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Apostasies

SINCE the rise of the third angel's message, identifying before the world a people known as Seventh-day Adventists, false movements have arisen, fanatical views having been exalted as of greater moment than the message itself, to draw believers into these deceptive bypaths. God, through His chosen messenger, time and again warned the "little flock" against turning aside to follow these false movements, pointing out that soon their meteor lights would fade out into darkness. And how accurately down through the years have these predictions been fulfilled!

Under the title given above, an undated manuscript, numbered "148," was left by Mrs. E. G. White in her files, which contains most valuable instruction. Let church officers give careful study to this important counsel and timely warning, affecting so vitally as it does the welfare of the church:

"I am in great travail of soul for our people. We are living in the perils of the last days. A superficial faith results in a superficial experience. There is a repentance that needs to be repeated of. All genuine experience in religious doctrines will bear the impress of Jehovah. All should see the necessity of understanding the truth for themselves individually. We must understand the doctrines that have been studied out carefully and prayerfully. It has been revealed to me that there is among our people a great lack of knowledge in regard to the rise and progress of the third angel's message. There is great need to search the book of Daniel and the book of Revelation, and learn the texts thoroughly, that we may know what is written.

"The light given me has been very forcible that many would go out from us, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. The Lord desires that every soul who claims to believe the truth shall have an intelligent knowledge of what is truth. False prophets will arise, and will deceive many; everything is to be shaken that can be shaken. Then does it not become every one to understand the reasons of our faith? In place of having so many sermons, there should be more close searching of the word of God, opening the Scriptures, text by text, and searching for the strong evidences that sustain the fundamental doctrines that have brought us where we now are, upon the platform of eternal truth.

"My soul is made very sad to see how quickly some who have had light and truth will accept the deceptions of Satan, and be

charmed with a spurious holiness. When men turn away from the landmarks the Lord has established that we may understand our position as marked out in prophecy, they are going they know not whither.

"I question whether genuine rebellion is ever curable. Study in 'Patriarchs and Prophets' the rebellion of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. This rebellion was extended, including more than three men. It was led by two hundred and fifty princes of the congregation, men of renown. Call rebellion by its right name and apostasy by its right name, and then consider that the experience of the ancient people of God, with all its objectionable features, was faithfully chronicled to pass into history. . . .

"Read the cautions so abundantly given in the word of God in regard to false prophets that will come in with their heresies, and if possible will deceive the very elect. With these warnings, why is it that the church does not distinguish the false from the genuine? Those who have in any way been thus misled need to humble themselves before God, and sincerely repent, because they have so easily been led astray. They have not distinguished the voice of the true Shepherd from that of a stranger. Let all such review this chapter of their experience.

"For more than half a century God has been giving His people light through the Testimonies of His Spirit. After all this time is it left for a few men and their wives to undecieve the whole church of believers, declaring Mrs. White a fraud and deceiver? 'By their fruits ye shall know them.'

"Those who can ignore all the evidences which God has given them, and change that blessing into a curse, should tremble for the safety of their own souls. Their candlestick will be removed out of its place unless they repent. The Lord has been insulted. The standards of truth, of the first, second, and third angels' messages, have been left to trail in the dust. If the watchmen are left to mislead the people in this fashion, God will hold some souls responsible for a lack of keen discernment to discover what kind of provender was being given to His flock.

"Apostasies have occurred, and the Lord has permitted matters of this nature to develop in the past in order to show how easily His people will be misled when they depend upon the words of men instead of searching the Scriptures for themselves, as did the noble Bereans, to see if these things are so. And the Lord has permitted things of this kind to occur, that warnings may be given that such things will take place.

"Rebellion and apostasy are in the very air we breathe. We shall be affected by them unless we by faith, hang our helpless souls upon Christ. If men are so easily misled now, how will they stand when Satan shall personate Christ and work miracles? Who will be unmoved by his misrepresentations then, —professing to be Christ when it is only Satan assuming the person of Christ, and apparently working the works of Christ? What will hold God's people from giving their allegiance to false christ? 'Go not ye after them.'

"The doctrines must be plainly understood. The men accepted to preach the truth must be anchored; then their vessel will hold against storm and tempest, because the anchor holds them firmly. The deceptions will increase, and we are to call rebellion by its right name. We are to stand with the whole armor on. In this conflict we do not meet men only, but principalities and powers. We wrestle not against flesh and blood. Let Ephesians 6:10-18 be read carefully and impressively in our churches.

"Those who apostatize are voicing the words of the dragon. We have to meet the satanic agencies who went to make war with the saints. 'The dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.' Those who apostatize leave the true and faithful people of God, and fraternize with those who represent Barabbas. 'By their fruits ye shall know them.'

"I write this because many in the church are represented to me as seeing men like trees walking. They must have another and deeper experience before they discern the snares spread to take them in the net of the deceiver. There must be no halfway work done now. The Lord calls for stanch, decided, whole-souled men and women to stand in the gap and make up the hedge. [See Isa. 58:12-14.] . . . We are always to look to God, His word is not Yea and Nay, but Yea and Amen." T. E. B.

Workers Working Together

"We then, as workers together with Him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain." "We are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." 2 Cor. 6:1; 1 Cor. 3:9.

"Workers together with Him," "laborers together with God."

The very essence of the texts we quote, seems to be unity, co-operation, harmony. We work together, not alone nor independently. There must be the closest harmony and co-operation between all the workers in the cause of God, if success is to attend their efforts. With unity of purpose and harmony of action, great things can be accomplished for God.

How beautiful it is to see brethren of varied dispositions, temperaments, and talents, laboring harmoniously together in perfect unity and co-operation. It is a sight that rejoices heaven and convinces the world.

That there is a wide diversity of gifts, talents, and temperaments among Christian workers, the Bible clearly sets forth, and we all recognize. (See 1 Cor. 12: 4-11.)

But in this diversity there can and should be unity. In addition to these words of the apostle Paul, the following from the Spirit of prophecy is to the point. The servant of God, in commenting on the vision of Ezekiel in which he saw the wheels within a wheel, illustrates the co-operation that should exist among the workers in the cause of God.

"To the prophet, the wheel within a wheel, the appearance of living creatures connected with them, all seemed intricate and unexplainable. But the hand of Infinite Wisdom is seen among the wheels, and perfect order is the result of its work. Every wheel, directed by the hand of God, works in perfect harmony with every other wheel. I have been shown that human instrumentalities are liable to seek after too much power, and try to control the work themselves. They leave the Lord God, the mighty Worker, too much out of their methods and plans, and do not trust to Him everything in regard to the advancement of the work. No one should for a moment fancy that he is able to manage those things that belong to the great I AM. God in His providence is preparing a way so that the work may be done by human agents. Then let every man stand at his post of duty, to act his part for this time, and know that God is his instructor."—*"Testimonies," Vol. IX, pp. 259, 260.*

How many times we have stood before some intricate piece of machinery as we have watched it perform in almost human fashion its appointed work. Wheels within wheels, levers and cogs all working in perfect unity, and we have marveled at the wonderful accomplishments of such a machine. I have stood many times and watched the large rotary presses that turn out the daily newspapers of our large cities. One can scarcely believe his own eyes, as he beholds the marvelous facility with which these presses run. Every little part of that great machine is important and has its own particular part to perform. If even the tiniest wheel should get out of its proper place, it might mean disaster. So it is in the work of God where hundreds and thousands of different individuals (the wheels within a wheel) are working together. If each performs his own particular task, co-operating with all the rest, then the work of God moves smoothly and efficiently.

We are "workers together with Him." While we believe that the word "together" has a strong application as between the worker and the Master, it also applies as between worker and worker. It means that you and I, fellow laborers, must work with each other, and not against each other. We must pull together, and not apart. In other words, we must do real team work, upholding each other's hands, strengthening each other in the work. It means that I must be as interested in the success of my fellow laborer as I am in my own. Wherever I can put in a telling stroke to help him in a hard pull, I should not fail to do so. Whenever I can lend my influence that will help to crown another's efforts with success, it is my Christian duty, and should be my joy and pleasure, unselfishly to exert my influence his way.

What a blessed spirit to have in our hearts which enables us to grieve with a brother in his failure and to rejoice with him in his success. It is the Master's own spirit, and may He give us more and still more of it, so that we can truly sing:

"We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear."

We work together. Though I be removed to the remotest corner of the earth, separated by intervals of time and space from every other fellow laborer, yet the work that I may do today in that distant corner of the Lord's vineyard joins on somewhere to the work the others are doing the world around.

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Home Missionary Department

ORGANIZING OUR FORCES

Suggestive Program for First Sabbath Home Missionary Service

(January 2)

OPENING SONG: "Men of God, Arise!" No. 621 in "Christ in Song."

RESPONSIVE READING: Ephesians 6: 11-17. (See "Christ in Song," No. 965.)

PRAYER: (A number of sentence prayers.)

REPORT BY CHURCH MISSIONARY SECRETARY.

OFFERING FOR LOCAL MISSIONARY WORK.

SONG: "Sing of His Mighty Love," No. 240 in "Christ in Song."

READING: "Organized to Do More."

TALK: "Strengthening the Pillars of Local Missionary Organization." (By the missionary leader.)

CLOSING SONG: "Onward, Christian Soldiers," No. 656 in "Christ in Song."

Important Notice

To Pastors, Elders, and Leaders

Once more we bring before our churches the importance of organization in the evangelism program that is gripping pulpit and pew with a new determination to win sinners to the Christ of the gospel for these last days. At the recent Fall Council there was placed on record a series of recommendations stressing the fifteen-minute church missionary service, and definitely providing for the development of basic missionary bands to include the Sabbath school class membership. These recommendations are included in the article furnished by Elder J. A. Stevens, the General Secretary of the Home Missionary Department, for this first Sabbath home missionary service of the New Year, and by careful study of all that is involved in these recommendations, it will be seen that they safeguard the Sabbath school on one hand, and the fifteen-minute missionary service on the other. The General Conference Home Missionary Department advises that, as far as possible, the missionary band leaders be chosen outside of the Sabbath school teachers' ranks. It should be remembered, however, that there is no restriction against the person who is a good band leader acting as Sabbath school teacher, if such an arrangement seems desirable, and that a Sabbath school teacher should not be pressed to serve as a missionary band leader if, for any reason, he does not wish to serve in this double capacity. Men and women should always be chosen as teachers of Sabbath school classes because of their teaching ability; and if they cannot serve as band leaders in the missionary organization, other persons having the needed leadership qualities should be chosen as missionary band leaders.

Vigilant watchcare is requested, on the part of pastors, elders, and missionary leaders, to see that no part of the missionary organization work encroaches upon the time of the Sabbath school. The officers and teachers of the Sabbath school will co-operate with the officers and leaders of the missionary organization by closing the Sabbath school on time. The Sabbath school superintendent will request that the entire school be seated for a moment of silent prayer after the closing song and benediction. The missionary leader and secretary take their places, and immediately following the silent prayer period, the fifteen-minute missionary service will begin, following the brief suggestions provided through the CHURCH OFFICERS' GAZETTE for each Sabbath. Conference home missionary secretaries stand ready to give any information or help that may be desired by any church in establishing the missionary organization or launching the fifteen-minute church missionary service.

GENERAL CONFERENCE HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

Organized to Do More

"FIVE of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight." Lev. 26: 8. In these words the Lord reveals the potency of organization, showing how the efficiency of Israel's army would be increased 500 per cent by united effort. Just a half of one of Israel's bands of ten would be able to overwhelm twenty times their number; but by uniting ten full bands, each man would be able to conquer a hundred foes. What organization accomplished for Israel in the wilderness and later in the conquest of the land of Canaan, it is accomplishing for modern Israel in the giving of the last message to all the world.

Many years ago we were given the following counsel: "If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 221. And we were also told, "Time is short, and our forces must be organized to do a larger work."—*Id.*, p. 27. The importance of oneness of action is again noted in the following extract: "The secret of our success in the work of God will be found in the harmonious working of our people. There must be concentrated action. Every member of the body of Christ must act his part in the cause of God, according to the ability that God has given him. We must press together against obstructions and difficulties, shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart."—*Mrs. E. G. White, in the Review and Herald, Dec. 2, 1890.*

Even before Israel left Egypt, a temporary organization was perfected; and after crossing the Red Sea, God gave counsel to Moses that resulted in the development of the wonderful organization that served so effectively during the wilderness experiences and the conquest of the Promised Land, and was still perpetuated in the days of the judges. Moses gives a synopsis of the organization in Deuteronomy 1: 15, "So I took the chief of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes." The Israel of today has been organized along these same lines. The president of the General Conference and his committee compares to Moses and the seventy; the organization of our division conferences compares to the divisions into which the camp of Israel was formed; our union conferences and missions compare to the captaincy of thousands; our local conferences and missions compare with the captaincy of hundreds; the local Seventh-day Adventist church compares with the captaincy of fifties, and our church missionary companies compare with the captaincy of tens in Israel's host.

We have perfected our organization to the last step, and even that last unit of "tens" in our organization has been quite thoroughly developed in many hundreds of churches, and a wonderful work is being accomplished in getting the truth before the people living within reach of the activities of the membership. But every church should have its membership so well organized that every member is included in one or more of its missionary companies. Long ago we were instructed as follows:

"In our churches let companies be formed for service. Let different ones unite in labor as fishers of men. Let them seek to gather souls from the corruption of the world into the saving purity of Christ's love. The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort has been presented to me by One who cannot err. If there is a large number in the church, let the members be formed into small companies, to work not only for the church members, but for unbelievers. If in one place there are only two or three who know the truth, let them form themselves into a band of workers. Let them keep their bond of union unbroken, pressing together in love and unity, encouraging one another to advance, each gaining courage and strength from the assistance of the others. Let them reveal Christlike forbearance and patience, speaking no hasty words, using the talent of speech to build one another up in the most holy faith. Let them labor in Christlike love for those outside the fold, forgetting self in their endeavor to help others. As they work and pray in Christ's name, their numbers will increase; for the Saviour says, 'If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven.' Matt. 18: 19."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VII, pp. 21, 22.

The organization of the church for missionary work rests upon very definite principles outlined in the Scriptures and the writings of the Spirit of prophecy. In the Bible we read that the Master has given to every man his work. This responsibility of every believer to witness to the truth is stressed over and over again in the inspired counsel that has come to us. "Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 195. Again: "God requires every one to be a worker in His vineyard. You are to take up the work that has been placed in your charge and do it faithfully."—*Bible Echo*, June 10, 1901. And again:

"Every soul whom Christ has rescued is called to work in His name for the saving of the lost."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 191.

In order that there may be the fullest opportunity for each church to develop its missionary band organization in accordance with its needs, the General Conference Committee adopted the following series of recommendations at the last Fall Council session in Omaha, Nebr., Oct. 20-27, 1931:

Fall Council Recommendations

"WHEREAS, There is vital need of fostering in every consistent way a missionary spirit and zeal for soul winning in the hearts of all our members; and,

"WHEREAS, Such work can be done successfully only when the missionary leaders of the church have frequent opportunity to stress the importance of this work, and to keep before the church the plans and methods best suited for carrying on this endeavor; we therefore,

"Recommend, 1. That the plan of conducting the fifteen-minute missionary service be continued in all the churches where considered advisable, in accordance with the action of the Springfield Fall Council.

"2. That this service be held strictly within the limits of the time specified, special care being taken to see that it is not allowed to interfere with the Sabbath morning service.

"3. That this service not be made in any way a part of the Sabbath school program, either as to the use of time or organization during the regular Sabbath school period; but that it commence only after the Sabbath school exercises are closed, in accordance with the recommendations of the Sabbath School Department; and that the Sabbath school shall not in any way encroach on the fifteen-minute period, but that it likewise close promptly on time.

"4. Realizing that the work of God in this earth can never be finished till the membership of our churches rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers; and in order that the utmost freedom be given to the accomplishment of this purpose; we therefore,

"Recommend, That the church be left free, after the Sabbath school is closed in accordance with recommendations of the Sabbath School Department, to form bands for missionary endeavor by the class band method or by any other method that may seem best adapted to the needs of the church."

A goodly percentage of our churches already have some form of missionary band organization, and the laity are being enlisted and trained for the various lines of soul-winning work. In those churches where the fifteen-minute church missionary service is being conducted, the band formation based upon the Sabbath school class, as recommended above, is being used to gather reports and for campaign promotion. Nearly a thousand churches in North America alone are following this plan.

In those churches where the fifteen-minute missionary service has not yet been adopted, all the members should be assigned to a place in one or more of the topical service bands recommended by the department for all our churches, and outlined in this article.

Topical Service Companies

The missionary work of the church logically falls under three general heads, hence the enlistment and training of missionary workers calls for three general companies; *i. e.*, Bible Evangelism Company, Literature Ministry Company, and Welfare Society. In certain churches it will be necessary also to organize a company for Home-Foreign work. These companies are permanent organizations, and should serve both for training church members for more efficient service, and also for the promotion of these distinctive lines of service.

Every member should enlist in one or more of these service companies. "Every one who is added to the ranks by conversion is to be assigned his post of duty."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VII, p. 30. "Many would be willing to work if they were taught how to begin. They need to be instructed and encouraged. Every church should be a training school for Christian workers."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 149. These companies are broad enough in their scope to include many lines of work, as shown by the following outline, so that the talents of all may be used in the service of the church.

Suggestive Outline for Topical Missionary Organization

1. Bible Evangelism.
 - a. Bible Readings.
 - b. Cottage Meetings.
 - c. Hall Meetings.
 - d. Open-air Meetings.

2. *Literature Ministry.*

- a. Home Bible Study League.
 - (1) Systematic House-to-House Work.
 - (2) Correspondence.
- b. King's Pocket League.
- c. Tract Racks.
- d. Sale of Magazines and Small Books.
- e. Home Workers' Books.

3. *Welfare Society.*

- a. Dorcas Society.
- b. Home Hygiene.
- c. Hospital and Prison Work.
- d. Christian Help Work.

4. *Home-Foreign.*

- a. Literature Distribution.
- b. Sunday Schools.
- c. Story-telling Hour.

That ends the outline of our church missionary organization plan, and now it devolves upon the church board of every Seventh-day Adventist church to perfect such an organization, enlisting every believer, young and old, in some phase of soul-winning service. There should be no delay on the part of any member in finding a place for willing service. "Every one should be willing to be or to do anything in this warfare."—*"Testimonies," Vol. VII, p. 30.*

The fundamental difference between a mob and an army is organization, and certainly every church should so organize its membership as to make of each believer a "good soldier of Jesus Christ." Wonderful increase in missionary activity has been experienced in churches where the membership of the small bands has included the same people as study together in the Sabbath school class; and by this means the gathering of missionary reports has been greatly simplified. Such an organization as is now suggested, functioning through the fifteen-minute church missionary service, will enable each Seventh-day Adventist church to put into operation an effective movement to evangelize the population within its reach, and thus hasten the day when the earth will be lightened with the glory of the Lord.

Soon the hosts of the Lord will be marshaled for the final advance. Soon every loyal follower of Christ will be in his place in the Lord's army. A quick work is to be done in all the earth, and the assurance of a speedy triumph rings in the words of the apostle Paul: "He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness; because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." Rom. 9: 28. That day draws on apace, as evidenced by the startling fulfillment of prophecy. This is the church's opportunity; this is her day. Let us gird ourselves for the final struggle. Then, as the Captain of the hosts of Israel looks upon His consecrated people, He will say:

"Who is she that looketh forth as the morning,
Fair as the moon, clear as the sun,
And terrible as an army with banners?"

J. A. S.

The Church Missionary Service

PRAYER	2 minutes
REPORTS	4 minutes
PRESENTATION OF TOPIC	8 minutes
CLOSING	1 minute

Suggestive Missionary Service Program for Sabbath, January 2

MISSIONARY TOPIC: Reporting.
TEXT: Ezekiel 9: 11.

SUGGESTIONS: According to Owen D. Young, the head of the General Electric Company, our scarest national raw material has been found to be *facts*—an absolutely true picture of actual conditions existing. Leaders in home missionary endeavor recognize the same scarcity in the necessary "raw material" for the success of their work. It is absolutely essential to know just what our churches are doing, what each local union conference is doing, and what the denomination as a whole is doing to advance the message of truth for this time. These facts can be obtained only through faithful reports. Here are some facts, both pleasant and unpleasant, with which we have to deal, and

we suggest that they be placed on the blackboard, so that all may study them.

The world report of missionary work accomplished by our churches during the year of 1931 reveals the following encouraging facts:

Bible readings held	1,922,284
Treatments administered	644,500
Articles of clothing distributed	997,580
Books, tracts, and periodicals circulated.....	18,787,776
Missionary letters written	512,028
Souls won to Christ through missionary endeavor.....	5,544

But the facts of a less encouraging nature are these: (1) That this work was accomplished by 41 per cent of the entire church membership. What about the remaining 59 per cent? Herein lies a fact which is somewhat alarming, for had there been a full 100 per cent working and reporting, how vastly different would have been the figures listed above. (2) It is a fact that 2,599 churches, on an average, did not report at all during the entire twelve months. May we express the hope that your church was not among these delinquent churches? But the first Sabbath of the new year affords us all opportunity to make a new start toward a better record, and with Paul, "forgetting those things which are behind," let us press on with one accord, and be faithful in sending in a report every month during the year. This is a good time for every church member to resolve to make out a missionary report every week. Remember our slogan: "Every member a worker, every worker a reporter."

NOTE.—It would be well to bring to the attention of the church a summary of the total missionary activities of your church during 1931.

Suggestive Missionary Service Program for Sabbath, January 9

MISSIONARY TOPIC: The King's Pocket League.
TEXT: Isaiah 32: 20.

SUGGESTIONS: The King's Pocket League is an organization made up of persons who covenant together to give away at least one tract each day. This is a very commendable league, and its doors are open to new members at any time. The General Conference Home Missionary Department has arranged with all our publishing houses in North America to provide a leather pocket container, which, together with a good supply of tracts, can be obtained through the Book and Bible Houses for 50 cents. This is a good time to enroll new members in the League. Each church member should form the habit of daily conversation with some person in regard to the soon coming of Christ, and should always carry a package of select tracts, just as Christians are admonished to do by the Spirit of prophecy in the statement: "Let the leaflets and tracts, the papers and books, go in every direction. Carry with you, wherever you go, a package of select tracts, which you can hand out as you have opportunity."—*"Christian Service," p. 151.* It is our appointed work to sow the seed, and God has promised to give the increase.

The following account of what was accomplished by one tract, is furnished by Elder E. J. Lorntz, president of the Panama Conference, and refers to an experience of a lay worker in the city of Colon, Canal Zone:

"Some time ago one of our lay members, while visiting the hospital in Colon, gave a tract to one of the patients. The man read the tract, and became interested in the truth. After due time and study, he was baptized and united with the church. Soon afterward, his work caused him to move to another place about thirty-five miles distant.

"The joy that had come to his heart through obeying the truth could not be hidden, and he began to tell others of his experience. The result was that in a very short time an interest sprang up among the people in the community where he lived, and many were eager to know more about the truth which meant so much to this new citizen and neighbor. He organized a Sabbath school, as the first step in caring for this interest, and was kept busy explaining the different points of truth to those who came to him.

"As soon as circumstances would permit, I visited this brother, and organized a church of fifteen members. There are

shown are for the first six months of the year, and there is reason to hope that the final results will far surpass the first six months' period. We know of fifteen persons who have been baptized since the chart was made and photographed. (See article, "An Active League Member.")

The long winter evenings afford excellent opportunity to engage in the Home Bible Study League work, which is based on missionary correspondence, accompanied by the mailing of literature. Every church in North America should quickly organize for aggressive work along this line. We have been repeatedly told that there are multitudes of souls who will never be reached unless we take the gospel to them, and the little square postage stamp is an ever-willing and efficient servant for carrying the message safely to its destination. Why not make greater use of this readily available convenience, and profit by the practical lesson which it teaches—that is, when given a task to do, *stick to it to the end?*

NOTE.—See the December, 1931, GAZETTE for full particulars regarding the League.

An Active League Member

J. H. ROTH

ABOUT six years ago a Western Canadian farmer purchased from a colporteur a copy of "The Great Controversy," and was deeply impressed by its message. The result was that this farmer attended one of our camp meetings and was baptized. It was during the camp meeting that the Home Bible Study League work was brought to his attention, and he resolved that he would become an active member in his home community.

As this man peddled the produce of his garden within a radius of several miles around his home, he made it a point to leave tracts at the homes of his customers, and to endeavor to engage in conversation regarding the new earth and the homes and gardens which the inhabitants of the new earth will possess. Wherever he found interested people, he took their names and addresses, and placed them on his list headed, "The Home Bible Study League."

Results soon became apparent in reports of people keeping the Sabbath and calls for further instruction. During the months of January and February, 1931, the union and conference home missionary secretaries made a visit to the neighborhood where this interest had developed, and found twenty persons who had accepted the third angel's message as far as they understood it. Further instruction was given, and a few weeks later fifteen were baptized, and a company of twenty-two Sabbath keepers was organized. Others are awaiting baptism.

A photograph of this newly organized company appears herewith, as tangible proof of what the Home Bible Study League has accomplished in Western Canada.

A Remarkable Increase in Mexico

A RECENT report from the Guerrero District, of the Mexican Union Mission, indicates that 700 people are keeping the Sabbath. About three months ago there were but 250, so this remarkable increase has been made during the last three months, and is largely due to the missionary work done by the lay members.—C. E. Wood, president, Mexican Union Mission.



A Company of Believers Won Through the Home Bible Study League

SOUL WINNING NEWS FROM SOUL WINNERS



Missionary Visiting

MY daughter and I are endeavoring to do what we can in our neighborhood, by visiting the people and distributing food and clothing where needed. We are isolated from church services, but we hold Sabbath school in our home and gather in a few. After Sabbath school we begin our weekly missionary visits, and often walk two miles to visit needy cases. One day I called at the home of a Catholic woman. When she met me at the door, she did not greet me very pleasantly. She said, "You Protestants do not treat Catholics right," and proceeded to explain why she considered this to be a fact. But as I explained to her the love which was in my heart for Jesus, and spoke of the wonderful love God manifested for us when He gave His Son to die for us, I saw tears come in her eyes, and she said, "Nobody has ever talked to me like that before."

Then I visited a woman ninety years of age, who told me she loved the Bible and read it every day. I spoke to her of the sweet peace which Jesus gives, and of His comfort and companionship; and this dear old lady said she desired to know about Him and live in closer fellowship with Him. What a wonderful promise is given to us that "God will impress those who are longing for guidance. He will say to His human agent, 'Speak to this one or that one of the love of Jesus.' No sooner is the name of Jesus mentioned in love and tenderness than the angels of God draw near, to soften and subdue the heart."—Mrs. Luella Townsend.

Teaching Truth in a Methodist Sunday School

ON account of failing health it became necessary for me to retire from the colporteur work. But one who believes in the soon coming of Jesus and loves His appearing, cannot be content unless doing something in missionary lines, so I began to attend the Methodist Sunday school. It was not long until I was appointed teacher of the adult class. This is my third year as teacher of that class, and all seem to appreciate my instruction, and prejudice has given way to a friendly and co-operative attitude toward our Seventh-day Adventist church members. I have not aimed to bring in any of our doctrines in teaching the lessons, but have emphasized the spiritual truths in the lessons. At the close of a recent service, I gave a brief talk on the proposed change of the calendar, and presented the petition against it, and every adult member came forward and signed it. When our camp meeting was held at this place, the Methodist pastor dispensed with some of his regular meetings, so that he and his congregation could attend.

I have come to realize in a new way the meaning of what the Lord has told us in the following words from "Testimonies," Volume IX, pages 21, 132: "It is not only by preaching the truth, not only by distributing literature, that we are to witness for God. . . . A Christlike life is the most powerful argument that can be advanced in favor of Christianity." "The Lord now calls upon Seventh-day Adventists in every locality to consecrate themselves to Him, and to do their very best, according to their circumstances, to assist in His work."—C. F. Dart.

Hidden Seeds of Truth Yield Rich Harvest

SEARCHING through her father's trunk, a woman found a copy of "Bible Readings for the Home Circle," and attached to the book was a *Watchman Magazine*. The seeds of truth in this literature, although held in obscurity for so long, were ready to burst into new life through the interest manifested by the finder in reading thoughtfully and prayerfully that which was attended by sacred memories. As a result a Seventh-day Adventist minister has been called to care for the interest, and he has organized a Sabbath school of fifty members.

THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SOCIETY

Officers' Page

Senior Slogan: "All things through Christ."

Junior Slogan: "Something for Jesus every day."

Why an Officers' Page?

"Do you think they read it?" was the question put to me by our committee when we were discussing whether we should continue the Missionary Volunteer officers' page for 1932. I replied that I thought you surely did. Do you? It is full of suggestions for carrying on the work in your society. There are many things given on this page that can be woven into your band work and into the various weekly meetings. Many of the ideas presented come from sections of the world field where they have been on definite trial. They may bring results in your society. Why not try them?

This officers' page is for the perusal of every officer of your Missionary Volunteer Society. We cannot give one tenth of the suggestions on it that we should like, but we hope you read and profit by those that are given.

We plan to give suggestions on the various duties of officers, the band work, how to get members to report, and many other things that deal specifically with young people's society work. In this issue there is space to refer only briefly to the sections on organization and duties of officers as listed in your manuals.

Senior organization: See "Missionary Volunteers and Their Work," pp. 93-105. *Senior officers and duties:* See the same manual, pp. 115-132. *Junior organization:* See the Junior Manual, pp. 20-24, and the Junior Handbook, pp. 15, 16. *Junior officers and duties:* See Junior Manual, pp. 24-28, and the Junior Handbook, p. 17.

May God's choicest blessings attend you as you labor in His vineyard this year. May your own life be enriched as you lead other young people into paths of service. We remember you each week in our General Conference Missionary Volunteer prayer circle.

E. E. H.

From 1931 Into 1932

As a connecting link between the work of 1931 and that of 1932, you should read the officers' page in the December GAZETTE. Notice especially the paragraphs on the annual membership enrollment. If your society members have not yet enrolled, give them opportunity to do so very soon. Then see to it that the Membership Certificates are presented without unnecessary delay. Make the presentation ceremony as interesting as possible, so that it will really mean something to those who receive the certificates. See also the Morning Watch Calendar paragraph in the December GAZETTE. If these booklets have not been given out in your society, be sure to see that every young person is supplied at the earliest possible date in January.

E. E. H.

The Bible Year

It is easy to get members to enroll to take the Bible Year, but it is not easy to get all to "go through." A society leader (or some one definitely appointed) should, by precept and example, give weekly encouragement. The little book entitled, "The Bible Year" (price, 75 cents), will give valuable help. You will find answers to the following questions in it: How did the Bible receive its name? Who wrote the book of Ruth? Why are the Psalms so comforting? Which is the "golden text" in the book of Esther? In what short letter does the name "Christ" appear forty-two times?

Vary the method of promoting the Bible Year. Use the blackboard as often as possible. Pray that the Lord will help you to make the Bible attractive and interesting. "The youth do not read the word of God enough to know its claims upon them; and yet these truths will judge them in the great day of God." This solemn thought should help Missionary Volunteer officers to realize the importance of putting forth earnest, prayerful effort to get young people to read the Bible. The Bible Year will help. Bible Year leaflets (Missionary Volunteer Leaflets, Nos. 55 and 56) should be distributed to Missionary Volunteers.

MINNIE E. DAUPHINEE

Senior and Junior Slogans for 1932

A SLOGAN is an incentive to greater zeal and achievement. For this reason we are suggesting the slogans given at the top of this page. We believe these can be used in the promotion of every phase of your society work, and we shall have more to say about them from time to time. This month special reference is made to them in the programs for January 2.

E. E. H.

Standard of Attainment Studies

We shall give in connection with each weekly program this year a brief study in Bible doctrines or denominational history, leading up to the Standard of Attainment examinations in November. That is, the Bible doctrines will run from January

through September. The next six weeks will be devoted to denominational history. The last six weeks of the year, Bible studies on Christian living will be presented in outline. It is our hope that in this way more young people may be encouraged to complete the Standard of Attainment, and go out to tell others of this message. We pray that every Seventh-day Adventist youth may learn during 1932 the true meaning of this statement:

"The spirit of unselfish labor for others gives depth, stability, and Christlike loveliness to the character, and brings peace and happiness to its possessor."—"Steps to Christ," p. 84.

E. E. H.

The Weekly Missionary Volunteer Program

In each officers' meeting, talk over the program for the next young people's meeting. The program should be made out by one of the leaders (or some one definitely appointed) before the officers' meeting, and should be discussed in the officers' meeting. In this way all will be more interested in its success than they will be if they do not know the plan of the program and the aim of the meeting. When plans for definite missionary activities are to be promoted, it is very important that they be laid before the officers first. If the leader knows that the officers will co-operate, he can, with confidence, present the plans to the society members and believe that they too will take part. As officers, meet together and ask God for wisdom to know how to work for the young people, and lead them in service.

MINNIE E. DAUPHINEE

Helpful Books for Seniors and Juniors

FROM time to time we shall mention books that will be a real blessing to your Missionary Volunteers. Some of them, such as "The Bible Year," for Seniors, and the Junior Handbook, should be in their personal libraries; but some of them can be used through the society library. Perhaps you cannot purchase all now, but keep the list, and plan definitely to add these good books to your library:

"Messages to Young People," by Mrs. E. G. White	\$2.00
"Missionary Volunteers and Their Work" (Senior Manual), by Mrs. Matilda E. Andross	1.00
Junior Manual, by Mrs. Harriet M. Holt	1.00
Junior Handbook, by C. Lester Bond35
"The Junior Song Book"35
"The Bible Year," by Adelaide B. Evans75
"Choice Poems"50

Let us call special attention to "The Junior Song Book," a book prepared for our Junior Missionary Volunteers. It contains both religious and secular songs, 195 in all. Every Junior should own one, and store his mind with worth-while songs that will spring to his lips in times of temptation, trial, or discouragement in after life. Who can estimate the value of a song?

"Choice Poems" is a collection of poems for use in your society meetings. Reference will be made to this book continually in the GAZETTE programs. The same will be true of "Messages to Young People."

E. E. H.

M. V. Society Roll Call

THE young people of the Wilmington (N. C.) colored church have an interesting way of taking their missionary reports. The secretary calls the roll, and the society members respond by repeating a text of Scripture, and telling an item of missionary work that they have done during the past week.

Offering Prayer

Bless Thou the gifts our hands have brought;
Bless Thou the work our hearts have planned;
Ours is the hope, the will, the thought;
The rest, O God, is in Thy hand.

—Samuel Longfellow.

(Bible Doctrines for Week Ending January 23)

Origin and Entrance of Sin

1. WITH whom did sin originate? 1 John 3: 8; John 8: 44.
2. How did sin manifest itself in heaven? Eze. 28: 14-17.
3. How was sin introduced into this world? Gen. 3: 1-6, 16, 17.
4. What did man lose by this transgression? Gen. 3: 23, 24.
5. How many were affected by this original sin? Rom. 5: 12, 19.
6. What is the final result of sin? Rom. 6: 23.

D. A. OCHS.

Is every young person in your church enrolled as a Missionary Volunteer?

Senior Missionary Volunteer Meetings

The Meaning of Missionary Volunteer Membership

(Program for Week Ending January 2)

NOTES TO LEADERS: The purpose of this program is to set forth the objectives of the Missionary Volunteer Society, and to inspire those in attendance to loyal activity in its work. Much should be made of the place of the youth in the work of the church. Give prominence in this program to discussions of the meaning of the aim, motto, and pledge, especially the latter. Have the banners of the aim, motto, and pledge, prominently displayed in the room where the meeting is held. If you can, letter them yourself on heavy cardboard for today. Felt banners will be advertised in the February GAZETTE.

For the year 1932, we have chosen the special slogan, "All things through Christ." This phrase from the inspiring text, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4: 13), is similar to our general motto, "The love of Christ constraineth us." We hope that Missionary Volunteers everywhere may go forth in a new and more zealous endeavor, energized by the spirit of the words, "All things through Christ."

In addition to the program helps offered below, we suggest that use be made of the series of articles by Mrs. Matilda Erickson Andross entitled, "Keeping Our Promise." These appeared in the *Youth's Instructor* of 1931 in issues dated July 21, 28, August 4, 11, 25, and September 1, 8, and 15.

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4: 4-13, 19, 20.

Talk: "The Meaning of the Pledge." For help in preparation see "Missionary Volunteers and Their Work," pp. 83-92, especially Section 48, "Our Pledge Analyzed." H. T. E.

Bible Doctrines: The Word of God

1. By what names are the sacred writings of the Bible commonly known? Luke 24: 27; 8: 21.
2. What is the purpose of the Scriptures? John 20: 30, 31; 2 Tim. 3: 15-17.
3. How were the Scriptures given? Acts 1: 16; 2 Tim. 3: 16.
4. What attitude is necessary on our part that we may understand the Scriptures? John 7: 17. D. A. Ochs.

Talk: Our Motto

THE life of a true Missionary Volunteer is a triumphant life. It is a life hid with Christ in God. The motto reads, "The Love of Christ Constraineth Us." 2 Cor. 5: 14. That means the abounding love of Christ in the heart. It means a life under the leadership of Christ.

Two steps are necessary to realize the meaning of the motto in our life experience: First, there must be a surrender of self. No man can serve selfish interests and Christ's interests. To be a Christian means relinquishing self to Christ. Self must follow, not precede, the Master. The natural desires must be yielded to the constraining love of Christ. To the Christian, Christ is first and last and best in everything. "For to me to live is Christ." Phil. 1: 21. (See also Gal. 2: 20 and Eph. 3: 17, 19; 6: 13.)

Second, we must trust Christ for strength, power, and wisdom. "All things through Christ." "My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness." 2 Cor. 12: 9. Read also "How to Be Strong," in "Messages to Young People," pp. 107, 108. H. T. E.

Talk: Our Aim

(For other material see "Missionary Volunteers and Their Work," pp. 81-83)

"THE gospel to all the world in this generation!" This is the great purpose for which the Missionary Volunteers were first organized, and the end toward which they are still laboring. This aim is general—it takes in the whole wide world, but it is also very definite, because it says, "In this generation." This work of carrying the gospel "to all the world" is not to be done by other human beings a hundred years from now.

Why should young people have such a wide, comprehensive aim? Because the Missionary Volunteer organization is a part of the church, and we are all striving toward the same ultimate goal. Then, too, success in any line demands a definite aim.

And so our aim is not a mere slogan or phrase to roll lightly off the tongue, but it is a stern reality, a solemn obligation. When we become members of the Missionary Volunteer Society, we mean we will do all in our power to send the gospel into the regions beyond, and also do our part here at home, not shirking service or dodging responsibility.

As we think of those who have gone out across the seas to carry this gospel of the kingdom, we are impressed with the intense longing they had for those who sat in darkness. And at what a sacrifice they carried on their work! Bishop Hannington said, "I have purchased the road to Uganda with my life." Surely, the life and death of missionaries abroad is ever summoning us to loyalty to our great aim.

Mary Slessor was a Scotch girl who had to go to work in the mill when only eleven years old, to help support her mother and sisters. When this became necessary, her mother wept, but Mary said: "Dinna cry, mither dear! I can go to the mills in the morning and to school in the afternoon."

Finally she had to work from six o'clock in the morning until six at night, and could go to school only in the evening, but so great was her hunger for an education that she made good progress. She became interested in David Livingstone, who was once a cotton spinner himself, in Scotland, and so she began to hope and pray that she too might some day be a missionary to Africa. Her desire was fulfilled. She gave thirty-nine years of marvelous service to the Dark Continent. Her motto was this, "God cannot give His best to us till we have given ours."

So only as we are individually yoked up with our Father in service, can we share in the final consummation of the most glorious work on earth,—the giving of the advent message to all the world in this, our generation.—Mrs. F. E. Crump.

Symposium: What Is the Missionary Volunteer Society Aiming to Do?

(Let each speaker take one of the following objectives, and give a one or two minute talk concerning it.)

1. THE salvation and training of the youth of Seventh-day Adventists.
2. The enlistment and training of all the youth for full responsibility in the life and activities of the church.
3. Training in missionary work in both personal endeavor and organized society efforts.
4. Creation of a sense of unity and world-wide fellowship among the youth of the advent movement.
5. Thorough education of the youth in the doctrines of the church.
6. To gather all our youth into our own schools for a Christian education.
7. The inculcation in the young of sound ideals of Christian manhood and womanhood.
8. To foster the devotional and spiritual life of the young.
9. To foster self-training of the members through the educational features.
10. To guide in the social life of the youth. H. T. E.

Reading: It Won Me

THE Missionary Volunteer Society means much to me personally, because it had a part in winning me to this message. I became acquainted with a Missionary Volunteer. I had never paid any attention to the Seventh-day Adventist religion, nor much to any other.

This Missionary Volunteer friend invited me to attend the society meeting. I usually worked Saturday till noon, and attended the society meeting in the afternoon. I became interested, and when camp meeting time came I was invited to attend. While there I was convicted of my sins, and openly accepted the truth shortly afterward. I have been a faithful attendant at the society ever since, having been a lay member, band leader, secretary, and leader. I count it a privilege to be a Missionary Volunteer for my Masters.

The pledge that we sign is full of meaning, and should be studied thoroughly before one signs it. A true Missionary Volunteer will never ask to be excused when invited by the leader to take some part in the meeting, or when asked to do missionary work pertaining to the society. The Lord has placed a great responsibility upon the Missionary Volunteers of this denomination, and each one of us should be so filled with the spirit of the Pledge that our Master can count on us to do our part in carrying this message to the world in this generation.—P. J. Workman.

Are your band leaders active in enrolling workers?

Song: The Love of Christ Constraineth

(Tune: "Christ in Song," No. 624)

THE love of Christ constraineth:

O let the watchword ring
Till all the world adoring
To Jesus' feet it bring;
Till north and south the kingdoms
Shall own His glorious sway,
And east and west the nations
Rejoice to see His day.

The love of Christ constraineth;
And we who trust His word,
Who know and feel its power -
To gladder service stirred,
Shall neither faint nor falter,
Though dark the night and long;
Though weak our hands that labor,
His strength shall make us strong.

The love of Christ constraineth;
Then let us work and pray
And watch the glad appearing
Of that triumphant day,
When Father, Son, and Spirit,
By every tongue confessed,
All earth His broad dominion
In His dear love shall rest.

—Author Unknown.

Courage

(Program for Week Ending January 9)

BY H. LOUISE SURFACE

NOTES TO LEADERS: The talk, "The Best Kinds of Courage," p. 13, may be adapted. This gives examples of those who have shown courage. Bring in other illustrations.

Scripture readings from the audience, slips having been passed out previously with the following texts: Ps. 27: 14; Joshua 10: 25; Ps. 31: 24; Isa. 41: 6; Joshua 1: 7; Deut. 31: 7; Eph. 6: 10. The leader then repeats the key text for the evening, Philippians 4: 13, the audience repeating it with him. Suggested Songs: Nos. 656, 628, 67, in "Christ in Song."

Bible Doctrines: God's Revelation to Man

1. WHAT is the purpose of these revelations? Deut. 29: 29.
2. Through whom does God reveal His will to man? Amos 3: 7.
3. How did God reveal His will to these prophets? 2 Peter 1: 21.
4. How did these prophets reveal God's will to man? Rom. 16: 25, 26.
5. In what other way was God revealed to man? John 14: 18.
6. How is the glory of God revealed to man? Ps. 19: 1-4.

D. A. OCHS.

Talk: Courage—What Is It?

To begin with, the word itself connotes a definite idea. Courage comes from the Latin *cor*, meaning heart. A certain author believes it means a stout heart. And after all, can we do anything successfully if our heart is not in it?

I like the text that reads, "Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord." Ps. 31: 24.

Courage certainly means to overcome fear—to gain the mastery over it. In fact, courage is the only outward sign one has of showing how strong he really is. It is the outward symbol of hope, self-reliance, lofty purpose, purity of heart, or clarity of mental and moral vision. To be courageous means that one has the strength to live up to his ideals, however high they may be, because he believes them to be right.

Courage is the result of a countless number of seemingly small, unnoticed braveries of life—not necessarily outstanding feats—that we perform daily. It is a strength of character that has to be cultivated and developed, so that in time we will have the stability of soul that can resist the larger weaknesses.

What is courage? To use the words of another: "It has the strength of heart to hope and quietly wait. It is the courage of silence that bears a brave face to the world whatever hidden cross of anguish, grief, or loss it may be under. It is the courage that is ready to use its one talent; the courage that does not desert the place of duty in a time of criticism or failure; the courage that endures to the end. It is the gallant cour-

age that dares to speak and to act against uncharity and falsehood and baseness; the courage that expresses itself in a passion for truth, justice, and mercy. It is the courage that lets no consideration of self-interest, no glamour of high place or preferment, lure it from its own high ends." William Lyon Phelps says: "Courage is not the greatest or the highest of the virtues, because so many evil men and women have it; but it is the foundation of all other virtues."

You may have to contend with poverty, forces of evil, timidity, physical deformity, past failures, an inferiority complex, or any other unpleasant burden, but whatever it is, create a courageous attitude toward it, the attitude of "I will live above it." "Love prompts courage—love of some dear one, love of one's church, love of one's country, love of one's home, love of Christ. If you want to be more courageous, become more loving."

H. L. S.

Junior Drill: C-o-u-r-a-g-e

(Each Junior holds up the letter that he represents.)

C stands for Conscience, a thing we must heed
If we desire always to do the right deed.

O means Obedience to God's plain command,
And helps us to answer, "By Thy help I can."

U stands for Usefulness in God's vineyard on earth,
And thus daily show others our true Christian worth.

R means Right living each hour of the day,
Which cannot be done unless we constantly pray.

A means Always we'll to duty be true,
And do with our might what our hands find to do.

G stands for Gratitude, for victories won,
When Courage has led till each day is done.

E means our Eyes must never be dim
To see whom to help in this warfare with sin.

JUNIORS IN CONCERT:

"Be strong and of good courage."

H. L. S.

No Cause for Fear

You grow discouraged, for the way is steep;
Your strength seems spent, the pulse of hope
beats slow;
Alone you grope, and often pause to weep
O'er gilded prospects of the long ago.

But fear not. 'Tis your Master's hand divine
That guides the world along its trackless course,
And twines about your very heart and mind
Resistance to combat that unseen force.

Some day, when Jesus turns your cup of gall
Into a pleasant nectar, pure and sweet,
You'll understand the reason for it all,
And fall to worship at His nail-scarred feet.

Take courage, then, and yield not to despair,
Nor think that God has ceased to care for you.
Press toward the front, you may be needed there.
The One who guides you knows no Waterloo.

—Mabel Craker Thompson.

Talk: Courage in Evidence

"ONCE a farmer plowed around a rock in his field for five years. During all that time he lost the use of the ground occupied by the stone, and went to much trouble plowing around it, besides risking his tools; but he thought the rock was too big to remove. One day he decided he would take a crowbar and make sure of the size of the rock. To his amazement he discovered that the rock he had avoided for so many years proved to be so light that he could lift it into the cart without help.

"That farmer's experience in his field is paralleled by all of us in our lives. How often we shrink from some difficulty, some task, some fear or trouble, avoiding it for months and years, afraid to tackle it and measure ourselves against it. Then when at last we get a little courage and determination, and really approach the rock of our despair, we find it to be only a shallow slab that we can lift from the ground with one hand. We toss it into the cart, and rejoice in a field free from a sore encum-

brance. How foolish we have been, with our weakness and indecision."

Indecision—that is one of the causee, if not the cause, of many failures, no doubt. If an individual would determine once and for all that he would do as his conscience dictates or as his reason directs, the battle would be largely won. Daniel *purposed* in his heart that he would *not* defile himself with the king's meat. Does not one's will have a part to play in this matter of courage? Determination surely must go hand in hand with courage.

Referring again to Daniel, recall how he was delivered from the lions' den. But not all who dare to do right will be rewarded with deliverance. Has it ever occurred to you that even Jesus was not delivered from the Gethsemane experience, the depths of which the human mind can never appreciate? Likewise, our courageous stand may bring us to our dark hour, but with it all, victory comes. It may be that the only reward God wants us to have is the satisfaction of knowing that we have done right because it is right.

To be successful in our development of courage, it is essential that we practice never giving in to our weaknesses. For truly just as often as one allows exceptions, just so much is he the loser in the battle against discouragement.

The key to living a courageous life is to think thoughts of courage, and create a dare-to-do-right attitude toward life.

It may summon every ounce of courage in your soul to admit an error, to apologize, to be a good loser, to maintain high standards, or to do countless other common, everyday civilities, but *do* it, and in the doing, gain strength.

Keep our text for this meeting in mind, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." The final analysis of being courageous is not to talk it, just *be* it. H. L. S.

What Should We Accomplish in Our Society This Year?

(Program for Week Ending January 16)

BY D. A. OCHS

NOTES TO LEADERS: It seems fitting at the very beginning of this year that we should review those features of the Missionary Volunteer program which are so essential: First, *winning* more unconverted souls all about us to Christ; second, *holding* to this message all those who are already members of the church.

Out in the mountains of India can be heard through the stillness of twilight, a call from the ridge below, answered by a call from the ridge above. And then in a moment more a faint call from a far ridge, away up and beyond, sounds like a distant echo. What does it mean? The man close above was passing the word from the man below to the man beyond. The man below could never have reached the other man except for the man who stood on the middle ridge. Friends, there is a man down here who will never hear the Man up there, unless you become the one on the middle ridge.

More effective results in *soul winning* and more lasting results in *soul holding* should be the aim of every society for 1932. This twofold responsibility lies at the door of every Missionary Volunteer Society, and a superhuman effort should be made by society leaders this coming year to marshal all youthful forces in accomplishing more in this respect.

This program of *soul winning* calls for united action,—well organized missionary bands, such as Christian help and gospel meeting bands, literature and correspondence bands, prayer and personal workers' bands, etc. The leaders should familiarize themselves with the organization and work of these various bands. Study "Missionary Volunteers and Their Work," pp. 213-286.

The program of *soul holding* calls for well-directed study, prayer, and meditation, as presented by the following: Morning Watch, Bible Year, Standard of Attainment, Reading Courses, Testimonies Reading Course, Prayer and Meditation Bands, etc. Study "Missionary Volunteers and Their Work," pp. 164-200.

Do not fail to stress the importance of these missionary bands and devotional features. Endeavor to enlist every member. Careful thought should be given to the proper leadership of the various bands.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25: 34-40.

Song: "Winning Precious Souls," p. 536 in "Christ in Song."

Poems: "The Answer," p. 31, or "With a Thought of Him," p. 34, in "Choice Poems;" "Stir Me," p. 30, in "Alone With God."

Bible Doctrines: Creation of the World

1. How and when was the world created? Gen. 1: 1, 3, 6; Ps. 33: 9.
2. By whom was the earth created? John 1: 1-3; Heb. 1: 1, 2.
3. For what purpose was the world created? Isa. 45: 18.
4. For what purpose was man created? Isa. 43: 7; Eph. 2: 10.
5. In whose image was man created? Gen. 1: 27.
6. How is this creative power still manifested? Heb. 1: 3.

D. A. OCHS.

Study: God's Program a Soul-Winning Program

1. Jesus' example of effective soul winning. John 3:1-21; 4: 4-42.
2. The Lord's plan is to be our plan. Matt. 4: 18, 19.
3. The disciples put the Lord's plan into immediate effect. John 1: 35-42.
4. The Lord's soul-winning commission. Matt. 28: 18-20.
 - a. It calls for:
 - (1) Systematic and thorough work. Mark 16: 15; Acts 1: 8.
 - (2) United preparation. Acts 1: 4, 8, 13, 14.
 - (3) Personal heart preparation. Isa. 61: 1.
 - (4) Effectiv organization. Acts 1: 21-26.
 - b. It includes us. "The Saviour's commission to the disciples included all the believers. It includes all the believers. It includes all believers in Christ to the end of time. . . .
 "Whatever one's calling in life, his first interest should be to win souls for Christ."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 322.
5. To be real soul winners we must learn the value of a soul. Luke 15: 7.
 "The relations between God and each soul are as distinct and full as though there were not another soul . . . for whom He gave His beloved Son."—"Steps to Christ," p. 100, pocket edition. Read "Christ's Object Lessons," p. 196, "The value of a soul."
6. A challenge to Christian young people. See "Messages to Young People," pp. 204-207.

D. A. O.

Talk: A Soul-Winning Society

Is an Organized Society. Organization lies at the foundation of all successful effort. "Order is heaven's first law."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 201. See also 1 Corinthians 14: 33, 40. Briefly develop the thought that God, in leading Israel of old, followed a system of organization. Every tribe had its assigned place, whether camping or marching. Every family of the various tribes adhered strictly to order and system. Moses also organized the entire camp into units. Ex. 18: 21-27. Every tribe, family and individual had an assigned place in the taking of Jericho. Joshua 6: 1-27. Also read the Lord's plan for the disciples in Luke 10: 1-3.

The value of organized missionary effort has been presented to the youth by the servant of the Lord in "Messages to Young People," p. 197, par. 2. See also, "Testimonies," Vol. VII, p. 21, last par. and p. 22, top of page. Stress bands. See "Missionary Volunteers and Their Work," pp. 213-286.

D. A. O.

Talk: A Soul-Holding Society

Is a Dynamic Society. Power in a society and in the lives of its members is very essential in holding the young people true to this message, as well as winning them to it.

This keeping power every member may experience by constant connection with the Omnipotent One.

- He is All Power (Matt. 26: 18)..... *Take Him*
- His Word is Power (Heb. 4: 12)..... *Study It*
- His Gospel is Power (Acts 1: 16)..... *Accept It*
- His Cross is Power (1 Cor. 1: 18)..... *Contemplate It*
- His Holy Spirit is Power (Acts 1: 18)..... *Receive It*
- Prayer is Power ("Gospel Workers," p. 254).. *Exercise It*

The devotional and educational features are God's ordained means through which every one may make contact with the Source of "All Power," and by which hearts may keep in constant connection with "heaven's storehouse" of power. See "Steps to Christ," pp. 94, 95, pocket edition.

"Without the power which the society may obtain through the devotional features, it becomes a cold, formal organization, robbed of its possibilities for good."—"Missionary Volunteers and Their Work," p. 164. These devotional and educational features are explained in this book, pages 164-201.

D. A. O.

Points for Discussion

(It would be helpful if, at a previous meeting, the leader presented these points for discussion, requesting that every member be ready to give at least one answer to each question.)

1. How may the various organized bands create an interest in this message within our community?
2. What is the relation existing between my spiritual experience and soul winning?
3. In what respect do the devotional features assist me in maintaining a deep Christian experience? D. A. O.

Blackboard Illustration: Win One

A BLACKSMITH was asked by a man who came to have his horse shod whether he would accept \$5 for the shoeing of the horse, or be paid at the rate of one cent for the first nail, two cents for the second, four cents for the third nail, and so on, doubling the price of each nail. Thinking that he would receive the more remunerative payment, he accepted the \$5. Put the figures on the blackboard and see whether he made a mistake or not. Calculate on the basis of twenty-four nails on the four horseshoes. (Figure on the board the cost of each nail, then add.) The twenty-fourth nail will cost \$83,886.08, and the total cost of twenty-four nails is \$167,772.15.

Just as great are the multiplied possibilities of soul-winning endeavor. The Lord has chosen this method of passing on the good news of salvation. The souls we win are to go forth and win others, and they others, so the work will be quickly finished. There are 78,110 Missionary Volunteers in the world.

The Missionary Motive

(Program for Week Ending January 30)

NOTES TO LEADERS: Read the Notes to Junior Superintendents carefully. Adapt the talks, "Love, the Missionary Motive" and "Why I Became a Missionary," to the Seniors.

Follow the program with a deeply spiritual consecration service. God calls us to missionary work each day, but some are especially called to regions afar. Try to instill in the hearts of the youth the desire to follow, because of the true missionary motive, wherever the call of God may lead.

Bible Doctrines: The Plan of Salvation

1. As a result of sin what three things did man forfeit? Gen. 3:8, 23; Rom. 6: 23.
2. What is God's attitude toward man in his sinful state? 2 Peter 3: 9; Luke 19: 10.
3. Whom did God promise to redeem man? Gal. 4: 4.
4. What prompted Him to give His Son? John 3: 16.
5. For what purpose did His Son come to die? 1 John 3: 5, 8. D. A. OCHS.

Talk: The Missionary Motive

For every act, there is a motive. Motive is very closely akin to reason; but to the Christian as related to God, religion, and his fellow man, it is more than reason: it is a compelling power or influence in the life, as is beautifully and aptly stated in the words which form the motto of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society: "The Love of Christ Constraimeth Us." More than a reason is required to cause a person to separate himself from father, mother, brothers, sisters, friends, home, and the physical comforts of life to engage in the strenuous, arduous, self-sacrificing life of a missionary. We, therefore, inquire what motive prompts him?

The missionary motive is not a single one, though the constraining influence is love. Love is the basis of all service or action. While the prompting influence is one and one only, the motives for missionary service may be divided into primary and secondary. Under primary motives may be listed "love to God," with all that is comprehended by the statement. Under secondary may be listed "love to man," in all its various forms. To the members of the Missionary Volunteer Society it is "the love of Christ" that constrains. Love is active. Paul, in writing to the Romans, said, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God." The mercy of God, as expressed in the great sacrifice of the cross, is the highest of all the motives prompting mission service. Faith in God that works by love is the ideal set by the great apostle to the Gentiles.

Next to "love to God" comes "love to man." Love to man expresses itself in many ways; but the highest form of love to man is love for his soul, in contrast to the baser form of love for the bodies of men, which latter expresses itself in a multitude of soul-debasing and detestable ways, such as slavery, etc. It is a high privilege that God has permitted man to assist in the great work of saving his fellows; yea, He has even commanded, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." When a man loves God supremely, it gives unusual pleasure to say in response to His commands, "Here am I; send me." Loyalty to duty is Christianity in a beautiful, active form. As in the "Charges of the Light Brigade," duty stops not to reason why, it is "but to do and die." Duty does not stop to ask if it will pay; it only questions, as did the Duke of Wellington when asked by some prospective missionaries if he thought it would pay: "Gentlemen, what are your marching orders?" The command says, "Go," and our loyal young people "go."

Possession brings responsibility. Distribution is requisite to possession. The man who will not give may not possess. The missionary in full possession of the blessings of the gospel and the blessings (material) which have accompanied Bible distribution to the world is a debtor to those less fortunate. To bring repentance and remission of sins to the sorrowful, distressed soul of earth is his highest privilege. To bring a knowledge of a higher and better standard of living the material life, is not only the duty but the privilege of the missionary, and this service is second only to the spiritual blessings which he is able to bestow. Among these latter are medical aids, better methods of cooking, improved sanitary systems, machinery, better roads, railroads, electric lights and appliances, education, etc. Surely in lands blessed by Bible light and intellectual attainments there will be many loyal, devoted young people who will answer the missionary call, and inspired with the missionary motive and filled with a missionary zeal, a love for God and man, will go forth, blessed of Heaven, to win a reward eternal in the heavens, and a crown of righteousness which fadeth not away.

W. R. FRENCH.

Study: The True Missionary Spirit

1. Who is the great model Missionary? What was His motive? "Testimonies," Vol. V, p. 385.
2. How many may possess a missionary spirit? Vol. V, p. 385, par. 4; p. 386, top.
3. How many may really work to advantage in the vineyard of the Lord? Vol. V, p. 386, par. 2.
4. How much may persons of even little talent do? Vol. V, p. 307, par. 3.
5. What must be an important characteristic of a true missionary? Vol. IX, p. 45.
6. From whom are we to receive help? Vol. V, p. 306, par. 3; Vol. IX, p. 46, pars. 2, 3.
7. What is Christ's definition of a true missionary? Vol. VIII, p. 209, par. 3. MARJORIE WEST.

It More Than Pays

CAN he be said to suffer loss
Who leaves his native shore
To bear the banner of the cross,
When lo, he has the promise true
From Him who gave the work to do:
"I'm with thee evermore"?

Shall he be pitied or be said
To throw his life away
Who longs to give the living bread
To needy souls, and casts his lot
In some obscure, degraded spot,
Though small in coin the pay?

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CAN it be called a "sacrifice"
In foreign fields to roam,
To show the pearl of greatest price?—
But those who utter words like these
Are those who live the world to please,
Or, those who stay at home.

For missionaries always find
The "going" more than pays
For all the comforts left behind;
They never reach a foreign land
So far from heaven that hand in hand
They cannot walk with God or hear
His wondrous promise full of cheer:
"I'm with you all the days."

—Pearl Waggoner Howard.

Junior Missionary Volunteer Meetings

Who Is a Junior Missionary Volunteer?

(Program for Week Ending January 2)

NOTES TO JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS: The meeting today should make clear to every boy and girl the inner meaning of our name, Junior Missionary Volunteers. Base your opening remarks upon the chapter, "Who Is a Junior Missionary Volunteer?" in the Junior Handbook, and the material given in the talk "I Will." With heads bowed, repeat the pledge, then follow with an earnest prayer that each Junior may be true to the pledge he has taken.

Our slogan: "Something for Jesus Every Day." Believing that the Juniors would respond to a definite challenge all their own, the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department is suggesting this slogan to carry throughout the year 1932. Encourage them to adopt it as theirs, individually. The program for January 16 deals definitely with things they can do, but do not wait until that time to begin. It is not necessary to wait for great opportunities. "Something" may be only a very small act, but let it be done for Jesus. E. E. H.

Superintendent's Talk: I Will

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, the story tells us, was growing up to be a weak man, because he could not refuse to drink whenever any one asked him. At last he said, "I am going to get a will." How did he begin? He was going home from work one noon very hungry. He was so anxious to get to his dinner that he was running. All at once the thought came to him that he was being driven by his body. This, he decided, would be a good time to begin strengthening that will power, and he turned around and went back to his work until supper time. Now perhaps it would not be a wise thing for boys and girls to go without dinner very often, but it helped Lincoln to get a grip on his will. Another time he was invited to a party with a number of friends. He wanted to attend that party, but when the time came he found that he must leave a piece of work unfinished. It was a real test, but duty and determination won out. Lincoln sent a letter of apology and finished his task. That was the kind of discipline that made the great rugged soul of the rail-splitter President. Lincoln became master of his will.

You will be what you *will* to be, boys and girls. You are not responsible for your circumstances; you *are* responsible for how you *act* toward your circumstances. That is *will*. The difference between animals and Juniors is the will. Animals are governed by instinct, but to human beings God has given the power of choice. They must exercise their will power. The Spirit of prophecy tells us: "Everything depends on the right action of the will. The power of choice God has given to men; it is theirs to exercise. You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can *choose* to serve Him. You can give Him your will."

Then, listen to this question from "Steps to Christ," p. 34, pocket edition: "Christ is ready to set us free from sin, but He does not force the will; and if by persistent transgression the will itself is wholly bent on evil, and we do not *desire* to be set free, if we *will* not accept His grace, what more can He do?"

That sounds like our Junior Missionary Volunteer Pledge, does it not? "By the grace of God, I will." Those first seven words of our pledge really are the deciding words whether or not we will be Junior Missionary Volunteers. "By the grace of God, I will." Do you mean it when you repeat those words? If you truly mean it, and if you will stay by that decision, you will be a Junior Missionary Volunteer. E. E. H.

Why I Am Here

CEASE wondering why you came;
Stop looking for faults and flaws;
Stand up today in your strength and say,
"I am part of God's great cause.
However full the world, there is room for
an honest man;
It had need of me or I would not be,
I am here to strengthen the plan."

—Author Unknown.

Story: A Boy With a Purpose

YEARS ago a small lad stood on the Massachusetts seashore looking resolutely at the foaming waves. "You have cost me my father and mother," he said, "but some of these days I'm going

to find a way to break your power. I shall build a boat to help save lives at sea."

But how was he to go about it? He had no money. His sole capital was health and brains. Could he make these serve? Before he was twelve years old he made a lifeboat—the very first one of its kind—for the rescue of shipwrecked people. It was a considerable success, but it did not fulfill the ideal of the young inventor.

He was certain that he could improve on the idea, and to this end he worked and studied, taking what employment he could find, finally being appointed as page in the Massachusetts Legislature. It meant the open door to countless opportunities, and young Joseph Francis determined to let nothing escape him. Now he would have more money and more leisure, and early and late he worked at his purpose, making all sorts of boats in his effort to perfect a model which could be turned to account as a life-saver.

In 1819 a fast and light rowboat of his invention received "honorable recognition" at a fair held in the Massachusetts Mechanics Institute in Boston, and in this way Joseph Francis gained considerable prestige. He came to be sought by those who wanted good boats, and in 1830 he built, for the New York Boat Club, the first yacht ever constructed in America. About this time also a group of Canadian gentlemen came to him to build a racing rowboat, to be tried out against some renowned English competitors. Joseph Francis gladly accepted the commission, and subsequently his cork-lined boat, "The Eagle," won an easy victory over its British rivals.

All this was well enough, but in the young inventor's eyes it had only one result: it gave him the money to work upon the object of his desire—a boat which could not be crushed on the rocks when the waves roared their angriest. "I shall have to use iron," he said determinedly. "Iron for a boat!" his friends scoffed. "What nonsense!"

Their opinion, however, mattered little to Joseph Francis. Iron could be made to float under certain conditions, he felt sure, and for a year he worked steadily at the problem, denying himself everything in order to make his money last longer, and meeting only failure after failure. At last a day came when he was spent and hungry. He had only twenty-five cents in the world, and he was out of material. Thirteen cents went for a piece of iron, the balance for bread. Then he plunged into his experiments so heartily that most of the bread went untasted. In the morning he found that the rats had stolen it; but, joy of joys! it did not matter. At last he had found a way to corrugate iron, and he knew that his problem was solved. Now he had iron that would float; now he would be able to foil the sea and save the lives of his fellow men.

Shortly after this a ship was wrecked, with two hundred people on board, and Joseph Francis' new life-saver went to the rescue. All but one were saved. It was a wonderful achievement, and the story soon went round the world. "Here is a man who has won out simply by forming a purpose in early life and sticking to it," folks said. "All honor to Joseph Francis, the father and founder of the Life-Saving Service of the United States."

Mr. Francis made many lifeboats, but his first one stands today in the National Museum at Washington, a silent exhorter to all beholders. "Have a purpose," it proclaims. "Live for something that will be of service to your fellow men."—*The Target*.

Something for Jesus Every Day

SOMETHING each day—a smile;
It is not much to give,
And the little gifts of life
Make sweet the days we live.
The world has weary hearts
That we can bless and cheer,
And a smile for every day
Makes sunshine all the year.

Something each day—a word;
We cannot know its power,
It grows in fruitfulness
As grows the gentle flower.
It brings the sweetest peace
Where all is dark and drear!
Scatters sunshine in its path,
Makes pleasant all the year.

Something each day—a deed
Of kindness and of good,
To link in closer bonds
All human brotherhood.
Oh, thus the heavenly will
We all may do while here;
For a good deed every day
Makes blessed all the year.

—James Learmount.

The Best Kinds of Courage

(Program for Week Ending January 9)

BY T. ROSE CURTIS

NOTES TO JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS: Emphasize the courage that *does* rather than the courage that *says*; the courage of bearing and enduring, of loyalty and honor, whether seen or unseen by human eyes.

Suggestive Songs: Nos. 115, 289, 90, 235, 130, in "The Gospel in Song."

Bible Study: May be given by one, or by several as memory texts. Joshua 1: 9; Acts 4: 13; Prov. 28: 1; 29: 25; Ps. 20: 7; Matt. 10: 28; Isa. 35: 3; 1 Cor. 16: 13; Eph. 6: 10.

Talk: The Best Kinds of Courage

IN the horrible Park Avenue collision in the city of New York one of the sufferers was a young man named Peter Murphy. His feet and legs were caught beneath the engine that had telescoped the car. He had worked one leg free and was about to pull the other loose when the roof of the car fell on both legs. While he hung there in agony, Battalion Chief Farrel, of the fire department, came along, and Murphy begged him to lift the timbers off his legs.

"If I do that," said Farrel, "the roof will fall on the others inside. There are women there."

"I didn't think of that," said Murphy. "Let it stay. I'll stand the pain." So he waited, a long, terrible half hour, till his fellow sufferers were dragged from under the ruins.

There are two kinds of courage, physical and moral. The courage that counts, *real courage*, has to do with overcoming the evil things and the hard things of life. A chance for courage comes with work and play and joy and sorrow.

I know a boy who is afraid of spiders, but not afraid to tell the truth. Some day he will laugh at his little fears; but he will be glad that he has stood straight with his conscience and has kept a level eye. And there's Peggy, who is afraid of storms, but not afraid to be true to her ideals. It takes courage to do the right when all others around you are doing wrong and wanting you to do the same. A group of boys arranged one night to steal some apples from an orchard. Only one boy saw that the whole thing was wrong, and refused to go. The rest called him "coward," but they could not shake his resolve to do right. What would you have done?

A Japanese schoolboy was the only Christian in a school in Nagasaki enrolling one hundred and fifty boys. As he lived at a distance, he brought his luncheon to school; and he dared to fold his hands and ask a blessing every day before he ate. Some of the boys went to the master of the school and accused him of "doing something in the way of magic." The master called the lad before the school and questioned him. The little fellow spoke up bravely, explaining that he was a Christian, and had been thanking God and asking Him to bless the food. At once the master burst into tears. "My boy," he said, "I, too, am a Christian; but I did not dare let men know that I was one. Now, please God, I will try to live as a Christian ought to live." We must be daring in acknowledging the Redeemer.

One of the greatest tests of courage comes when we know we have done wrong. For instance, if we indulge our every want, whether it is good for us or not,—if we buy candy and soft drinks every time we see them,—we are forming a habit that will weaken our bodies, our minds, and our wills, and make us unfit to do a man's or woman's work. One who does not have courage takes each failure as an excuse for another failure, and soon fails in life. The one who *has* courage, braces up and says, "I failed this time, but I'll not fail again."

Courage is a matter of practice. It is made up of the thousand little braveries of daily duty doing. Nothing gives one

more bravery than the consciousness of God's presence. If you want to be courageous on the supreme occasions, cultivate a sense of God's presence in the little affairs of everyday life. Satan can well afford to abandon all his big temptations, and make use only of the little ones. If our hearts are stout to meet him there, we shall come off more than conquerors; we shall keep a level eye, before God and men. T. R. C.

Courage

Show me the boy who dares to do right
Though his comrades may laugh and sneer;
I'll show you a boy who with all his might
Will stand his guard without fear.

Show me the boy who dares to say "No"
When his honor is put to the test;
I'll show you the boy who is going to row
His boat far ahead of the rest.

Show me the boy who is good to the old,
To his mother is tender and kind;
I'll show you the boy with a heart of gold,
And his equal is hard to find.

Dare to do right, dare to say "No,"
And against all wrong raise your hand;
In manhood you'll reap what in youth you sow,
And be honored by all of the land.

—F. M. Hawley.

Story: The Wild Beast Show

"PAUL FORDEN is a coward!" The words rang through the court where the boys were at play. It was Lewis Graves who spoke.

Paul stood flushed but straight, facing a cluster of angry classmates. "That's not true, Lewis," he replied quietly. "And calling me a coward won't bully me into acting differently."

A clamor arose among the lads. "What is it, Loo?" chorused several.

Lewis laughed scornfully. "You know how we had planned to hide all the class books tomorrow, and pay the teacher for cutting our play hour—young Paul won't join."

"Well," said another boy, "we can get along without him."

"No, we can't!" snapped Lewis; "the game's off. Paul says he'll tell where the books are if he's asked. He's a sneak and a coward. Let's boo him."

Paul paled. He was a sturdy youngster, who loved comradeship. Till the coming of Lewis Graves, he had been popular with his classmates. Now, with their boos ringing in his ears, he hurried homeward.

Among all those who had chummed with him and followed his lead, only little Evvy Harding had pulled at his sleeve as he left the playground. "You—you—you're a brick, Paul," stammered Evvy. "Lewis was going to make me help, and I didn't want to." And Evvy's gratitude helped Paul to keep a stiff upper lip during the next two days. The schoolbooks were not touched, and before the end of the week, the boys were glad enough that they had not played rebel.

"Hickley's menagerie is coming to town," announced Robert Beale. Every boy in the town was excited.

"May I go with you, Paul?" asked Evvy.

Paul was glad. He felt unhappy at being "cut" by his classmates.

Hickley's menagerie was fine. How the wild beasts roared! What crowds of people watched their tricks, their feeding, and their great, grim selves!

Then suddenly—no one knew how it happened—a bolt had slipped, or a keeper had been careless; but somehow, all at once, the crowd petrified in cold horror at the sight of a cage door swinging wide, and a great yellow and black tiger standing there facing them, its tail slowly moving as the fact dawned on the terrible forest cat that those hateful bars had disappeared. No one screamed. They just stared in a shivering fear. But they didn't stare long. It was a matter of seconds, then a small figure dashed forward, and with all the strength of twelve-year-old muscles, pushed the heavy door closed with a clang, in the face of the tiger as it crouched for its spring. The clutch had gone home, and the bolt was shot as the monster cat hurled itself against the bars with a roar, echoed sympathetically by many of the other beasts.

Certificates of Membership should be given out as soon as possible after enrollment.

At first, it was just the roaring; but it found another echo as cheer after cheer rang through the fields. It almost took Paul's breath away to be made a hero like that. The next day in the old classroom the teacher shook hands with him before the school, and his classmates rose to cheer him in friendly pride. They hadn't known of the teacher's guessing their plan about the books, but he told them then. "It's the boy who does right and faces his friends' sneers," he said plainly, "who can shut the door of a tiger's cage."

And Lewis Graves led the cheer. But it was Evvy Harding who was the first to reach Paul's side afterward. "I knew you'd do it," Evvy said.—*Our Little Friend*.

What Should We Accomplish in Our Junior Society This Year?

(Program for Week Ending January 16)

BY C. LESTER BOND

NOTES TO JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS: The four talks and the poem suggested for this program are intended to stimulate an interest in the missionary activities of the society, as well as the devotional and educational features of its work.

Superintendent's Talk: "Do My Honest Part." There is much that we should accomplish in our society work this year. We should take an active part in all the regular missionary campaigns of the church. A good number of members should complete the Reading Courses, the Bible Year, and the Standard of Attainment. We should also have a good-sized group qualify for membership in one or more of the Progressive classes. And, of course, we should make systematic effort throughout the year to raise a large amount of money for the support of foreign missions.

The society cannot make a success of any of these features of its work without the co-operation of all the members. But with their co-operation every undertaking may be made a real success. It will not do, then, for Mary and John to say, "I am not interested in this or that part of the society work, I would rather do something else." Instead Mary and John will say, "I am bound that our society work is going to be a real success this year, and am going to do whatever I am asked to do in order to make it such." With such a spirit pervading the members of the society, success is always assured.

Let us remember that we are *Missionary Volunteers*, that we have not been drafted into service. When we accepted the Junior Missionary Volunteer Pledge we took it upon ourselves to serve God's cause and our fellow men in every possible way. The society is counting on each member to help make every feature of its work a success this year. Therefore, let us individually resolve, in the words of the Junior Law, "To do my honest part."

Talk: Our Work

WHEN Jesus was here upon earth He said to His disciples, "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me." This command is for every Christian in the church today, whether he be old or young, and is therefore for all Junior Missionary Volunteers. What a high privilege it is to have assigned to us a definite responsibility in the finishing of God's work in the earth! Boys and girls in the past have had their work to do for God, but none of them have had such an important task as ours. This fact should lead every Junior to consecrate himself to the Master for service, and should cause him to seek that preparation which will enable him to accomplish the best results in his work.

In most parts of the world the older members of the church are now at liberty to do missionary work, but the time will soon come when they will not have this privilege, and the work will have to be done by the boys and girls.

"In the closing scenes of this earth's history, many of these children and youth will astonish people by their witness to the truth, which will be borne in simplicity, yet with spirit and power. They have been taught the fear of the Lord, and their hearts have been softened by a careful and prayerful study of the Bible. In the near future, many children will be endued with the Spirit of God, and will do a work in proclaiming the truth to the world, that at that time cannot well be done by the older members of the church."—*Counsels to Teachers*, pp. 166, 167. It is evident from this statement that God is counting on the Juniors to accomplish great things for Him. Shall we not rally to the work, and attempt greater things for the Master than ever before? Let us as Juniors ever remember our aim, "The advent message to all the world in this generation," and do all that we can to fulfill its purpose. C. L. B.

Talk: Let Our Papers Talk

WHAT are you going to do with all of those *Youth's Instructors* and *Little Friends* that you have already read and have placed on the library shelf, or have tucked down in the drawer of the table? They have already talked to you, and have told you many interesting things about nature, and the Bible, as well as practical lessons which will be of great benefit to you. Now are you going to be content to let them lie idle and not continue to bear their message of helpfulness?

Near your home are men and women and boys and girls who will enjoy a visit from these good papers as much as you have, so why not give your papers a chance to talk? That means, of course, that you will have the pleasure of carrying these little messengers to people who will be glad to read them. Some of these people may be boys and girls who are not so fortunate as you are. You may find them at the hospital, or perhaps ill in their own homes. They may be well and active as you are, but not acquainted with Jesus and His message for today, and what great help they might receive through their contacts with you and the papers you carry to them!

Would it not be well for our Junior Society to have a literature band, and do systematic work throughout the year? Other societies have done this with wonderful results. Even down in South America the Juniors are doing this kind of work. Members of the Junior Society of the Hohenan church school in the Austral Union Conference, South America, have become very much interested in the distribution of tracts and magazines to their non-Adventist neighbors. Often they take recess time to carry truth-filled literature to near-by homes. Because of the efforts of these Juniors several persons have definitely accepted the Christ and His message for today.

We may not have the ability or the opportunity to have a heart-to-heart talk with all those about us who would listen, but we do have the ability and opportunity to carry our good missionary papers to them. Let us improve this opportunity, and place our papers where they may tell their story of salvation to hearts that are hungering after righteousness. *Let our papers talk!* C. L. B.

Discussion: Christian Help Work

EVERY loyal Junior Missionary Volunteer is a true missionary. That is the meaning of his membership in the society. Being a real missionary, he will watch for and take advantage of every opportunity that presents itself to serve the cause of truth, or to be a blessing to individuals who are in need about him. It was just such ministry as this that made the life of Jesus so greatly appreciated by the people with whom He made contact from day to day. He was constantly doing things which would lighten the cares and burdens of others. And it was through these acts of helpfulness that He found joy and satisfaction in life.

Missionary work of this kind begins at home, so as Juniors we should take an active part in bearing the responsibilities of the home life. We should especially watch for opportunities to lighten the burdens of father and mother. We can do this by cheerfully helping with the chores, by keeping our room in order, and by taking proper care of our clothing.

A true missionary will not, however, be content to be helpful just at home. He will find real pleasure in searching out those who are in need in his neighborhood. He will find the widows, and will volunteer to help them prepare their kindling and keep the coal scuttle filled. He will find that neighbor who is ill at the hospital, and will run necessary errands for him. He will shovel the snow from the walks around the church, and from in front of the sick neighbor's house. If a girl, she will perhaps do all of the above things and more too. She will fix a dainty dish for the sick. She will care for the neighbor's baby while the mother takes a much-needed rest. She will read to that poor old man and woman who may be so nearly blind that they cannot read. She may take some of the good dresses which she has outgrown and make them over for that poor little girl down the street.

(These are only a few of the many things that Juniors may do to help those who are in need. Discuss other ways in which you may be helpful as you search out those whom you can help.) Would it not be well to have a Christian help band in our society, and work in a systematic way to help the needy about us? We could gather clothing to distribute to the poor, and food for those who do not have enough to eat. This would be very enjoyable work for us, and at the same time would prove a real blessing to others. Let us all take a greater interest in this kind of work, and endeavor by the grace of God to live our Junior Pledge and "be a friend to man." C. L. B.

Don't fail to purchase the 1932 Reading Course books.

I Shall Give

BECAUSE I have been given much,
I, too, will give;
Because of Thy great bounty, Lord,
Each day I live.
I will divide my gifts from Thee
With every brother that I see
Who has the need of help from me.

Because I have been sheltered, fed,
By Thy good care,
I cannot see another's lack
And I not share
My glowing fire, my loaf of bread,
My roof's safe shelter overhead,
That he, too, may be comforted.

—Grace Noll Crowell.

The Missionary Motive

(Program for Weeks Ending January 30)

BY BERTHA WALTON-FEARING

NOTES TO JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS: "I can't get interested in missions!" exclaimed a little girl. She and an older woman were leaving a missionary meeting that had been thrilling to most of those present.

"No, dear," replied the older woman. "'Tisn't to be exactly expected of you—yet awhile. It's just like getting interest in a bank; you have to put in a little something first; and the more you put in, the more interest you get. Time or money or praying, it doesn't matter which—but something—and you're sure of the interest."

Urge the Juniors to pray for the missionaries, and to save their nickels and dimes so that more may go. It is hoped that this program will start the fire of love for their fellow playmates burning in their hearts.

Leader's Talk: "The Missionary Motive," p. 11.

Poem: "It More Than Pays," see p. 11. "Choice Poems" also contains several mission poems.

If the song, "For a Little Bit of Love" ("Praiseworthy," No. 107), is available, it could be used as a special number.

This program may well be concluded with a consecration service.

Talk: Love, the Missionary Motive

JESUS says to each one of us, "Lift up your eyes, and look" (John 4: 35); Lift up your heart, and pray (2 Chron. 7: 14); Lift up your hands, and give (Matt. 10: 8); Lift up your feet, and go (Matt. 28: 19).

"Why did you go to those strange people?" asked a friend of a returned missionary. "Did they ask you to come?" "No, they did not ask me." "Then why did you go?" The missionary said: "When I was a young man in college, in going to my room one night, I saw a bright light in a house as I passed. The wind had blown the curtain too close to the gas jet and it was in flames. But because this family had not invited me to warn them and not wishing to disturb their peace, I passed on to my room." "You did no such thing," said the other. "I am sure you wasted no time in crying to them that their house was on fire." "Certainly," said the missionary, "and the people of the strange land did not invite me. But I knew their danger without Christ, and I knew the peace and joy that come with knowing Him, and knowing these things, I was impelled to warn them."

Mary L. Bishop tells the following story of mission lands: "An Indian caste woman was sitting one day deeply interested in the conversation of the Bible woman, when she suddenly turned her head away. When asked the reason, she replied: 'I cannot look into your face, it shines so that I'm afraid to look for fear that I may become one of you.'

"We hear question after question, and when the missionary, utterly spent, begs for a brief respite, she is met with the most urgent appeal to stay a little longer. The dominant note through all this ministry is joy, not sacrifice; never a word of suffering."

David Livingstone tells of his privilege of being a missionary in the following words: "I have never ceased to rejoice that God has appointed me to such an office. People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. Can that be called a sacrifice which is simply paid back as a small part of a great debt owing to our God which we can never repay? Is that a sacrifice which brings its own best reward in

healthful activity, the consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and a bright hope of glorious destiny hereafter? It is emphatically no sacrifice. Rather, it is a privilege. Anxiety, sickness, suffering, or danger now and then, with a forgoing of the common conveniences and charities of this life, make us pause, and cause the spirit to waver and the soul to sink; but let this be for only a moment. All these are nothing when compared with the glory which shall hereafter be revealed in and for us. *I never made a sacrifice.*"

The missionary does not find his task commonplace. When love is the actuating motive, even commonplace tasks become a pleasure. And if this is true of ordinary tasks, how much more true is it in the service of the missionary! Joy is to be found in everything he does, for all his work is to make life more worth living for his fellow men and to prepare them for eternal life hereafter.

The greatest missionary of all time is Jesus—He came to die for you and for me. Love sent Him into this world. Love for their Saviour and to bring this Saviour to others, is the motive that sends missionaries around the world today. B. W. F.

Reading: Why I Became a Missionary

LOOKING back over a span of thirty-three years, I find myself among the pioneer students of Union College, Lincoln, Nebr. In attending the college I had only one purpose, and that was to fit myself to fill my special place in God's great closing work. This focal point was kept clearly before my eyes each day by asking myself repeatedly, "For what purpose are you here?"

The Union College young men's foreign mission band was born in the north attic of the boys' hall, and I was one of the three charter members that composed it. It was during my last year at college that I had an unmistakable call to the island mission field. Night after night for weeks I had seemed to see dark forms wading out in the water from underneath the dense foliage which overhung the shore. Their hands were stretched out to me in the mute appeal, "Come over and help us." This seemed unaccountable to me, as I had no more than a geographical knowledge of the island world, and my mind was not exercised at this time over work outside the United States.

After college, at the time of my ordination, Pastor Allen Moon, president of the Foreign Mission Board, came to Mrs. Parker and me, and asked if we did not have some impression about taking up work in a foreign field. We said that we had been so busy with our work in the homeland that we had not given any study to the matter. The last year I spent at Union College, Mrs. Parker (who was then Miss Myrtle G. Griffis) had been appointed, with Miss Georgia Burrus, to India. While at Battle Orsek taking some work in medical lines, she was stricken with a severe disease, and not given more than three months to live. She was healed by prayer, but her physician would not consent to her going to India after this experience. Considering her feelings, I had told her nothing of my impressions while at college, nor had I mentioned India, because I thought it might cause her pain.

That year and the following were successful in my ministerial work, three churches being raised up. While in the midst of a fourth effort I received a communication from the Foreign Mission Board, asking if we would be willing to take up work in a foreign field. We spent the night in prayer together, and there laid ourselves on the altar. A week later we received another letter from the board, asking if we had any impressions regarding taking the Anglo-Chinese Academy work at Honolulu, or work in India, China, or Fiji? I asked Mrs. Parker if she had any impressions regarding any of these places, expecting that she would say India. But what was my surprise when she said, "Fiji."

Like an avalanche there came before me my dreams of dark forms coming out from under the overhanging branches of trees. I then told Mrs. Parker of my impressions while at college, and the following morning the train was carrying our reply back to the board, "Fiji." We knew nothing about Fiji; all we knew was that God had spoken, and it was our duty to go.

The question is not, What can I make of myself? but, How much can God make of me to save souls? and it does not matter where these souls are.

The life that counts most is the life that is lived least for itself, and most for others.—C. H. Parker.

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OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS

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

Special Guidance and Protection

FROM Central China, where of late has been experienced so much trouble, Superintendent N. F. Brewer tells of the manifest blessing and guidance of God as the workers press on with the message to those who have long waited to hear:

"At our union session we planned to send two families into Shensi Province. They will be free for evangelistic work in that territory, and the time seems ripe for us to work in that section. They have had several years of famine, but now conditions have changed. I have never seen the people so willing to listen to the truths for this time as now, and I believe it is our great opportunity to push the work as never before.

"I wish you could have heard the testimonies from some of our workers as they told of their deliverances in times of trouble and danger. One of our field men told of hearing a voice in the night telling him to go to a certain place the next day. He had formerly planned to go there the following day, but decided to obey the voice. He took the bus that day. The bus that he had planned to take the next day was held up by bandits, and eight persons were killed.

"Another man told of being delayed so that he could not take the boat he had planned to go on. He had to wait all day for the next boat. When he arrived at his destination, he learned that the boat he had planned to take was sunk in the river, and all the passengers were drowned."

Another Tribe Entered

FROM out of British North Borneo, Missionary J. W. Rowland sends this message of good cheer:

"The past two years the Lord has blessed the work among the hill people, where fifty-nine believers have been won from the Dusun tribe. We organized two churches among them last year. These people are very faithful in their service to the Lord. Many of them come ten miles and more to church every Sabbath, and they are always there on time. It is an inspiration to work for these dear people. Those who have been won have come through great tribulation, and have stood stanchly for the truth.

"The last tribe to be added to the list of believers is the tribe known as the Muruts. They are a very primitive people, and no society is working for them except our own denomination. Recently three young men were baptized from among them. I believe these are the first fruits of an abundant harvest the Lord will give us from this tribe."

Nebuchadnezzar Likewise Found It Out

WHILE the postage was 84 cents, the letter arose the twenty-first of one month out of Iquitos, on the headwaters of the Amazon, and flew over the Andes to Lima, thence by another through air route from Buenos Aires to Washington, reaching the Mission Board office the second of the next month. So much for modern mail service, with our far-inland missionaries hunting for human pearls among the tropical forests of the Amazon. And this letter brought an excellent report of a missionary tour by Pastor F. A. Stahl back into the forest to visit two hitherto unvisited Indian tribes. This report will come later, but in the accompanying letter he writes a few words of interest to us all:

"I am glad to say we are all well here, and the work is going forward. We have more liberty now. The enemies have received a severe jolt in the recent change of government, and have many things to think about which they consider even more important than interfering with our work. Some of these men who were first in the persecution are still confined in jail, with plenty of time to think it all over. One man, the worst of all who were in power here in Iquitos, is a wanderer in the forests below here, no one knows where. Yes, they all know now that the 'Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will.' We now go where we please, open schools without a word, hold meetings where we will, and there is a general good feeling among the people, and also a real interest in the word of God. We are happy and thankful."

In the Land of the Midnight Sun

It is interesting to note that our Sabbath-keeping brethren have difficulties in their observance of the day up in the Land of the Midnight Sun, knowing, as they do, the hour and minute the Sabbath begins and ends there, as well as do people elsewhere on the globe. President L. H. Christian, of the Northern European Division Conference, writes:

"In all this northern section which we visited inside the arctic circle we have only one minister, a licentiate, Brother E. Stinessen. We had four meetings with the people in Vardö, and our only difficulty was that the halls were far too small. God is giving success. Already about twenty have begun to keep the Sabbath. The people of the North are eager to hear the advent message. Some years ago we began work among them in a small way. There are now in Norway alone 365 Adventists living north of the arctic circle. There is also a small group in this section of Sweden and Finland. They meet opposition that we do not know farther south—for instance, with the Sabbath. There are eight Sabbaths each year that begin on Friday at a few minutes past twelve and close Saturday at the same time. Our first Sabbath there began at 12:47 on Friday. Our children who attend public school, as they nearly all do, must be out of school not only on the Sabbath, but on Friday afternoon. Men who work in factories and shops, too, are obliged to close their work about Friday noon, thus losing quite often a day and a half each week. But our people are of good courage. They love the Sabbath, as they do every phase of the message."

Among the Navaho Indians

AN extract from a recent letter written by Missionary Orno Follett, who pioneered among the Navaho Indians of New Mexico, where for some years a mission has been maintained among them, more recently with a small dispensary-hospital added, tells of some things accomplished in behalf of these Indians of the homeland:

"In a general way, there is a great change for the better among the Navaho Indians. When we came here, nearly fifteen years ago, 5 per cent of this tribe were estimated to speak English, most of these very poorly. Now 20 per cent speak English, nearly all these being returned students, many of whom have learned to speak the English well. Fifteen years ago the medicine men's hold upon the tribe was very strong. They still have much power, but their hold is being broken to a surprising extent. The lives of some of our converts in the earlier years were threatened, if they would not give up the faith. Now there are many returned students among them who have been baptized, and I do not hear of threats against their lives as in former years.

"The last baptism among the Navahos was seven years ago. We again have quite a number interested, fifteen or more, in what I call our baptismal class. Not that they all meet together for study, for they do not, but we study with them in family groups or individually, as the case may demand. I hope we may be able to baptize these soon. Remember the Navaho Mission in your prayers."

Escaping Heathenism

ESCAPING from heathenism with their lives tells it as it is over on Malekula Island, New Hebrides. Magifaro had been by night secretly visiting our mission where Masing Nalo, a native worker, gave him instruction. Later, the missionary visited the home and talked quietly with Malnot, Magifaro's wife. Then she and her husband secretly discussed matters, the Spirit of God working on their hearts, and decided to leave their village and join our mission. But to let this be known they knew meant certain death for them. The story is unfolded further by Pastor W. G. Turner:

"The decision having been made, Magifaro had come to Masing Nalo the night we were at Limbul to make known the plan. We brought the young man to the mission boat. He was a tall, clean-looking young fellow, and we listened with interest to the telling of his story. Deciding that we must do something to help these young folk in their desire to break with heathenism, we told him to be on the beach with his wife about five miles along the coast at a certain hour the next night, and we would pick them up. The hour arrived, the ship's dinghy was launched, and there were the young couple ready and waiting. They had thrown away their heathen dress, such as it was, and by doing so had completely separated themselves from their old-time practices.

"Once aboard the 'Le Phare' they were made comfortable, and were introduced to native workers and their wives en route to our general meeting at Aore. When we came away, they were both contented and happy in their new environment.

"The experience of these young people is of frequent occurrence in the New Hebrides, for the poison threat is no empty one. While visiting one village in this same district, the paramount chief told us in conversation that he poisoned any who did not engage in the work of heathenism. During the past three months seventy-eight deaths have taken place in this locality. Some of the deaths undoubtedly followed dysentery, but our members agree that a number died through poison administered when doing something displeasing to the chief or others."

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