a rich harvest of souls.

## "If We Had Two Extra Teachers and Evangelists"

MISSIONARY G. S. JOSEPH, of Rusangu Mission, Africa, writes:

"There are some wonderful openings at the present time in this section of the field. I feel confident that we could win a thousand souls to the truth this year if we had two extra teachers and evangelists to do follow-up work. Only four days ago four men came here to the mission and begged us to send a teacher to their village. They came from Chongo's village, about forty miles to the west of Monze. Chongo is the head chief in this district. If we could only raise the money to send them a good teacher, it would greatly strengthen our work. I am planning to hold an effort soon at Chongo's village.

"I am more than ever convinced that we should plan to do strong follow-up work in our native efforts. At Pemba and Munenga, where we held the last two efforts, a most encouraging work is developing. There are more than 600 members in the hearers' classes at these two places. When I say 600, I mean only those who have been faithful in attending at least two meetings a week for the last four months."

As our brethren in Africa plan to press into new sections with strong evangelistic efforts, God's Spirit is touching hearts in a wonderful manner. Let us remember them in our prayers and with our gifts.

## Where in Ignorance They Die

DOWN Yucatan way, in southeastern Mexico, a really wonderful work is being carried on by our missionaries. But how they need help! And what a field for some qualified medical student to enter! Missionary Nurse O. C. Barrett, who went out from the Washington Sanitarium to labor among these Indians, will tell us what he finds as he works among these people:

"I wonder why God just let us have the little angel for so short a time and then took him away?" said the young father with unspeakable anguish in his broken voice as his burning

eyes turned again to the little bier of rough bamboo poles where his baby boy of scarcely three summers lay stiff and cold. The speaker was a young Indian of some twenty-five years, who himself was stretched out on a grass mat beneath the palm-thatched roof that was the only home they had ever known. The same dreaded disease that had taken the life of his first-born was preying upon his vitals. He moaned feebly as the pains gripped him. At the pathetic words of her husband the mother of the little still form on the bier hugged another little brown, squirming body closer to her breast, as if to shield it from the great unknown, while she wiped her eyes on the bottom of her loose short waist.

"The father's name was Cayetano Martinez. He lived across the ravine from his father and brother, each of whom had large families. They all lived and died just like Cayetano. They all had the same great longing in their hearts for something better, they knew not what; and they all felt bitter and disappointed that civilization had passed them by on the other side, like the priest and the Levite of the parable.

"I had been visiting them for several weeks, seeking an opportunity to help them in some way. When dysentery, the most dreaded of all tropical diseases, began its work among them, I had doubled my efforts. Their village was about twelve miles from where I lived, so I could make only a short visit each day. Despite my efforts against the unsanitary conditions existing, no precautions whatever were taken. The flies were allowed to revel in the filth which was not disposed of until I came, and then they lighted on the babies' faces and the food. But still the poor bereaved father and mother, with just as big an ache in their hearts as you and I can have, wondered why 'God had taken' their little one from them.

"Their neglect was not willful, and hence not criminal; but just due to an appalling ignorance of the simplest sanitation. And there are about two million more 'Cayetanos' here in this mission; and they all have the same need. If they can learn how to live and care for themselves and families, they can appreciate spiritual truths also. It is no longer a theory that these people can be changed; it is a proved fact. We have over a thousand members from among this very class, whose lives have literally been transformed. They were born in degradation, and from their earliest youth were steeped in vice. While still babes in the arms of their mothers, they learned to smoke and drink. But now they are clear-eyed, sober, honorable citizens, and are anxious to help their own people. They need education and guidance in doing right until they learn to stand alone. Shall we not with our prayers and our gifts help send them teachers to do this great work?"

## Love Devised a Way to Give

THE story is told of a poor blind woman in Paris who once put twenty-seven francs into the plate at a missionary meeting. "You cannot afford so much," said one. "Yes, sir, I can," she answered. On being pressed to explain, she said, "I am blind, and I said to my fellow straw workers, 'How much do you spend a year for oil in your lamps when it is too dark to work nights?' They replied, 'About twenty-seven francs.' So," said the poor woman, "I found that I could save so much in the year because I am blind and do not need a lamp, and I give it to shed light to those in the dark heathen lands."

## From Dark Malekula, New Hebrides

God's enemy, and ours, battles every inch of ground, surrenders no soul without a contest. Missionary W. D. Smith, located on Malekula, the once impregnable stronghold of cannibalism, tells of conditions since the murder of two government officials near our mission (sent for the collection of taxes, who, by way of information, were buried by our missionaries), in these words:

"The 'much more' abounding grace is manifest among the people of our district. The battle is still raging, however, and the enemy is going about to devour, if possible, all who have any inclination to forsake his service. A few weeks ago we started a baptismal class and invited any from our outstations to join. About thirteen candidates have intimated their desire to follow the Lord, burying the old man of sin that they may rise to newness of life.

"We have noticed that from the time this class was formed, the principalities and powers and wicked spirits have been strenuously opposing the mission. Efforts to discourage and dishearten those who have identified themselves with the mission have been frequent of late. 'Come off the mission, or you will die,' has been the cry of those whom the devil has been using to intimidate. 'You will be shot if you remain on that mission!' These are the kind of threats that have come to the ears of our people, but they still hold on.

"Oh, how much more we here and you in the homeland would pray if we really knew the conflict that these poor souls have to engage in when they break away from heathenism and savagery! We earnestly pray that God will give them complete victory. Pray for them in the homeland."

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