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## Church Officers' General Instruction Department

### Special Appointments for the Month of February

Christian Home Day.....February 4  
Foreign Missions Rally.....February 18

### Is Some of God's Treasure Hidden Within Your Tent?

THE first city conquered by Israel after they had crossed the Jordan into their Promised Land, was Jericho. Miraculously it was delivered into Joshua's hand. Those mighty walls, which had struck terror to the hearts of the ten spies who had brought back their evil report forty years before, were thrown down by unseen angel hands, making the inhabitants within an easy prey. Everything was to be destroyed except "the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron." These first fruits of conquest were to "come into the treasury of the Lord." Israel was forbidden to take anything of Jericho's spoil. All Israel knew this. Joshua had faithfully instructed and warned them in these words:

"Keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it. But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are consecrated unto the Lord: they shall come into the treasury of the Lord." Joshua 6:18, 19.

But there was one man—think of it! only *one* out of Israel's hundreds of thousands encircling that doomed city—who dissembled, coveted, and stole of this treasure that was devoted, consecrated, to "come into the treasury of the Lord." He somehow got "a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels' weight" into his tent unobserved by any warrior comrades. But God saw the man, knew the amount of treasure taken, and observed the hiding place.

This one man's act stopped further conquest of Canaan by Israel's organized, well-disciplined hosts. Little Ai turned back a division of brave warriors. This caused fear to pervade the whole encampment. Joshua and the elders prostrated themselves before God. Then Joshua was informed that it was not a time for prayer, but of clearing out of sin from the camp. Who could it be? Everybody wondered. One man knew. And how mercifully God opened the way for that one man to confess his sin, and to be forgiven and saved. But no; he hesitated, and continued to hide his sin until his name was finally

called out. It was too late now for acceptable repentance. Achan said to Joshua, "Indeed I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done." To cleanse the camp of sin, nothing was left but to cut off Achan and all his house that day; so without the camp he perished. Sad indeed was the result of giving way to Satan's temptation to covetousness in the day of victorious warfare.

But listen! What word is this given us in this time of remnant Israel's conquest?

"I saw that many who profess to be keeping the commandments of God are appropriating to their own use the means which the Lord has intrusted to them, and which *should come into His treasury*. They rob God in tithes and in offerings. They dissemble, and withhold from Him to their *own hurt*. They bring leanness and poverty upon themselves and darkness upon the church, because of their covetousness, their dissembling, and their robbing God in tithes and offerings."—"Testimonies," Vol. III, p. 269. (Church officers will do well to study further instruction in this same volume, pages 263-272.)

These are plain words. They point to sin lurking in the camp. God's consecrated treasure is in hiding among the people's stuff within individual tents somewhere. Though hidden from man's view, God knows where it is, and how much of it should come into His treasury. By trying to make God's property their own, this word says "they bring leanness and poverty upon themselves." Would it not be well to search for and remove the cause for this leanness and poverty, with confessions and restorations, before it shall be too late to find forgiveness with God?

For the obedient, rich blessings are in store. "Prove Me," God says to every soul in His ranks today. Test for yourself that I am your God. I control the windows of heavenly blessing. Their shutters may to you be opened or closed as in faithfulness or unfaithfulness you deal privately with My intrusted treasure. My heart longs to pour you out both spiritual and temporal blessings. Will you receive them? or will you withholding add to the Achan sin of keeping back blessings from the camp of Israel?

T. E. B.

### A Preacher Relates Two Experiences

Down in Oklahoma where I once labored, I came across a multimillionaire, and became very well acquainted with him. He liked Seventh-day Adventists. He had been in Battle Creek in the early days. He used to call me "preacher." He said:

"Preacher, you folks are the only people in the world that will ever do what God wants done, because you are the only ones that are tithe payers. I have had three fortunes. This is my third. The first I made in the Klondike in a gambling house. God won't let any man keep money when he gets it that way. I got another in Seattle, and that wasn't straight, and the Lord wouldn't let me keep that either. Then I made up my mind that I was going into partnership with God. I promised God that next time I would be a faithful tithe payer, and would make my money honestly, and spend it for the cause of humanity. I first gave Him His tithe, and then of the rest that I made aside from clothing and food—and I was simple in those wants—I would give Him the most."

And he was true to his word. Whatever that man set his hand to do in Oklahoma turned into gold. He was the first person to go out into Osage County and put down an oil well in that rough country, and there was so much oil he had to dam up creeks and rivers and get pumps fixed up. What has he done with his money? He has turned it over to philanthropic societies for orphans and widows. He has a modest home. He made his will, providing for his wife so much each year as long as she lived, and giving the rest to the Lord for charitable purposes for caring for the widows and orphans. When he died a few years ago, he left a fortune of \$15,000,000. Prosperous? Yes. God will prosper the man that will be faithful to Him.

I was pastor in another church. A good brother who had considerable wealth, and was worth, I suppose, \$50,000, had been a liberal soul with God at one time in the experience of

the church; but sin had come into his life, and he became very, very close. He paid tithe only once a year, so no one could tell what it ought to be. He was the smallest giver in the whole church when it came to church expense and church school.

One day (I thought it my duty) I went out to his home. I had made an appointment with him. I said: "I have come to tell you, as a messenger from God, that very soon God's curse will rest upon you unless you change your course."

The banker had called me aside one day, and said, "Aren't you the pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist church?"

"Yes."

"Come in here! I want to talk to you a few moments about one of the members of your church. This is very unethical, but I want to tell you some things. So-and-so in your church is so involved with a certain man in this town, supporting his notes, that he doesn't even know how many notes he has signed. There are thousands of dollars' worth of notes that he has gone on with this other man, and the man is broke. Unless something comes in, he is going to lose everything he has."

"My good brother," I said, "God is going to touch you because you have been unfaithful to Him. Don't try to say that you have paid tithe. You have paid a little bit as conscience salve, but it is not a conscience healer. You have been unfaithful to God. God is going to touch you. He is going to touch your pocketbook, and He is going to cut down your income. You have signed notes with another man."

"How do you know?" he asked.

"You are on them, aren't you? You are going to lose."

"I would sooner think that I would lose the \$500 I have lent to the church than that which I have lent otherwise. It is covered with life insurance."

"Yes, but you are going to lose it."

The next Tuesday night I left for another city. A telegram followed from my wife, saying a certain man had committed suicide the night before, twelve hours after his life insurance ran out, and our brother was cut off from all that he was worth. I went back to him and said, "Brother, I am neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I know what God's word says. Is it enough?" He said nothing.

I went back a second time and said, "God isn't through with you. Your home—God will take it away."

I was back there last summer. Everything is gone. Last winter, when I was back, he had a cottage, and I said, "You are going to lose it. Is it going to be enough? If it isn't, God is going to lay His hand on you." He had a nice little business. One day he fell and broke his ankle. He was laid up for months, and when he got back, he had no business. It was all gone, every bit of it. His wife had to go to work to help support him.

God is a good paymaster. "I will add," says God, "if you will make the kingdom of God and His righteousness your first business. I will subtract if you do not. You brought it home, and I blew upon it."

My brother, it isn't for you or me to try to make a bargain with God. He has already made it with us. If we will be faithful with our tithes and offerings, He will make us to ride on the heights of the land, and will feed us with the heritage of Jacob our father.

W. E. BARR.

### Temptation

Deal gently with the erring;  
 Ye know not of the power  
 With which the dark temptation came  
 In some unguarded hour.  
 Ye may not know how earnestly  
 He struggled, or how well,  
 Until the hour of darkness came,  
 And sadly thus he fell.  
 Heir of the selfsame heritage,  
 Child of the selfsame God,  
 He hath but stumbled in the path  
 Thou hast in weakness trod.

—Selected.

## Home Missionary Department

### CHRISTIAN HOME DAY

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

(February 4)

OPENING SONG: "Love at Home," No. 580 in "Christ in Song."

PRAYER. (Preceded by reading poem entitled, "Pray.")

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERINGS.

SPECIAL MUSIC, OR SONG: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," No. 503 in "Christ in Song."

RECITATION: "A Mother's Intercession."

TALK: "To the Children."

SONG: "Dare to Do Right," No. 67 in "Christ in Song."

READING: "Family Worship and Its Results."

ADDRESS: "The Home as a Missionary Recruiting Station."

CLOSING SONG: "Where Are the Reapers?" No. 548 in "Christ in Song."

BENEDICTION.

#### Note to Leaders

You will recall that statement in the writings of the Spirit of prophecy which says, "The work of parents underlies every other. . . The well-being of society, the success of the church, the prosperity of the nation, depend upon home influences."—"Ministry of Healing," p. 349. And another equally emphatic statement is as follows: "The education and training of their children to be Christians is the highest service that parents can render to God. . . This is true home missionary work."—"Christ's Object Lessons," pp. 195, 196. It is therefore very appropriate that on one particular Sabbath of the year the theme for consideration in all our churches should be the Christian home and its possibilities as a recruiting station for the mission field. The material for use in making this service interesting and effective has been thoughtfully prepared under the auspices of the General Conference Home Commission. In harmony with the instruction found in "Gospel Workers" (p. 208), that "in every sermon" "a little corner" should be left for the benefit of the children, a special appeal to the children is included in this program, which has been prepared by one whose life is devoted to the interests of Seventh-day Adventist youth.

GENERAL CONFERENCE HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

### The Home as a Missionary Recruiting Station

(Outline of Sermon)

Text: Psalms 144:12

#### I. INTRODUCTION.

Greatest responsibility of any generation: the ideals and principles transmitted to the rising generation. Ps. 78:6, 7.

Most solemn responsibility of Christian parents: the development in their children of noble Christian character, and their preparation for unselfish service.

Should be highest ambition of Seventh-day Adventist parents that the children should be fruit-bearing plants in the garden of God and pillars in the church.

#### II. THE TEST OF THE REMNANT CHURCH.

Matt. 24:14; Rev. 14:6-12.

#### III. THE YOUNG HAVE A PART IN THE CLOSING GOSPEL WORK.

Mark 13:34; Mal. 4:5, 6.

"The whole gospel to the whole world by the whole church."  
 "The Lord has appointed the youth to be His helping hand."  
 —"Testimonies," Vol. VII, p. 64.

#### IV. THE GREAT CHARACTER-BUILDING INSTITUTION IS THE HOME.

Prov. 22:6.

"Neither the church school nor the college affords the opportunities for establishing a child's character building upon the right foundation that are afforded in the home."—"Counsels to Teachers," p. 162.

"The lessons that a child learns during the first seven years of its life have more to do with the formation of character than all that it learns in future years."—Mrs. E. G. White, in *Signs of the Times*, April 8, 1903.

#### V. THE HOME MOLDS THE IDEALS AND PURPOSES OF LIFE.

This was true of Timothy (2 Tim. 1:5) and of Jesus (Luke 2:40).

#### VI. ALL THE PRINCIPLES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND SERVICE MUST BE DILIGENTLY TAUGHT IN THE HOME.

Deut. 11:19.

## VII. OUR CHILDREN MUST BE TRAINED AS MISSIONARIES IN THE HOME.

"Parents should teach their children . . . that to do something which will honor God and bless humanity is worth striving for. Even in their early years they can be missionaries for God."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 345.

"We know not in what line our children may serve. They may spend their lives within the circle of the home; they may engage in life's common vocations, or go as teachers of the gospel to heathen lands; but all are alike called to be missionaries for God, ministers of mercy to the world."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 395.

"We are under sacred covenant with God to rear our children for His service. To surround them with such influences as shall lead them to choose a life of service, and to give them the training needed, is our first duty."—*Id.*, p. 396.

"The home is the child's first school, and it is here that the foundation should be laid for a life of service. . . . As soon as strength and reasoning power are developed, he should be given duties to perform in the home. He should be encouraged in trying to help father and mother, encouraged to deny and to control himself, to put others' happiness and convenience before his own, to watch for opportunities to cheer and assist brothers and sisters and playmates, and to show kindness to the aged, the sick, and the unfortunate. . . . They will learn to find joy in service and sacrifice for the good of others."—*Id.*, pp. 400, 401.

"Your money means the salvation of souls. Let there be systematic giving on the part of all. . . . Let the children act their part. Let parents teach their children to save their pennies to give to the Lord."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 55.

## VIII. RESULTS FOLLOWING MISSIONARY TRAINING IN THE HOME.

"If fathers and mothers would work for the members of their own families, and then for those around them, uplifting Christ by a godly life, thousands of souls would be saved."—*Id.*, Vol. VII, p. 11.

## IX. CO-OPERATION OF PARENTS WITH SCHOOLS.

"The teachers in the home and the teachers in the school should have a sympathetic understanding of one another's work. They should labor together harmoniously, imbued with the same missionary spirit."—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 157.

If our children receive a missionary training in the home, it will be comparatively easy for our Christian schools to train them for the various branches of the Lord's work. On the other hand, it is very difficult for the best schools to take young people who do not possess ideals of unselfish service and train them as efficient soul winners. The home lays the foundation for character and career. "In all that pertains to the success of God's work, the very first victories are to be won in the home life."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VI, p. 354.

M. E. KERN.

## A Mother's Intercession

For their sakes, heavenly Father, would I sanctify myself—  
These loved ones Thou hast trusted to my care—  
By truth, whate'er its source, Thy Holy Spirit maketh clear,  
Unselfish service, love, and ceaseless prayer,

That I may send them forth each day into a world of men,  
Their hearts so filled with faith in Thee and me,  
That nothing low or mean may find a lodging place therein.  
Daily, for this, dear God, I pray to thee.

And for each little, growing life, the fruitage of our love,  
O Father, let my life a pattern be  
Of faith and hope and love like Thine and wisdom from above,  
That I may turn the heart of each to Thee.

So, as I live for them, dear Father, may they live for Thee,  
Be one with Thy great purpose and will;  
And that they may from sinful error evermore be free,  
Let truth in cleansing flood their spirits fill.

Keep them, O heavenly Father, from the evil of the world,  
Though in life's darkest corners their work be;  
Grant them Thine inner light, to drive the night of sin away,  
And guide as well their fellow men to Thee.

Though they should be despised by men, give them to know  
Thy joy—

Blest guerdon of a life lost in Thy will.  
Let their faith rise to meet His own who overcame the world,  
His peace, faith's counterpart, their bosoms fill.

I come to Thee, O Holy One, and ask for self but this,  
That I, when life's dividing line is crossed,  
May say with my great Intercessor, "Those Thou gavest me,  
I too have kept, and none of them is lost."

—Grace A. Gaiser.

## Family Worship and Its Results

"If ever there was a time when every house should be a house of prayer, it is now. Infidelity and skepticism prevail. Iniquity abounds. Corruption flows in the vital currents of the soul, and rebellion against God breaks out in the life. Enslaved by sin, the moral powers are under the tyranny of Satan. The soul is made the sport of his temptations; and unless some mighty arm is stretched out to rescue him, man goes where the archrebel leads the way. And yet, in this time of fearful peril, some who profess to be Christians have no family worship. They do not honor God in the home; they do not teach their children to love and fear Him."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VII, p. 48.

We wonder, as we read these words from the pen of the Lord's servant, how any one, knowing of present-day world conditions, dare send his children forth morning by morning without the "hedge" of prayer built about them. The child's way is beset by temptation. Can we parents risk letting our boys and girls meet these temptations in their own strength? How can we neglect the children thus? We are busy, but not too busy to attend to the things in which we are most interested.

Abraham of old erected an altar wherever he pitched his tent. The same ought to be true of every Christian. Not alone in his household was Abraham's influence felt, but it extended to his neighbors, and even the wandering tribes that roved hack and forth through the land were affected by it; for when they saw one of the altars which had been erected for divine worship, they knew who had built it, and they pitched their tents and repaired the altar, and they too worshiped Abraham's God. Just so truly, "from every Christian home a holy light should shine forth," as a beacon to all who come within its rays.

We are instructed that the family should be gathered both morning and evening, and also that there should be a fixed time when they should come together. Experience has demonstrated that before breakfast in the morning, and before the children become sleepy at night, are the most favorable times. Having a definite hour, the children will know just when to be ready. When there is no rule and no regularity, the members of the household will be busy with other matters, and it often brings rebellious feelings, if not words, when members of the family are asked to postpone the various tasks they are doing. We should guard against any feelings of this kind. Everything about the worship hour should be sweet and tender, so that all may be happy and ready to enjoy the service.

In some homes there is grumbling, criticism, backbiting, and scolding, and these and kindred evils can scarcely be laid aside long enough for worship. But think of the feelings engendered in the hearts of children when such a condition exists. No wonder the children in some homes have little confidence in their seniors, and therefore dislike the worship hour.

To joy, love, and contentment we must add reverence. This is the time when we approach our Maker, the Holy One. Should we not tread lightly and speak softly? Should we not consider to whom we are preparing to speak, and whose words we are to read? The children follow the lead of the parents. If they are reverent, and teach their children why, the children will fall into line. The child who is irreverent at family worship will doubtless also be irreverent in church worship.

The worship period must be short. Children tire of keeping quiet; they tire of sameness. Their program must change often. There must be variety in worship. Children love to sing, so therefore let singing praises be part of the exercise. Do not let the Bible reading and praying degenerate into a form. This has occurred in many, many homes. When it becomes a form, it loses its substance and life, and the family do not enjoy the hour. They must take pleasure in it, else they will not desire it or get much good from it. Therefore let there be variation. Sometimes let all share in the reading, a verse or two each; sometimes let verses on a certain subject be repeated, the subject being announced beforehand, so that every one may be ready. Or perhaps the favorite verse of each may be repeated. Sometimes a Bible story may be told by some member of the family. Every one enjoys a story, but especially do the children, and it is better told than read.

Somehow its appeal goes home to the child, and he thinks, "I'd like to be just such a boy as he was," or vice versa. He in a sense analyzes the acts of the hero of the story, and decides whether they are admirable or despicable. At times allow some member of the family to select the story or the reading, the rest of the family not knowing what has been selected. This adds interest. The "Biblical Memory Test," in the Home Missionary Calendar for 1933, will prove an interesting part of the family worship period.

Then the prayer or prayers. Sometimes it is well to pray all around the circle, one following the other according to age or position in the group. Sometimes there will be only one audible prayer, in which all join silently, and which sometimes is closed by praying the Lord's prayer. Notice, by *praying* the Lord's prayer, not simply repeating it. "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin;" therefore we conclude that prayer without faith is sin. In prayer each should speak clearly and loudly enough so all can hear.

If there is anything in the lesson which is not easy to be understood, the one conducting the study should explain or ask questions till all is clear.

Now it is easily seen that a properly conducted worship must receive some thought before the appointed hour. Perhaps that will mean less time with the daily paper, but we must settle with ourselves and God which is most important. The habit of "hit and miss" worship is one of the greatest reasons why, in many homes, worship time is not appreciated; it can't be very interesting unless planned for; and there must be interest or there will not be real attention. We cannot expect children to be like grown-ups; we shouldn't even want them to be. Adults show a semblance of interest and attention when they are not interested, because they feel that politeness requires it. Not so with children.

The worship hour is the parent's great opportunity for embedding in the child's mind great principles by the use of concrete illustrations. For instance, the story of Achan is read, and the children are questioned till they understand it. Then ask, "What was wrong with Achan?"

"He disobeyed God," they will perhaps reply.

"What did he do?"

"He stole some gold and some silver and a garment."

"Why is it wrong to steal?"

Then should follow a discussion of the fact that all things belong to some person; certain things have been given to him or he has earned them. He wants them and has a right to them, and no one else does have a right to them; no one has a right even to want them, much less to help himself to them. How is a child to know principles of right if he is not taught them? The lesson should be short and not personal; personal work should be done privately.

It has become quite common to use one worship period each day for the study of the Sabbath school lesson. This is well if it is a lesson that the children can readily understand.

"From every Christian home a holy light should shine forth. Love should be revealed in action. It should flow out in all home intercourse, showing itself in thoughtful kindness, in gentle, unselfish courtesy. There are homes where this principle is carried out,—homes where God is worshiped, and truest love reigns. From these homes, morning and evening prayer ascends to God as sweet incense, and His mercies and blessings descend upon the suppliants like the morning dew. A well-ordered Christian household is a powerful argument in favor of the reality of the Christian religion,—an argument that the infidel cannot gainsay."—*"Patriarchs and Prophets,"* p. 144.

"Religion is love; and a Christian home is one where love reigns, and finds expression in words and acts of thoughtful kindness and gentle courtesy."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. V, p. 335.

Children reared in such a home atmosphere and educated in Christian schools, will be fitted for the mission field.

Mrs. FLORA H. WILLIAMS.

### Work for the Children

WORK for the children; time is short,  
Soon will earth's treasures be as naught.  
Opening skies! a great white throne!  
Stand not before the Lord alone;  
Say with a smile, "My flock is here,  
My beautiful flock, O Saviour dear!"

—Author Unknown.

### Pray

PRAY, father, pray,  
In faith and earnestness;  
Do not delay,  
Our God will surely bless;  
And from His bounteous store will He bestow  
Rich blessings as you walk this vale below.

Pray, mother, pray;  
Nor faint, nor doubt, nor fear;  
And some glad day,  
It may be far or near,  
The answer that you crave will come to you;  
Just to yourself and to your God be true.

Pray, parents, pray;  
Your children's wandering feet  
Will some glad day  
Walk heaven's golden street.  
'Tis only by our persevering prayer,  
Through faith, that we may hope to see them there.

—C. A. Russell.

### The Children's Corner

Do you boys and girls sometimes wish that more of the Sabbath service were wholly yours? Here is a little word just for you. We'll let your parents listen if they wish to do so.

This is Christian Home Day. Do you have anything to do with making a Christian home? Oh, yes! we all do. The home we live in will be more Christian if we ourselves are "really truly" Christians. Did you ever think that it would be much easier for your parents and brothers and sisters to be Christians if you were a real one? Maybe you have not, but it is really so. If you are doing right, there will not be so many things to worry your parents and to try their patience and to cause them to do wrong; and if you are always kind and thoughtful and helpful, it will make their burdens much lighter.

You know that one of the duties of every child is to obey his father and mother. You have failed sometimes to do that, haven't you? You were sorry afterward. You can overcome this and every other fault. Listen to this word sent to us by our kind Father in heaven: "Children who dishonor and disobey their parents, and disregard their advice and instructions, can have no part in the earth made new."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. I, p. 497. Knowing that this is true will help you to conquer this kind of temptation.

If you treat your brothers and sisters kindly, always doing to them just as you would like to have them do to you, there will be fewer quarrels and angry words. Oh, how very happy you all will be! Then Jesus will love to live at your house. He cannot stay where there is grumbling and quarreling and angry talking.

Yes, I know, dear young friend, that you have many temptations; many times it is very hard to say and do just the right thing. Have you ever longed to be a very strong man, or a very beautiful and capable woman? You can be just that,—every one of you can be. Perhaps there are a very, very few who have some great handicap which makes it impossible for them to be strong in body, even though they do eat, drink, dress, breathe, exercise, and sleep right. But all may be strong in heart,—strong in right doing; and this is even better than to have big, strong muscles.

What did you do when you were just a little boy (or girl) if you stubbed your toe and fell down? You either got up and ran to your mother, or if you thought you were hurt too much for that, you called to her to come to you. Why did you do that? Oh, you knew she would help you. Just so you can call on your Father in heaven to help you whenever a temptation comes. Don't wait to go to your room and kneel by your bed; just call to your Father where you are, and He will send you help. When we think we are strong, we forget to call on God; but when we feel that we are weak, we will call Him, and He will come and make us strong, and then we can overcome the temptation. We will pray in our own rooms night and morning, and we will join with our parents in family worship.

Never let yourself think of anything else when you are praying. If ever you have the privilege of talking to the President of the United States, or to a king, I'm sure you will not think

of anybody or anything else while you are talking to him. Is not God greater than a president or king? We must not get into the habit of saying over certain words without believing that God hears and will answer. We should think of what we have to thank God for, and of what we need, and what we desire for others and for various mission fields, and then give God the thanks and ask Him for that which is needful. This little poem will help you if you learn it by heart:

"To say my prayers is not to pray  
Unless I mean the words I say,  
Unless I think to whom I speak,  
And with my heart His favor seek.

"In prayer we speak to God above;  
We seek the blessed Saviour's love.  
We ask for pardon for each sin,  
And grace to keep us pure within.

"Then let me, when I try to pray,  
Not only mind the words I say,  
But let me try with anxious care  
To have my heart go with my prayer."

MRS. FLORA H. WILLIAMS.

### The Church Missionary Service

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

### Suggestive Missionary Service Programs

#### February 4

MISSIONARY TOPIC: Our Missionary Paper, the *Signs of the Times*.

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 9:6.

SUGGESTIONS: According to our text, "he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully," and the fulfillment of this divine statement has many times been verified in the bountiful sowing of seeds of truth through our pioneer missionary paper, the *Signs of the Times*. Church missionary societies are not fully equipped for their important work unless they have a club of the *Signs* for use by the Home Bible Study League, and for individual missionary work by the entire church membership. Just now is the time to take part in the *Signs* campaign, which has been appointed for action from February 5 to 19, by renewing and enlarging church clubs of the *Signs*, and organizing *Signs* clubs in those churches which are lacking in this respect. This weekly "Interpreter of the Times" is being read by thousands of people, and souls are continually being won to the truth through its ministry. Just as one evidence of the way in which the *Signs* is used by the Lord to bring the message of present truth to the attention of the honest in heart, we call attention to the following incident, related by Evangelist R. S. Fries:

"The most interesting experience I have had in my ministry came as a result of using the *Signs of the Times* in a series of meetings in one of our large cities. A certain lady residing in the city was deeply impressed by the Spirit of God that she should leave the Catholic Church. She had become dissatisfied with its forms of worship, and found no peace or satisfaction in her devotions. But she did not know where to turn for help, except to read the church advertisements in the daily paper, and see if any of them appeared to meet her need. Just at that time our meetings had progressed to the place where we had announced the subject of 'Spiritism,' and this attracted the woman's attention and led her to attend our service on Sunday night. The presentation was so different from what she had expected, and the truth seemed so clear and plain, that she was fairly startled at the enlarged vision of the field of truth which came to her. But in her bewilderment, she continued to read the church announcements in the daily papers, and prayed to the Lord for guidance.

"One night she had a dream in which she saw an audience listening to a man who, as he talked, held up a magazine, on which she saw the name written. A voice seemed to say to

her, 'The people who have this paper will teach you the true way.' Then she began to search to find the church which had the paper she saw in her dream; but that seemed a very difficult problem. But on the next Sunday night she decided she would go and hear the speaker who had presented the subject of 'Spiritism,' and in that service I held up a copy of the *Signs of the Times*, explaining its content, and promising to send a copy of the paper to every one who placed his name and address on a card. The woman gazed at the paper in amazement, recognizing it as the very paper she had seen in her dream. Later she told us the story, and it was not long until she was rejoicing in the truth, and I had the privilege of baptizing her. Truly the *Signs* does win souls."

It is well to refresh our minds concerning the nine reasons set forth as to why every church should have a club of the *Signs*, and then do whatever may be necessary to provide for an adequate supply of *Signs* for missionary work. The matter is convincingly stated as follows:

1. Because the *Signs* weekly is a soul winner. It has brought more people into the truth than any other publication. Our leading brethren urge that every member of the church engage in its circulation.

2. Because it gives the third angel's message—the life-giving message—a clear, definite ring. One of our general men says of it: "The *Signs* is a mighty preacher. It stands for the faith once delivered to the saints, and fearlessly and without apology gives a certain tone to the message of truth for this time."

3. Because its stirring prophetic studies, its strong doctrinal articles, its striking comments on current world events in the light of Scripture, and its other helpful and timely features, qualify it to enter any home as a representative of Seventh-day Adventists.

4. Because our ministers and writers are giving of their best through the columns of the *Signs*, and we should cooperate with them by passing on their messages to the people. You would be delighted if these men could talk personally with your friends and neighbors. They want to do the next best thing—talk to them through the *Signs*. Let us bring them and our friends together.

5. Because it is a weekly paper. The frequency of its visits is an advantage. It slips into the mail boxes of many thousands of "outside" homes regularly every week, giving its messages in a quiet yet persistent manner.

6. Because the contents of the paper are varied. One member of a home is interested in a certain article, and another member is attracted by something else. Its scope is wide, and one issue contains material for a variety of minds.

7. Because the very life of the church is dependent on the work it does for others. The *Signs* is one of the greatest aids in the work of witnessing among friends and neighbors. It is the church's evangelist where there is no other, and a mighty helper where there is one.

8. Because people, including our relatives, will read the *Signs* when they cannot be reached in any other way. The *Signs* furnishes an opportunity for individual work, even though home duties prevent, to a great extent, the personal touch.

9. Because of its very low price, every member can afford to pay for one to five or more copies. And because more *Signs* simply means more souls.

#### February 11

MISSIONARY TOPIC: Branch Sabbath Schools.

TEXT: Luko 14:23.

SUGGESTIONS: The Sabbath school is one of the greatest soul-saving agencies of the church. While it is a part of church missionary endeavor to invite strangers to accompany us to the Sabbath school in our churches, it is equally appropriate and important, and often more fruitful in results, to take the Sabbath school to the people in the poorer sections of the community.

These branch Sabbath schools may be arranged for in the slum sections or the foreign districts, where children are neglected and left to grow up as truly ignorant, of the gospel as are children in heathen lands. Usually it is wise to hold these branch Sabbath schools on Sunday afternoon, and then this missionary endeavor is known as "Mission Sunday Schools." But often in the middle-class residence sections, a storeroom or other suitable place may be secured for such purpose, free of charge, and can be fitted up with charts, pictures, chairs, and tables, and the children can be gathered in for a happy hour of Bible story, song, and prayer. Sometimes such groups of children meet in private homes. There is one elderly Chris-

tian lady, living in Takoma Park, D. C., not far from the General Conference office, who is doing a far-reaching work in the neighborhood by opening her home every Wednesday afternoon to a group of children representing families of many different churches or no church at all, and teaching them truth adapted to their needs.

In mission lands our missionaries find that the organizing of Sabbath schools, primarily for adults, but including the children, is a most effective method of gaining a foothold for the message of truth and of quickly reaping a harvest of souls. A few experiences are cited for the purpose of convincing any who may never have engaged in this branch of Sabbath school work, that it is a most interesting and fruitful endeavor.

Why not carry on a branch Sabbath school, or several such branches, in your community? The superintendent and secretaries of your church Sabbath school will be glad to cooperate and to assist in every possible way, and the children of the church Sabbath school will take pleasure in saving their papers and Scripture cards for the children who do not have any. It is time that a thousand new branch Sabbath schools sprang into existence. This is one very practical way of obeying the Saviour's command, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel [urge] them to come in, that My house may be filled."

### February 18

MISSIONARY TOPIC: Soul-Winning Experiences.

TEXT: Mark 13:34.

SUGGESTIONS: The Saviour has apportioned "to every man his work," and the church may appropriately ask for a report of work from "every man" and woman whose name is enrolled in the membership. In addition to the verbal reports rendered at this time, we call attention to a number of soul-winning experiences attending the workers who have pioneered into new territory and established "branch Sabbath schools," or have been instrumental in bringing to the church Sabbath school people who are strangers to church privilege, as appear on this page.

### February 25

MISSIONARY TOPIC: Unentered Local Fields.

TEXT: John 4:35.

SUGGESTIONS: God's vineyard "includes the whole world, and every part of it is to be worked. . . . New territories are to be worked by men inspired by the Holy Spirit. New churches must be established, new congregations organized. . . . A crisis is right upon us. We must now by the Holy Spirit's power proclaim the great truths for these last days. It will not be long before every one will have heard the warning and made his decision. Then shall the end come."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 24. "Let not the fields lying in the shadow of our doors . . . be lightly passed over and neglected."—*Id.*, Vol. VIII, p. 31.

Within the boundary of every conference in North America there are entire counties, or sections of counties, where the message of truth has not been proclaimed. Possibly there are sections of your own city or town where the seeds of truth have not been scattered or the voice of the living messenger heard. It is high time that the members of every church lift up their eyes and look on the fields awaiting the sowers and the reapers, and hasten to go forth at the Master's bidding.

A matter of first importance is to secure an assignment of territory, promising to be faithful in working it to the best advantage. The leader of the missionary society should write to the conference home missionary secretary, and ask for the nearest "unentered" county or section of unworked territory. Then counsel with the church board as to lines of missionary endeavor to be organized and promoted. It may be that the territory is such that groups of workers can go out and hold a series of evangelistic meetings in the communities, or establish branch Sabbath schools, or welfare stations. All these lines of work are being successfully carried on by the laity, with remarkable results.

There is still another plan for working the unentered fields, which can be carried on very extensively and effectively, even though the church members cannot engage in public evangelistic work, and that is the Home Bible Study League. The work of this league is well known in all our churches, but in

adapting it to the larger centralized territory, the first effort should be to secure an up-to-date directory of the section to be worked, and then begin the systematic mailing of missionary literature, accompanied by personal letters at appropriate periods. From postmasters of county seats it is possible to obtain information as to the number of rural routes and the number of families on each route. It is not necessary to ask for the names of the families being served by rural delivery. On the outside of the wrapper or envelope containing the literature, write simply "Box Holder," and attach the required postage. Then send the entire bundle of wrapped papers to the postmaster, requesting him to see that the envelopes are delivered to the box holders on his rural routes. This request is perfectly proper, as the postage guarantees delivery. But a business reply card should be inclosed in each package of literature mailed, calling for a reply from those who are interested and desire further literature, and thus the names and addresses are secured for further work. This is a plan which every church can put into operation, and it will effectively open up the unentered fields for further personal effort.

## Soul-Winning Experiences

*Inviting to the Sabbath School.*—Elder L. V. Finster, of the Inter-American Division, writes: "While in Jamaica I found that the larger number of people coming into the truth represented the efforts of the laity. At one place I learned of a young boy in the second grade who asked some of his playmates to go to Sabbath school with him, but the parents objected. When the boy told the parents something of what was taught in the Sabbath school, and mentioned the Bible truths which Seventh-day Adventists hold, they consented to let their children attend the Sabbath school. It was not long until the parents also came to the Sabbath school, and from this small beginning a great interest developed; and when I visited the place, to hold a missionary convention, eight persons were baptized, and there were fifteen or twenty others deeply interested. This is one example of what may be accomplished by even a child through the simple invitation to his playmates to accompany him to Sabbath school."

*Results in a Mission Sabbath School.*—From the Far Eastern Division comes the following word: "A native believer went to a certain province to start in business, and during his spare moments he engaged in missionary work. He began by starting a Sabbath school, and it was not long before the workers at the division headquarters received letters from this man, telling of the interest which was developing and asking for a worker to come and visit them as soon as possible. In eager anticipation of our coming, this man went to the station to meet us every day for two weeks. Finally we were able to visit the place, and we found a group of people who were very much interested in the truth. We held two meetings each day during the time we were there, and organized a company of twenty believers. Some months later we received the report that the Sabbath school had increased to thirty-five members, and that twenty people were awaiting baptism."

*Seeds of Truth Scattered by Children.*—Pastor J. C. Dean, of Burma, relates a very interesting experience, as follows: "A short time ago a note was sent to the Rangoon English church, stating that the writer of the note wished to become a Seventh-day Adventist. A visit was made to the home of the applicant, and there we found a young man of barely thirty years slowly dying of that terrible malady tuberculosis. He had been suffering with this complaint for twelve months; his two brothers had died of the disease, and he knew that he would sooner or later follow them; but he said to us, 'Before I go, I want to be a Seventh-day Adventist.' The question was put to him kindly, 'Why do you wish to become an Adventist?' To which he replied, 'I am convinced that you good people have the truth, and so I want to unite with you before I die. This is my one desire before I go.' Then we asked, 'How came you to hear about us?' 'Oh,' he said, 'the children downstairs have been very kind to me; they have given me copies of the *Signs of the Times*, and from reading these papers I know you have the truth. I was a Roman Catholic; in fact, all my family are members of that church; but I told the priest not to visit me again, because I felt that he could not help me.' Then I inquired as to what his people would say about our coming to give Bible studies to him, and he replied, 'I do not care what they say or what they do. There is one thing I know, and that is that I want to be a Seventh-day Adventist.' The interest which this sick man displayed as I gave the Bible studies was a great inspiration to my own poor heart, and the many times he thanked us for coming was a wonderful encouragement to us. Thus the seed is being sown in Burma through the literature even at the hands of children, and is made living and effective through the influence of the Holy Spirit."



# THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SOCIETY

## Officers' Page

February Topic: Social Relations

### Things to Think About

1. ONE day, on an interurban, it was necessary for a young mother to sit in a seat ahead of her small daughter. The car was close and warm, but from the window across the aisle there blew a sharp, cool breeze. Soon above all other sounds in the car, arose the shrill voice of the little girl, "Mother, O mother, do I want to take off my coat?" and mother replied, "Yes, dear, you want to take off your coat."

2. The foregoing illustration is typical of the way in which some of us do not learn to think for ourselves. How do you think this mother could have led the child to decide for herself whether or not she should remove her coat? Factors: the heat in the car, the close air, and yet the open window.

3. Even when we have learned to think and decide individually, it does not necessarily follow that we have learned to make right decisions when with the crowd, or when we meet a situation suddenly, or one that involves a certain group other than ourselves.

4. What constructive discussions can you base on the program topics for this month? Make them concrete helps to Christian thinking and acting.

E. E. H.

### How to Use the "Gazette"

The CHURCH OFFICERS' GAZETTE will be your constant assistant as you take up the leadership or superintendency of the Missionary Volunteer Society. There will be an Officers' Page each month, and four programs each for the Seniors and Juniors will be outlined. When there is an extra week in the month, it will be an opportunity for your own original program. Your bands can report, you can put on a special program of music, devotion, or education. How can you make the most of the GAZETTE?

1. The Officers' Page gives instructions, but space forbids presenting complete information on organization and many other features of Missionary Volunteer Society work. "Missionary Volunteers and Their Work" should be the constant handbook of leaders of the Senior Society, and the Junior Manual and the Junior Handbook give in detail the various features of the Junior Society. We desire this page to be a medium of exchange of ideas from societies the world around, as well as a memory jogger for promoting Missionary Volunteer work.

2. The programs, even though outlined in full, as a rule do not furnish sufficient material for the entire meeting. The talks and other parts do give, however, the line of thought to be followed, and it is part of the young people's education to glean and think further thoughts of their own. Some programs (the discussion type) may be given throughout the year in mere outline form. We shall endeavor to print on this page the topics for the coming month in order that you may look ahead and preserve material on the themes to be covered.

3. The monthly topic and the promotion items should be considered in the officers' meeting at least one month in advance.

4. Assign parts to those who are to assist in the meeting for a given week, at least two weeks in advance. The amount of help required will depend entirely upon the experience and ability of the one assigned the part. If he is accustomed to speaking in public, he may be able to prepare his own talk, together with the thoughts on the subject printed in the GAZETTE. To others you will need to cite a reference for further material. Still a third class will need encouragement and definite help. The Missionary Volunteer Society is a training school for the youth, so the leaders should plan to work in one or two of the inexperienced or timid young people at a meeting, and plan to give tactful assistance. One society leader, who is now a conference Missionary Volunteer secretary, attempted to help a most unpromising boy to give a talk in the society meeting. They spent hours together, and the boy really mastered his talk. But when the eventful moment came, he faced the audience, mechanically repeated the first sentence, but stalled on the next words. "And yet—and yet—and yet—" The attempt was repeated, but the words "and yet" were as far as he could go. He took his seat in embarrassment, but was not defeated. With the encouragement of the society leader, he determined to give a talk. Today he is the honored and capable elder of the church in his home community, doing soul-winning work that counts. And he can give an excellent talk in public, too. A society leader does a good work when he trains a young person, boy or girl, to express his thoughts in public.

5. A very brief résumé of other talks on the program should be given to each one taking part, that they may not overlap.

6. Pray with and for the young people taking part. A moment spent in calm, quiet prayer will do much toward helping the timid speaker. And the fact of asking God to inspire the talks given to the blessing of some one present, will impress those taking part with the importance of the message they are to bear.

E. E. H.

### Our M. V. Mission Enterprise for the Year 1933

#### A New Plan

FOR some years the idea has been growing among Missionary Volunteer workers that our society offerings to foreign missions in the North American Division could be made a source of more inspiration to service and intelligent giving if the offerings were devoted to a special enterprise or project, and if the young people's societies were really made responsible for the amount needed.

At our recent Missionary Volunteer Department council held at Battle Creek, Michigan, this was considered again, and a request was made to the Autumn Council, and in response the Autumn Council passed the following action:

"We recommend, That a special mission project of \$15,000 to \$20,000 be assigned to the Missionary Volunteer Societies in the North American Division, this project being granted in connection with the budget on a plan whereby it shall be dependent upon the money raised by our Missionary Volunteers through their society offerings."

And later the Autumn Council assigned to the young people of North America the work in Urundi (Oo-run'di), Ruanda (Ru-an'da), and Central Congo Mission fields, amounting to approximately \$17,000.

#### What the Enterprise Is

This step on the part of the General Conference indicates the confidence which they have in the young people. They are depending upon our young people's societies for \$17,000 to come in through the society offerings. When the recommendation was under consideration in the Finance Committee, one of the leading brethren said, "Let's do it. The young people have never failed us in anything that we have asked of them in sacrifice or service."

Urundi, Ruanda, and Central Congo Missions, the fields assigned to our societies, are very interesting, especially to Missionary Volunteers. These three mission fields are located in the Southern African Division, in the very heart of Africa, north and northeast of Lake Tanganyika and west of Lake Victoria. Urundi and Ruanda are known as "the Switzerland of Africa." The work in these fields is just opening. It has been opened largely through the enterprise of our African Missionary Volunteers, who have courageously carried the banner of the message into the outlying territory about the mission stations. These young people have carried the work forward with heroic spirit, even under severe opposition and persecution, until at the present time scores and hundreds are ready for baptism. The field is ready for a strong advance move.

#### Our Responsibility

It is our privilege, as Missionary Volunteer Societies, to support the missionaries and the work in these missions. They are dependent in 1933 on our society offerings. *Young people, we must not fail those who depend on us!*

From month to month through the Officers' Page in the GAZETTE, through the Youth's Instructor, and in every other way that we can, we will pass on to you information to present to the societies so as to increase the interest in the work. (We would have had word concerning it in the January GAZETTE, but that issue was being printed by the time we returned from Autumn Council.) This is our enterprise, and we confidently expect that every society will take up the matter in earnest enthusiasm. Let us faithfully and regularly take up offerings in the society meetings, and dedicate them to the Urundi, Ruanda, and Central Congo Missions.

H. T. E.

#### Literature and Correspondence Band Wins Souls

FOR two years the Literature and Correspondence Band of the Missionary Volunteer Society of the Baltimore No. 1 church has sent out weekly fifty copies of the *Signs of the Times* and twenty-eight *Present Truth* papers (direct from the publishing house). Three times a year the Literature Band members meet at my home and write letters to the persons receiving these papers. This year I have made three mimeographed form letters which we send as the proper time draws near. We use a special letterhead; consequently every letter sent bears my signature. This brings all answers back to me and saves confusion. If we have trouble receiving answers, we send the third form letter, and inclose a self-addressed card with two questions typed thereon, asking whether they do or do not desire the paper continued.

I have a card file (the *Signs* supplies these cards) in which I keep a record of every person receiving these periodicals. Besides this I have a letter file in which are kept copies of letters I send and the answers. Convenience is helpful toward organization.

The Officers' Page is concluded on page 8.

What have been the results? Last November I received a letter from a lady in Stockton, Maryland. She says in part: "Yes, I am enjoying the *Signs of the Times* and also the *Present Truth*. All our family of nine read them. Then we pass them on to others in Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, and have given out several here. They were the means, followed by Bible studies, of bringing three from one family and two from another family into our church. We have twenty-two members in our church, and twenty-nine in our Sabbath school. If every one enjoyed reading these papers as much as I do, every one in the world would subscribe for them. It is just like putting a magnifying glass on God's word."

The lady who wrote this letter received the *Signs* from us for nearly a year before her conversion.

There are at least seven people here interested in the truth through the *Signs*. I cannot stress too strongly the importance of personal correspondence with those who answer in an encouraging manner. I believe also that wherever the opportunity affords, personal visits should be made. God has blessed the work of our literature and correspondence band to such an extent that although we do not know where the next \$17.50 is coming from to pay for next quarter's *Signs*, we believe that God will supply that also, and we continue with the good work.

RUTH BRANDAU, *Literature Band Secretary*.

N. B.—Organize a strong, active band in your society. How? Read "Missionary Volunteers and Their Work," pages 262-286.

### An Officers' Meeting Every Week

#### 1. Opening Prayer.

2. *Brief Study*.—"Our first work should be to bring our own hearts into harmony with God."—"Testimonies," Vol. V, p. 87.

3. *Consider Daily Prayer List*.—Society officers should have a daily prayer list, on which are names of youth and others for whom they are working and praying. It is well to place the burden for a certain individual upon an officer. Do not overlook the value of little kindnesses in your endeavor to win souls. Have all on the prayer list been presented with a Morning Watch Calendar?

4. *Missionary Activities*.—Talk over the various bands. Are they being conducted in such a way that, with the blessing of God upon them, you may expect souls to accept the truth?

5. *Reading Course, Bible Year, Morning Watch*.—These important features should receive attention from time to time.

6. *Discuss Last Week's Meeting*.—How could it have been improved?

7. *Next Week's Meeting*.—The program should be made out beforehand by one of the leaders or some one appointed. In officers' meetings, the outline should be discussed so that all will be familiar with it and can unite in praying earnestly that the aim of the meeting may be accomplished. "In every assembly for worship, there are souls longing for rest and peace. They may appear to be living careless lives, but they are not insensible to the influence of the Holy Spirit. Many among them might be won for Christ."—"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 191.

8. *Prayer Season*.—Pray for a deeper experience; pray definitely for souls; pray that God will give you wisdom to know how to lead the youth in study and service.

9. *Communications received* from the conference Missionary Volunteer secretary should be read, and study given to carrying out suggestions made.

MINNIE E. DAUPHINEE.

### R-E-C-R-E-A-T-I-O-N-S

"True success in your social gatherings depends upon a definite plan well conceived and well achieved. Plan a program for the entire year, making each gathering reasonable and worth while. That is to say, the social life may be planned around the seasons and Missionary Volunteer activities in such a way that fun and work go together."—"Social Plans for Missionary Volunteers," p. 47.

On pages 47 to 63 of this same book you will find a *suggestive social schedule for a year*. Here are some of the suggestions for February:

"An Evening With Great Men.

"An Evening of Skating and Coasting.

"A Community 'Sing.'"

### A Glimpse of March

Topic for Month: Christian Living

#### SENIOR

- March 4. Faith and What It Does.  
 March 11. Youth's Needs That Christ Can Meet.  
 March 18. What Barriers Keep People Away From Christ?  
 March 25. How Can I Make Prayer Definite?

#### JUNIOR

- March 4. Thoms—Who Had to Be "Shown."  
 March 11. How to Overcome Temptation.  
 March 18. Weeding Out Envy and Jealousy.  
 March 25. How Can I Make Prayer Definite?

Juniors, 1 cent, Seniors, 5 cents, a week per member, will support our mission project.

## Senior Missionary Volunteer Meetings

### Our Responsibility in Our Homes

(Program for Week Ending February 4)

BY C. LESTER BOND

NOTES TO LEADERS: We have left it to you to work out a symposium based on the writings of the Spirit of prophecy as found in "Messages to Young People." See the word "Home" in the index.

Poems: "Kissed His Mother" and "Home," pp. 14 and 53 in "Choice Poems."

### Talk: Loyalty to Our Home Folks

Do we spend our evenings with the home folks, or do we make a practice of finding our pleasures elsewhere? "A young man was in the habit, when his day's work was done, of going out in the evening with his companions to spend an hour or two in harmless fun. A friend visiting the house said to him: 'Why do you go every night? Your father and mother are old; they will not be here long. Why not make them glad by staying in once in a while?'"

The young man had never thought of that. Perhaps we too have failed to sense our duty to our loved ones in this respect. It may be that the greatest pleasure we could give to those who love us most would be a little bit of ourselves. A young man said to his invalid sister, "I am going to the city tonight. Is there anything that you would like me to bring you?"

"No," she replied, "nothing except—except that you come home early; I want you."

Perhaps we are away from home, too far away to lend our presence to the home fireside. But still we need to be loyal. Our dear ones expect the little messages of love and comfort that prove to them that we have not forgotten them, and we should not fail to be loyal and faithful in sending such expressions of cheer. The *Young People's Leader* presents the following incident:

"Ted Watson was quite a fellow about town. He had a good voice and could bang out an accompaniment on a piano, and was always in demand for all the parties. He never refused. He went everywhere, he knew everybody, and everybody knew him. About the only place he never was seen was his own home. It is true he slept there and had his breakfast there, a little late; but outside of that he was seldom seen by any members of his family.

"One day his father met him on the street and stopped him.

"'Ted,' he said, 'what have you got on for tomorrow night?'"

"'Nothing in particular, dad.'"

"'Come somewhere with me?'"

"'Sure, dad. Where'll I meet you?'"

"'Suppose you meet me at my club about half-past seven. We'll have a great time.'"

"Promptly the next evening at half-past seven Ted entered the lobby of his father's club. His father was already there, and without speaking led the way to a waiting taxi. When they were in, his father explained:

"'We're going to call on a lady. Used to know her well when I was a young man.'"

"They drove around a lot of streets, and finally pulled up—at the door of their own house.

"'She's staying with us,' said his father. They got out, went in, and with all due formality Ted was introduced to his mother and sister. Ted thought it was funny and started to laugh. His mother and sister shook hands with him, and his mother said:

"'I remember you when you were a boy, but I haven't seen much of you lately. Won't you sit down?'"

"It began to seem less funny. They had hardly been seated when Nellie, his younger sister, came through the curtains from the dining room, carrying a tray of lemonade and cake.

"'Why, Ted!' she cried, and laid the tray on a table. 'Why, Ted Watson, how are you?' and shook his hand. 'I haven't seen you since the Goodwin's party two weeks ago. How are you?'"

"'Say, look here—' began Ted.



"But his mother broke in with the smooth request, 'Won't you sing for us, Mr. Watson?'"

"Ted sang and drank lemonade, and ate his share of the cake, and played games with the girls. When they were tired, they sat down, and his mother told a couple of anecdotes of his boyhood, at which they all laughed a little, and at last they got up to go to bed.

"His mother and father shook hands with him, and his mother said, 'Won't you come again?'"

"Ted said he would; and when he went upstairs he was doing a lot of thinking."

### Talk: Our Highest Duty

Do you know that your fathers and mothers as a rule love you better than you love them? Love goes down rather than up; experience and psychology both declare this. The fathers and mothers who have died for their children are more than the children who have died for their parents. You will love your children more than they will love you. This seems to be the law of nature, for children are the more needy and dependent on love and care.

And yet the very next most intense passion to the love of parents for children, and of the married pair for each other, should be the love of children for parents. Gratitude demands it; the memory of years of helpless infancy and youthful dependence should inspire it. "The highest duty that devolves upon youth is in their own homes, blessing father and mother, brothers and sisters, by affection and true interest. Here they can show self-denial and self-forgetfulness in caring and doing for others."—*Testimonies*, Vol. III, p. 80.

Think of the mere money cost of every child, to look at the matter from the lowest viewpoint. The cost of rearing and educating a boy or girl runs into thousands of dollars in these expensive days. If every boy, when he came of age, should present his father with a check for ten thousand dollars, he would not cover the actual money outlay of his upbringing. Of course no parent wants any such repayment. All he wants is filial love and honor, worth more than all the world's gold.

How inexpressibly delightful is the genuine love of sons and daughters for their parents as they grow old! How every little act of their love is cherished! How every letter is enjoyed! How every gift is prized for ten times its money value! I have had a rich experience in this myself, and know what I am talking about.

Did you ever realize, young people, how shy many old people are, and how unwilling they are to impose their company upon you? It is true. As a rule they are more shy than you are. Father is often afraid to speak to you, because he thinks he will bore you, or that you will think him old-fashioned. Then why not take the initiative yourself, sometimes? Give him a bright "Good morning." Confide in him frequently about your studies, or your games, or your love affairs. You may count on his having a young heart, however gray or wrinkled he may look. He will appreciate your coming to him with your problems, and it will be a help to you. It is the same with your mother. Friendship with her will mean more to you than most things this world holds. Let her especially share with you your friendship with your companions. Be frank with father and mother about the young men and young women you know, and if they disagree with you about some of your friends, perhaps they have a reason worth thinking about.

By little acts of kindness and consideration toward the older folks, every young man and woman has a chance to brighten a life and to confound the critics who often speak so ill of the youth of the present generation.

### Preparation for Home Making

(Program for Week Ending February 11)

BY C. LESTER BOND

NOTES TO LEADERS: As a background for today's study, see Section XI, "The Home Life," in "Messages," especially noting pages 324, 325, 330, 339, 342. Read several of the most pertinent statements, or copy them and use as a "sentence symposium" given by members from the floor.

"Choice Poems" (price, 50 cents) contains many of the poems you will need this year.

*Talks:* "Will He Qualify as a Husband?" (to be presented by a young woman) and "Will She Qualify as a Wife?" (to be presented by a young man) are found in the article, "How Would You Grade Yourself?" in the *Youth's Instructor* of January 24, 1933. Be sure to use these talks in your program.

*Further material:* "Falling in Love Sensibly," by M. E. Ellis, in the *Youth's Instructor* of November 8, 1932.

*Poems:* "Life's Canvas," "Prayer for the Home," or "A Wish," by Edgar A. Guest in "The Light of Faith," "The Family," p. 116, in "Choice Poems," might be given by a little child holding a book and illustrating the poem as she talks.

### Talk: The Building of Homes

HOME building necessitates the sympathetic co-operation of at least two persons in several of the greatest experiences and activities of human life. In the first place, between these two persons involved in the building of a home there must be love, fidelity, mutual confidence, and unselfishness. Supplementing these basic things, if the home is to be comfortable and pleasant, there must be a certain degree of efficiency in those physical activities which make for health, well-being, and comfort.

In the first place, matrimony must be recognized as a sacred relationship, and because sacred, to be entered into only after mature deliberation and adequate preparation. Young women should be prepared by education for wifehood and motherhood. Young men should be similarly prepared for the rôle which they are to play in home building. If two people thus prepared enter upon home building in the fear of God, with high ideals, sincere motives, and love for each other, it is not likely that either one of them will ever be guilty of infidelity to the marriage vow.

The family is an economic unit. It requires a financial basis, and much depends upon a suitable recognition of that fact. The higher standards of living present many serious difficulties to those who wish to establish home relationships. The eyes of other people cost us a great deal. Many young people think they have to start wedded life with all the home accessories that their parents possess after years of toil and saving. Far better would it be for them to recognize the fact that no small part of the happiness of the home life for ordinary folks consists in saving and planning for the gradual furnishing of their homes. Living beyond the means—"keeping up with the Joneses"—has broken up many homes. Willingness to live simply at first solves more than one problem. The thought is well stated by Clarence Edwin Flynn in the following poem:

"However fine a structure,  
However high its wall,  
It is, except love dwell there,  
A house—and that is all.

"However poor a dwelling,  
And humble those who come,  
It is, if love abide there,  
That hallowed thing—a home."

Religious principle is the only safe and stable foundation for the home and family. When husband and wife meet upon this plane, adjusting all their ideas and plans to this principle, and looking through to the end of life together, problems are discounted in advance, and differences are not allowed to run their course. Full responsibility is assumed for the functions of the home, and marriage becomes an assured success, because based upon Christian principles rather than upon the whims of lust and selfishness.

Not only that, but true religion hallows all human relationships that center in the home. It brings into the home the unseen but ever felt presence of God. It creates an atmosphere of purity and honor. It provides for the deepest needs of the human heart. It transforms life and the world into things of beauty and worth. It brings to bear on the life problems in the home all helpful influences. It affords comfort in times of sorrow, light in times of perplexity, a sense of security in the midst of adversity. And when deep differences come between husband and wife, at the family altar, where hearts are softened and passions subdued, they will "kiss again with tears." Life without Christianity and the home it creates will never produce anything as sweet and beautiful as this.

Let two young people be united in the holy bonds of matrimony and begin home building with all these things above mentioned in full measure, and we cannot imagine that they

can be other than happy, healthy, contented, and successful, blessed with both the temporal and the spiritual good things of life.

## Enriching Recreation

(Program for Week Ending February 18)

BY H. T. ELLIOTT

NOTES TO LEADERS: Enrich recreation! A visitor in a laboratory saw a magnet suspended over a table loaded with weights and tools. "What is that magnet doing?" he asked the instructor. "I am loading it up," was the reply. "It has been lying on the table doing nothing and losing its power, so now I am giving it something to do—a little more every morning; and it's gaining, it's growing stronger every day." And he added a small file to the clump.

The problem of recreation and amusements has been presented in some form almost every year in our programs. Usually parts have been supplied which could be used as the basis for talks and recitations. Some of that sort of material is suggested for this program. But it will be far more beneficial to the young people themselves if they can all enter into a spirit of study in this program. Discuss your local situation, and the way your society can help to make it better.

**Testimony Study:** "Recreation and Amusements." This study should be the climax of the program, and if carried on with earnestness and enthusiasm, should have a wholesome influence. It will help the young people to an appreciation of the Testimonies, and to see what a broad and balanced program is held before our people. We suggest that you bring to the meeting a full set of the "Testimonies," and other books by Mrs. White. Have one member take the Index to the Writings of Mrs. E. G. White, and from such topics as "amusement," "recreation," etc., choose references which point out the principles involved and which give concrete suggestions. Distribute the books you have brought so that the members may read the assigned references.

Seek to find answers to such questions as the following:

1. What is the difference between amusement and recreation?
2. Why should we have recreation?
3. What is the relation between recreation and amusements?
4. What should be the nature and purpose of our social gatherings?
5. Why does the careful Christian refrain from the dance? from card playing?
6. What real harm is there in attendance at the theater?
7. What things besides play may constitute recreation?
8. Are we masters of our recreations, or are they masters of us?
9. What effect should the influence of our engaging in amusements or recreation have on others?
10. Are there some kinds of amusements that are always bad? If so, name some.
11. What suggestions can we make for enriching our recreation?

**Prayer:** Thank God for the play instinct in youth. Ask His blessing upon all our recreations, and His guidance to keep out of such as He cannot bless. Pray that we may not be selfish in our recreations, but may find ways of passing on pleasure to neglected children, the aged, and others.

**Songs:** "Give of Your Best to the Master," "Open My Eyes," "I'll Live for Him," "While the Days Are Going By," "Yield Not to Temptation."

**Talk:** "The Value of Recreation." The one who prepares this should study pages 362-366 in "Messages to Young People."

**Blackboard Thought:** "Let the evening's entertainment be such as will bear the morning's reflection."

**Additional Material.**—Glean from Junior Program, p. 14.

### Bible Light

1. We are social beings. Rom. 14:7.
2. We are responsible for our influence. Rom. 14:13.

"Isn't it funny that princes and kings,  
And clowns that caper in sawdust rings,  
And even the folks like you and me  
Are builders with God for eternity?"

"And each is given a set of tools,  
And a pile of rocks, and a book of rules;  
And each must build, ere life is flown,  
A stumbling-block or a stepping-stone."

3. We must leave off some things, not because they are wrong in themselves, but because they interfere with our being our best selves. 1 Cor. 6:12.

4. We must have regard for the weaknesses of others. 1 Cor. 10:23, 24; 8:9.

5. Whatever we do must be done for God's glory. 1 Cor. 10:31; Phil. 4:8.

6. An unfulfilling test of any activity is this: What are its fruits? Does it build character or break it? Does it develop

the body or destroy it? Matt. 7:17-20.—*Christian Endeavor World.*

### Talk: The Question of a Good Time

THE majority of young people think that real hearty good times are not compatible with an earnest Christian life. Older people are prone to look upon young people as reckless sinners. There is a wide difference of opinion among young people themselves, and likewise among old people, as to what is right and what is wrong for young men and women who are Christians.

Is there, then, an unfulfilling guide for young people in their honest questionings regarding Christian amusements? It is good to be able to say, There most certainly is. Jesus is the unerring judge; He is the author of the Christian life. But young people must know Jesus before He can decide questions for them. I mean they must know the history of His life. They should master the four Gospels until Jesus steps forth from them, a very real man. Then they will catch the spirit of that great life. The motives and purposes of His life will become clear from the external facts. They will come to the place where they can decide positively how Jesus would act in an actual situation today. Being Christians, they have yielded their lives to Him. Knowing His life in principle and detail, they are able to decide every question in their own lives according to Him. His spirit is caught from both His example and His lessons.

There is no fun that is so exhilarating as Christian fun. The heart of the young Christian may be so closely linked with the heart of Christ that his joy is Christ's joy. Jesus never knew even middle age here upon earth. He understands young life most intimately. Joy, power, and service are the keynotes of the Christ life, and just as truly the major notes of young lives. There are no truly "good times," which make their strong appeal to young people, which Christians may not enjoy. The joy of the young Christian is doubled in the joy of Jesus.—*Ernest A. Miller (abbreviated).*

### Talk: Where Do You Stand on Recreations?

(Cut a piece of heavy paper or cardboard 1 by 3 feet in size. Leave the first square foot white, shade the next with gray, deepening to black for the last foot.)

DEEP black can readily be distinguished from pure white, but in some shades of gray it is difficult to tell which color predominates. If a person wants to be absolutely sure he is standing on the white (in his recreations), there is plenty of room without getting near the border line where the white is shading off through the gray to the black. The wicked man will take his stand on the black, and the man who wishes to be absolutely sure that he is right will stick to the white. A man takes the risk of not being always right if he lives in the land represented by the middle square.

"I think a Christian can go anywhere," said a young woman who was defending her continual attendance at some doubtful places of amusement. "Certainly she can," rejoined her friend, "but I am reminded of the time I visited a coal mine. One young woman appeared dressed in a dainty white frock. When her friends remonstrated with her, she appealed to the guide, an old miner. 'There is nothing to keep you from wearing a white frock down there, miss,' he said, 'but there will be considerable to keep you from wearing one back.'"

Suppose it should be discovered that the Brooklyn Bridge would bear only one pound weight more than is to be put upon it today. The bridge would still be perfectly safe; but the instant this discovery was made, the bridge would be closed. Why? The bridge is safe. Yes, but the margin is too narrow. There is no preparation for emergencies, for unforeseeable strain. How great is your margin of safety in recreations?

A lady who had received a position in the Treasury Department at Washington expressed a fear lest she allow bad money to pass undetected. An older employee assured her that she need feel no anxiety, since the first time a spurious banknote came into her hand she would know it at once by the "feel," and experience an almost automatic repulsion. When, in due time, a counterfeit bill did appear on the desk before her, she found the prediction to be true. To touch it was enough, in spite of its clever disguise.

How many practices there are which it is hard on first sight to label either good or bad morally! But some subtle sense

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tells us that it is not helpful to our highest development. The "feel" of the situation is not right. Happy he who is keeping his spirit so sensitive to evil contacts that no noxious practice can steal undetected into his life!

The emperor Valentinian was so habitually devoted to the sports of the amphitheater that at length his prime minister remonstrated, saying, "You are neglecting the affairs of state. The empire suffers for your joys." Never again did the emperor cross the threshold of the arena. It behooves us as Christians to renounce, in like manner, any sort of recreation that does not re-erect wasted energies for better service in the supreme business of the Christian life.—*Adapted.*

## The Art of Gracious Living

(Program for Week Ending February 25)

BY EMMA E. HOWELL

NOTES TO LEADERS: Jesus has been called the world's first gentleman. As we study His dealings with men and women, those He met casually and those in the inner circle of His friendships, we cannot help being conscious of the fine regard He had for friend and foe. Some one has pointed out that "whenever a man did Him a wrong, He looked upon the wrong as a sure sign of a deep need in the man's life. An insult or a blow seemed to Him a signal of moral need flung out from His enemy's heart. Jesus thought first, not of the wrong done to Him, but of the pitiable need of the man who was so ignorant and perverted as to do it. When the Samaritan village used Him despitely, He was sorry for the villagers rather than resentful for Himself; when Judas betrayed Him, He was concerned with Judas's pitiable failure—turned into an apostate when he might have been an apostle—rather than with the bitter wrong done to Him. His magnanimity was simply one part of His disinterested self-forgetful love for all sorts of men." The true Christian puts the rights and comforts of others first. This is the basis of all good manners.

The topic today could be broadened into many phases, but let us keep uppermost in all the talks and discussions that genuine courtesy comes, first of all, from the heart. There are certain customs that belong to specific nations or peoples, but the fundamental attitude of Christian good will is currency that is good among any people. Having established this principle, let us aid our young people in developing good manners,—the little graces that will make them at ease in showing their heart-courtesies. Kindness will always win; but if we know the gracious way to show a kindness, it will be just that much more effective in its winsomeness. The exercise, "Proper Manners," is only suggestive of the specific things that may be brought into this program. Or why not establish a "Courtesy League," to meet once a month to compare notes, study certain topics, or report on assignments? You will be able to find in your public library, books on etiquette and good manners. Of course, they contain many things on which Seventh-day Adventist youth need not spend time, but you will be surprised to find how many helpful things along the line of daily living can be culled from these books. We suggest as one, Helen Hathaway's book, "Manners." For simplicity and directness, I have seen none that equals "Everyday Good Manners for Boys and Girls," by Ernestine Louise Badt. It is written in junior style, but the advice is just as good for older youth. It does not, however, cover all the topics that young people will want to discuss.

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 13. (See comments in "Education," p. 242.)

Testimony Symposium: "Mount of Blessing," p. 42, par. 2 (last five lines), and par. 3; "Testimonies," Vol. IV, p. 405, pars. 2, 3; p. 358 (last four lines); p. 359 (first five lines); "Education," pp. 240-242; "Messages," pp. 349, 420, 421.

Music: Nos. 21, 22, 53, 35, 114, 110, in "Gospel in Song."

Talk: "The Second Mile," p. 15.

Poem: "And That's How It Was," p. 15.

### Talk: For the Honor of Our Denomination

"THE lack of true dignity and Christian refinement in the ranks of Sabbath keepers is against us as a people, and makes the truth which we profess unsavory. The work of educating the mind and manners may be carried forward to perfection. If those who profess the truth do not now improve their privileges and opportunities to grow up to the full stature of men and women in Christ Jesus, they will be no honor to the cause of truth, no honor to Christ."—"Testimonies," Vol. IV, pp. 358, 359.

This is illustrated in the following experience of a missionary en route to a foreign field. Writing home to a friend, she said: "I do wish that some one would write something for

our papers on table manners in our schools and institutions. If you had come over on the boat with our company, most of them from our institutions, you would have been so mortified that you would have enjoyed skipping the meals. Some had not the good breeding to reject food they did not fancy, but they passed the dish back and forth across the table for others of like frame of mind to comment upon and analyze, making faces to express their feelings. One of the couples who had been free in their expressions of dislike were moved to another table. I hoped they would act 'civilized' there. But a few days later, when we were transferred to their table, we found them going through the same performances. It was one procession of vulgarity. Our young people certainly need something for the honor of our denomination."

I believe there is more than one interpretation of the text in 1 Peter 3:15. There is no question but that it applies to our doctrines, but may it not also imply the Christian graces that should be habitual with every Seventh-day Adventist? If you were called upon to stand in the court of a monarch, as did Daniel and his companions, what would your testimony be? We may not be versed in all the courtesies of the royal family, but we can and should acquire the arts and graces that come from a genuine heart desire to serve and prefer our fellow men.

There is a delightful story told of Lieutenant Darcy, second leader of the great United States Band, "Pershing's Own." At the close of the World War, a number of soldiers cited for bravery were to be received by the queen of Italy. As the youngest member of the group, Lieutenant Darcy modestly took his place at the foot of the line, with the thought that he could thereby observe the procedure of those ahead and do likewise; but by some irony of fate the queen came in from a different door than had been anticipated, and with no warning at all the line reversed, thus placing young Darcy at its head. It was an awkward moment for him, but his honesty and everyday courtesy brought the solution. He held out his hand and said cordially and respectfully, "How do you do?" With equal simplicity and cordiality the queen shook hands and returned his greeting. Later she sought out the young American soldier who had paid her the tribute of offering his best.

Who is greater than the King whom we profess to serve? We are preparing here for a home with Him. Shall we not begin today to add to our store of knowledge and to our daily habits those heart-graces that will make us an honor to the Seventh-day Adventist denomination?

### An Exercise: Proper Manners

#### Instructions.

1. Provide all with paper and pencils.
2. Have the papers numbered corresponding to questions asked.
3. Read a statement twice, then pause long enough for each to write on his paper the word "True" or "False."
4. When all have been read, pass papers to the right.
5. Read the statement and the correct answer—"True" or "False."

1. Treat an employee or a servant in such a manner that he will know he is an employee or a servant, but treat your superiors or equals in a deferential manner. (False.)

2. If you borrow money, a book, or anything else, be sure to return it. (True.)

3. A man rises if a woman approaches to speak to him, if she enters a room where he is seated, or if he is seated with her and a third person approaches to speak to either. He also rises when she leaves. (True.)

4. If an old acquaintance is seemingly unfriendly, be sure to let him be the first one to make amends. He might take it as an offense if you should do it. (False.)

5. A boy or man should tip his hat politely to every woman he knows except his wife, mother, or sister. (False.)

6. A man always enters a door ahead of a woman when the door is too heavy to hold open, or when it is awkward to hold it open without preceding her. (True.)

7. A man should always take the inner side when walking with one woman; if with two, he always walks between them. (False.)

8. A well-bred man or woman always eats with a knife. (False.)

9. A chaperon is a safeguard against criticism of young people's gatherings. He is not a spy, nor is he there to throw "cold water" on real clean fun. (True.)

10. It is not courteous to laugh at any one who observes customs different from those we use. They may have been proper in their younger days, or in the country from which they came. Principles never change, but customs vary frequently. (True.)

Are you planning to present a discussion program early this year?

## Junior Missionary Volunteer Meetings

### Making Good in My Home

(Program for Week Ending February 4)

BY C. LESTER BOND

NOTES TO JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS: Have the Juniors memorize Ephesians 6:1-3.

Songs: Nos. 19, 24, 28, 71, 84, in "Junior Song Book."

#### Superintendent's Talk: Courtesy at Home

DID you ever know a boy who played happily with his gang for a number of hours, and came home with a frown? Have you ever seen girls wash dishes cheerfully at the home of a neighbor or a relative, and grumble about doing it at home? Have you observed boys and girls showing courtesy to other boys and girls one minute, and speaking crossly to brothers and sisters the next? A little boy was reproved at Sabbath school for not saying "Please" to his little sister. "I don't have to be polite to her," he answered, "she's my sister." Isn't this the attitude that many of us have toward the members of our own family? We come home tired out after the work of the school day or from an outing. We give way to feeling, and don't keep sweet any longer. When we wipe our feet on the door mat at home, we somehow wipe the smiles off our faces. The cheer disappears from our voices, and we answer with a whine when our dear ones speak to us. Margaret E. Sangster expresses the thought in this way:

"We have careful thoughts for the stranger,  
And smiles for the sometime guest;  
But oft for our own  
The bitter tone,  
Though we love our own the best."

A king had grown tired of the many trials of skill and strength he saw, and he said, "I will have a test of good deeds, and see if that will set people to thinking in the right way." So a certain day was set for the test, and the one who won the prize was to choose what he liked best. One by one the people were let into the king's palace to tell him what good thing they had done. Last of all came a little girl with her mother. "I had no time to do good deeds," said the little girl, "for my mother is so busy that I have to feed the chickens, pick up the chips, sweep the porch, set the table, and play with the baby to keep him still; I wanted to try for the prize, but I had no time." The king told the little girl that he felt she had been most courteous and had done the best deeds, and that the prize was hers. Even in this she thought of making others happy, and chose a little wagon for the baby to ride in.

#### While We Have Them

THERE'S no one like a mother, lad,  
To comfort all our pain;  
There's no one like a father, lad,  
To make one smile again.  
So while we have our mother, boy,  
Let's drive away her fear;  
And while we have our father, boy,  
Let's fill his heart with cheer.

There's no one like a mother, lad,  
To keep us pure within;  
There's no one like a father, lad,  
To warn away from sin.  
So while we have our mother, boy,  
Oh, let us not rebel;  
And while we have our father, boy,  
Let's heed his warnings well.

The time is surely coming, lad,  
When mother will be gone;  
The time is surely coming, lad,  
Of father's passing on.  
So while we have our mother, boy,  
Let's make her spirit blest;  
And while we have our father, boy,  
Let's be our very best.

—Our Boys and Girls.

#### Story: Courtney's Winter

COURTNEY was to spend the winter with his cousins in the country. Tom was a year older than he and James a year younger. The first morning after his arrival he was awakened by Tom, who said:

"Hurry up, Court, it is seven o'clock. I've milked two cows, turned them into the pasture, and fed the horses. Breakfast will be ready in ten minutes."

Courtney, surprised, jumped out of bed and began to dress quickly. He was in the habit of not getting up until the last minute, rushing through his breakfast, and hurrying off to school. Why should he have to get up at seven o'clock?

At breakfast he was again surprised to see his cousins each eat a large plateful of cereal and then baked potato and eggs, as if they were very hungry. He, himself, could never eat much breakfast. "We'll soon give you an appetite," said his Uncle John. "Country air and some work to do each morning before breakfast, and you'll soon eat as do these boys," and the man smiled at his own two healthy-looking sons.

When the meal was over, James said: "I always do the breakfast dishes. Would you like to dry them, Courtney? Mother has so much to do we help her all we can. Tom tends to the milk and brings in the wood, and then it is time to go to school. We walk a mile and take our lunch. There is not time to come home for dinner."

Courtney had never dried dishes, but he tried to act as if he knew how, and succeeded in not breaking any.

The school was as different and interesting to the city boy as the life at the farm. He soon began to enjoy all the activities, even to the home tasks. He did not learn to milk, but he could harness and drive the horse, and was very proud when allowed to drive to the store and buy the week's supply of groceries. He helped gather the apples, dig the potatoes and other vegetables. In the house he prepared the vegetables for cooking, learned to make beds, and to fry eggs and bake potatoes. He helped with the washing, which was done when the boys could help the mother with the heavy work.

When Courtney had been at the farm six months, he wrote to his father, among other things: "If I had learned to do my share of the work at home, the way Tom and James do, mother might not have broken down and had to go to a sanitarium. When she is better, and we are all together again, I shall know how to help her. Couldn't we live out from the city, in some country place, where she could have good air, and perhaps she would keep well? I would do my share of the work."

This is exactly what did happen. Courtney's father took a small place in the country, near enough to his business in the city to go back and forth. The mother grew well and strong, and Courtney never failed to do his share of the work.

(It is just this kind of work in the home that is required to earn a Home Efficiency Certificate; and it is hoped that every Junior who has not already done so will begin at once to meet these requirements and prepare for membership in the Friend Class.)

#### Story: When Jean Came to Visit

MARY was a freshman in a small college not far from her home town, and during her first year some wonderful things had happened to her. (So she thought, at least!) She had "made" the freshman basketball team, one of her themes had been printed in the college magazine, and she had met Jean. And of all that had happened to her, the greatest and most wonderful was meeting Jean.

Jean's father (she had no mother) was a mining engineer of some reputation, and Jean had lived in all sorts of fascinating places—in South America, in Mexico. She spoke Spanish fluently. She wore the loveliest clothes! No better at her lessons than Mary, she did everything in a "different" way, so Mary thought, and her attitude of mind made the duller subject interesting. She wasn't pretty, she was even rather quiet; but in Mary's eyes she had great distinction.

Jean's father had come to town once during the year, and had taken Jean and Mary to dinner at the College Inn. He was a handsome man, "perfectly at his ease," Mary thought. "No wonder, when he's been everywhere and done everything." The most marvelous thing of all had happened at the end of the Christmas vacation, which Jean and her father had spent together in the city. They had invited Mary to join them at the hotel and return to college with Jean. Mary had had an unforgettable experience, full of color and elegance. Oh, how wonderful to spend weeks, months even, in hotels as Jean had done!

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Now spring vacation was approaching. Mary was going home. Jean's father had returned to South America. Jean would have to spend the week all alone in the big dormitory.

And yet how could Mary invite Jean to Marksville? Mother had written, expecting Jean, and no one could be kinder and more hospitable than mother. But the cot would have to be moved down from the attic for Mildred, aged ten, who would give up her bed to Jean! And grandmother would persist in talking, although she was deaf, and her knowledge of grammar was inadequate. Father, kind as he was, probably wouldn't say a word to Mary's guest; and the boys—well, it would be just like them to be noisy. But at last Mary grew desperate. "Jean, why don't you go home with me to Marksville?" she said. "Oh, I'd love to!" smiled Jean. "Do you really want me?"

It was raining when the girls arrived, and the little town had never looked so dingy and inelegant. The whole family, all but grandma, had come to meet them, too—what an uncited thing it was to be met by the "whole gang," thought Mary, angrily. But she just couldn't be disagreeable in the face of so much simple rejoicing. "Grandma stayed home to put supper on the table," explained mother. "She's made one of her lemon pies, too."

The house didn't look so bad; there were new curtains in the dining room, and the supper was good (suppers always were, at home). But the boys were noisy, and as usual all the younger members of the family did most of the talking.

It was late that night when the two girls tumbled into bed. Mildred was already asleep, her cheeks flushed. "O Mary," sighed Jean, when the lights were out, "you have exactly the kind of home I've always dreamed of! You don't know how lucky you are!"—*Adapted from the Portal.*

## When I Grow Up

(Program for Week Ending February 11)

BY C. LESTER BOND

NOTES TO JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS: When the Junior grows up, will he be prepared to fill his place in the home? in the world? Help him today to begin planning for the future if he has not done so.

Songs: Nos. 6, 9, 18, 68, in "Joyful Songs for Boys and Girls."

Poems: "A Boy's Promise" and "The Faulty Foundation," in "Choice Poems," pp. 57, 58.

Object Lesson: "Life's Harmonies." Draw or paste on cardboard the staff and notes of some appropriate hymn, such as "Love at Home." Then cut the paper into numerous parts. You now have in your hands the same song, but in fragments and jumbled notes, which no master of music could ever play. It is a perfect tune out of tune, because the notes are all out of their places. Every boy and girl is a sweet song note that God has sent into the world to make melody in the hearts of others; but when each thinks only of himself, and is not prepared to take his place, discord follows, just as it would if we were to sing from these jumbled notes. But when all the brothers and sisters, the father and mother, are filling their places, when all have the Christian graces, and unselfish love in their hearts, there is harmony such as we find when we put the scattered pieces of the song into their proper places. (Arrange the fragments in proper order, and together sing the song.) Are we preparing to take our places in the harmonious family, that there may not be one discordant note?

Discussion: "Traits of Character." Help the boys and girls to see the need of cultivating certain traits of character in their everyday experience. Use the blackboard, writing the different traits of character that may be suggested by the boys and girls. For example, a Junior is trustworthy, industrious, thrifty, persevering, cheerful, meek, pure, kind, devout. If you lead out in this discusional feature, it will be very easy to get the Juniors to take part by directing their thoughts and remarks through questions bearing on the different traits of character that are named.

## Influence of One Act

A FEW years ago a young man was being hanged in Sydney, Australia. The priest on the scaffold said to him, "This is the supreme hour in your life." Receiving permission from the executioner to speak, the condemned man removed the black cap from his face, and said: "This, sir, is not the supreme hour in my life. Years ago I knowingly made a wrong decision. The influence of that act is what placed me here. That was the supreme hour in my life."

Is every member active in your society meeting and band work?

## Boy Wanted

WANTED—a boy that is manly,  
A boy that is kind and polite,  
A boy you can always depend on  
To do what he knows to be right;  
A boy that is truthful and honest,  
And faithful and willing to work;  
But we have not a place that we care to disgrace  
With a boy that is ready to shirk.

Wanted—a boy you can tie to,  
A boy that is trusty and true,  
A boy that is good to old people,  
And kind to the little ones, too;  
A boy that is nice to the home folks  
And pleasant to sister and brother,  
A boy who will try, when things go awry,  
To be helpful to father and mother.

These are the boys who are wanted  
In the workshop, the home, and the store;  
The world needs such boys in its business,  
For them there are places galore;  
These are the boys we depend on,  
Our hope for the future, and then  
Grave problems of state and the world's work await  
Such boys when they grow to be men.

—Author Unknown.

## Talk: Building for Eternity

HAVE you ever stood at the side of a street and watched the workmen, aided by machinery, swing mighty steel beams into place as they formed the framework of a new building, and thought what a wonderful thing it is to be able to put up a structure like that? Yet there is something more wonderful actually going on within every boy and girl. There is a building going up for eternity. There is not a thought that is not striking a blow; there is not an impulse that is not doing mason work; every word is helping to shape the structure, and every act of life will either weaken or strengthen the framework of this building.

In the city of New York great office buildings are erected. So tall are they that, to withstand the wind pressure, great iron rods called wind anchors are put down into the solid rock far below the surface. Likewise in the buildings we are erecting, the plans are drafted, not for low structures, but for tall, fine, magnificent buildings. We must, therefore, fasten anchors deep down in the foundation of our characters, so that when the storms of temptation come, our superstructure will not fall. Almost every day we read or hear of some character building that has collapsed. The wind anchors were not put in. In fact, they can be put in only when the foundations are laid. They must be put in during our Junior years.

The world is always looking for men and women who can be depended upon, who are not for sale, who are honest and true to the heart's core. Men and women who know their message and tell it; men and women who know their places and fill them, who know their own business and attend to it; men and women who will not lie, shirk, or steal, who are not afraid to say "No" with emphasis, and who are not ashamed to say, "I can't afford it." If we become such men and women when we grow up, it will be because we lay the right kind of character foundation now.

Once General Robert E. Lee was offered the presidency of an insurance company at a salary of \$50,000 a year. He did not accept it, saying that it was work with which he was not familiar.

"But, General," said the representative of the insurance company, "you will not be expected to do any work. What we wish is the use of your name."

"Don't you think, then," said General Lee, "that if my name is worth \$50,000 a year, I ought to be very careful about taking care of it?"

As a boy General Lee had built into his life those traits of character that enabled him to be strictly honest when he became a man.

"Is he straight?"

"Straight as a gun barrel. You can depend upon him in every spot and place."

This was said of a boy who had asked for work and had given as reference the gentleman who made this firm reply.

How straight is a gun barrel? In the factory where guns are made the metal is rolled and pressed and ground and polished until the most practiced eye cannot detect a curve in it anywhere. Not until it is so can it be permitted to go out of the factory. If the gun barrel were not straight, the gunner could never hit what he aimed at.

Now every Junior is aiming at a mark. Hitting the mark is important. Consequently every life must be "straight as a gun barrel." No one can ever reach his aim, be it ever so high, unless he always does the true, manly thing. One little, mean, underhanded act, and his life building may be marred forever. May God help each Junior to anchor his character building securely to the foundation rock, Jesus Christ, and to build a life structure that will stand against all the storms of temptation.

### Why Play?

(Program for Week Ending February 18)

BY H. T. ELLIOTT

NOTES TO JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS: Play is "what we do when we are free to do what we will." Character is shown by what we do when we have "nothing to do." Note that the dictionary definition of "recreation" is to refresh, to re-create. The right kind of play and fun sends us back to work more ready for it than ever. To be cheerful and joyful, to find some time for relaxation and recreation, is a Christian duty.

"Recreation and Amusements." Read the paragraph on page 362 of "Messages," making certain that each clause and phrase is understood by the Juniors.

"Bible Light," p. 10.

Object lesson showing the difference between healthful and hurtful recreations may be given by lighting a candle, and watching it burn and send out its rays of light; and then lighting a twisted piece of paper on a sheet of metal, and seeing it consumed. The one lights; the other burns up.

Songs: See Senior notes, p. 10.

Talk: "Where Do You Stand on Recreations?" p. 10.

### Some Questions to Help Us Think

1. WHAT is the difference between play and recreation?
  2. Is play always recreation? Why or why not?
  3. Is recreation always play? Why or why not?
  4. What are some of the most popular forms of recreation, and why are they so popular?
  5. Is it necessary for a Christian, a follower of Jesus, to indulge in questionable forms of recreation in order to be popular?
  6. What kinds of recreation do you like best? Why?
  7. Is work ever a form of recreation? Give an example.
  8. What are some values of wholesome recreation?
  9. Are all forms of recreation profitable for all people? Why or why not?
  10. Will the fact that a person is a Christian make any difference in the kinds of recreation he enjoys?
  11. Why should the church be concerned with recreation?
  12. Some one has said that Jesus worked all the time and never spared a moment for recreation. Have we a right to think this true just because the Bible does not mention the games He might have played? How did Jesus gain recreation?
- Christian Endeavor World*.

### Symposium

(Ask the Juniors to tell in their own words.)

1. "THE idea of recreation is to restore strength and spirits that have been spent in serious efforts. The word is falsely used when one plans sport to spend strength, not to replace it, or whenever sport is put first in time or in importance."
2. "Recreation is not to be bought. Far too often the word suggests simply admission to some place of entertainment. The sky, the sunshine, the air, and the earth are beyond the reach of but few; and they offer the materials for the refreshment that in nine cases out of ten is more needed."
3. "An important element in recreation is change. Too constant reliance on one kind of diversion may entirely defeat one's purpose. What is sought as a remedy may only aggravate the trouble."
4. "Activity that serves a useful end does not lose its value for giving pleasure; it may gain. Some of the jolliest times in farming communities come when a large group get together to do some task that under such conditions yields delight. The principle is not limited to farming communities in its application."
5. "A daily quiet season with the Bible was the prescription of a wise doctor for a patient worn with work and worry. The greatest restoration of tone to tired muscles and to nerves

on edge may come in that way. The refreshing most needed is often not bodily but spiritual."

6. "The companions I choose during my leisure are more important with reference to the development of character than are my associates during business hours."—*Gulick*.

7. "Recreation which strengthens family ties and preserves the integrity of the family, is useful."—*Halbert*.

8. "In selecting your recreations, shun the things which are hurtful, and choose the things which are helpful to your moral character and spiritual life."—*Bond*.

### Acrostic: Others First

A GOOD slogan for every Junior is "Others First." If we make this one of the rules of our life, we shall always share our good times and good things with others. The following acrostic, if placed on the blackboard, will help to fasten this in the minds of the Juniors. Let the suggestions for the acrostic come from the Juniors.

Others first in my life.  
Thinking of others.  
Helping others.  
Every deed for others.  
Ready to serve others.  
Seeking to help others.

Friend to others.  
Influencing others.  
Relieving others.  
Sincere to others.  
Trusting others.

—*Christian Endeavor World*.

### Killing Time

It is so easy, often, to waste time,  
To kill the precious days and precious hours—  
When we might be filling life with rhyme,  
When we might be picking lovely flowers.

It is easy, quite, to make a morning  
Slip away into life's afternoon,  
With no thought of any worth adorning  
Sunlit hours! And evening comes so soon!

It is easy to let idle dreaming  
Steal the luster and the gold away;  
Just when everything should be so gleaming,  
The tomorrow is but yesterday!

—*Margaret E. Sangster*.

### Talk: Work and Play

"I SEE you take an interest in the boys' baseball games," said I to my friend the manufacturer. "Yes," he replied, "I do. That's where I get all the boys I hire. It's this way: I watch the boys play. They are so accustomed to me now that they pay no attention to me. They hardly know that I am there, and they do not think that I am watching them for a purpose. So they are natural in their play. I notice the boys that play hard and play fair. I soon find out the generous ones, and the mean ones. I believe that what a boy is in his play he will be in business. His play shows me what he is. So I hire the ones that play fair and that play hard. I never hire a boy that I have seen stoop to meanness or cheating. I want my help to be clean."

This man was right. Boys must work and boys must play. In their play they show what they are. And they learn things, too. They learn that cheating does not pay; that it is best to be generous and kind. Work and play are good for us, for they make us strong and cheerful.—*Junior Christian Endeavor World*.

### Story: Are You Consistent?

A MOTHER who was a professing Christian said she wanted her son to go to dancing school because he was so awkward; she wanted him to be more graceful. After several weeks he had made such poor progress that she took him out in disgust. When she chided him, he said, "I'm sorry, mother, I'm so stupid about it, but I can't seem to do any better. You see, it's one of the things I can't pray over."—*Selected*.

"PRAYER is a solvent of difficulties."



## Christian Manliness

(Program for Week Ending February 25)

BY BERNICE CASEY

NOTES TO JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS: "My boy," said a father to his son, "treat everybody with politeness, even those who are rude to you, for remember that you show courtesy to others, not because they are gentlemen, but because you are one."

Use this illustration to show the Juniors that real politeness is the outside manifestation of a kind heart. When a boy says, "Thank you," for some favor he has received, it is the message of a grateful heart. When he raises his cap to a man, it is the message of a respectful heart. When he says, "I beg your pardon," it is the message of a considerate heart. Mention the importance of courtesy in everyday life, and the difficulties of being courteous. Point out that it is much harder to be polite at home. The best test of true politeness is courtesy toward one's own father and mother, brothers and sisters. A fine manner cannot be put on and taken off at will. It must be a part of one's real self. Speak of the rewards of courtesy. Courtesy makes a person liked everywhere. It wins the approval of Christ, the one "perfect Gentleman" whom the world has seen.

*Exercise:* Ask the Juniors to observe for a certain number of days the little courtesies that they see others do,—giving seat to old person on street car, tipping hat to mother, using courteous forms of greeting and conversation, helping old person with heavy bundles, etc.

*Song:* No. 71, "Junior Song Book."

*Scripture Reading:* 1 Peter 3:8-12.

*Exercise:* "Proper Manners," p. 11, may well be adapted for Juniors.

*Blackboard Motto:* "He that is not POLITE enough is not HUMAN enough."—Joubert.

### Superintendent's Talk: Christian Courtesy

CHRIST went about doing good and scattering kindness. Our life and character should be fashioned after His pattern. He had words of sympathy for all. Christ taught the lesson of brotherly love, of kindness and loving thought for others, when He said, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another." This ideal should be within our hearts. Courtesy is an essential of Christian character. The love of Christ in the heart reveals itself in a courteous disposition. A Christian is forgetful of self, and is constantly trying to bring joy and happiness into the lives of others. But we cannot have this unselfish spirit of ourselves. The Holy Spirit in our lives will work this gentleness of disposition and graciousness of manner.

"There is a legend of a great artist. One day he had wrought long on his picture, but was discouraged, for he could not produce on his canvas the beauty of his soul's vision. He was weary, too; and sinking down on a stool by his easel, he fell asleep. While he slept, an angel came; and taking the brushes which had dropped from the tired hands, he finished the picture in a marvelous way. When we toil and strive in the name of Christ to learn our lesson of Christian courtesy and gentleness, and yet grow disheartened and weary because we learn it so slowly, Christ Himself comes and puts on our canvas the touch of beauty which our own unskilled hands cannot produce."—*Australasian Record*.

### Story: A Lesson in Politeness

A MOTHER had need one evening to pass between the light and her little son. With sweet, grave courtesy, she said, "Will you excuse me, dear, if I pass between you and the light?"

He looked up and said, "What made you ask me that, mother?"

"Because, dear," she answered, "it would be rude to do it without speaking. I would not think of not asking to be excused if it had been the minister, and surely I would not be more rude to my own boy."

The boy thought a minute, and then asked, "Mother, what do you think I ought to say back?"

"What do you think would be nice, yourself?"

He studied over it awhile, for he was such a wee laddie, and then he said, "Would it be nice to say, 'Sure you can'?"

This was mother's time to say: "That would be nice; but how would you like to say just as Mr. F—— [the minister] would, 'Certainly'? It means the same thing, you know."

That little lad, now a student in college, is remarked for his never-failing courtesy. A friend of his said recently, "It's the second nature of W—— to be polite." The mother smiled as she thanked God for the opportunities that had been hers

in the sacred circle of the home to show her boy these things that mean so much to him now.—*The Classmate*.

### Talk: The Second Mile

READ Matthew 5:41. It is said that when James A. Garfield was a boy, he dreamed of entering Yale University. As the time drew near when he should decide where he would receive further education, he wrote to three educational institutions, Yale, Brown, and Williams. The presidents of Yale and Brown replied formally, stating the qualifications for admission and giving other information for which young Garfield had asked. So also did the president of Williams College, but he added this word, "We shall be glad to do what we can for you." And that single sentence decided Garfield in favor of Williams, so that college won a student who later became President of the United States. It required only a minute to write that extra sentence that made one reply so different from the others, but it made the inquirer feel that he would be more at home at Williams College.

At one time it was necessary for me to ask a favor of a very busy man. I called again and again, but failed to find him in, until at last it was absolutely necessary to reach him by letter. Accordingly I addressed him in the most tactful manner of which I was capable, but I confess that it was with some apprehension that I awaited a reply. The return mail brought a reply—it was my letter returned, but across it in his own handwriting that busy man had answered and agreed to grant the favor with a single word, "Gladly," and the flourish of his signature! He might have replied at length, without making me feel so absolutely welcome to the thing he would do.

A very poor family lived in my home community when I was a small girl. We had many cows and quantities of milk, so mother gave this family a pail of milk regularly. One morning I was in the old stone cave watching her skim the pans of milk, when a little girl from this family came, asking if they might have some extra milk that day. As mother turned to fill her pail from one of the pans that had just been strained from the morning's milking, I suggested that the milk she had just skimmed was sweet. "Why not give her that?" After the little girl had gone with her pail of fresh milk, mother said to me, "Daughter, if the skimmed milk were all we could afford, of course it would have been all right to give it away; but we have gallons of milk. I hope you will always make it a practice not to 'skim the cream' off from a favor or kindness shown to others."

Make the application of the text; doing more than is absolutely required of us, and doing it with a grace that plainly says we are glad to be courteous and gracious Christians.

EMMA E. HOWELL.

### And That's How It Was

I DID a favor yesterday,  
A kindly little deed,  
And then I called to all the world  
To stop and look and heed.  
They stopped and looked and flattered me  
In words I could not trust,  
And when the world had gone away,  
My good deed turned to dust.

A very tiny courtesy  
I found to do today;  
'Twas quickly done, with none to see,  
And then I ran away.  
But some one must have witnessed it,  
For—truly I declare—  
As I sped back the stony path,  
Roses were blooming there!

—*Wihola Hutson*.

### Graciousness

If a merchant has diamonds to sell, he does not shut them up in a drawer nor display them in a rough box. What he does is to put his jewels upon beds of satin, in cases of velvet, using every art to display their beauty. Your Christian principles ought to be rendered so attractive by your personality that those who know you will associate goodness with graciousness.

—*Emily H. Miller*.

For the younger Juniors: "Joyful Songs for Boys and Girls." Price, 35 cents.

# OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS

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

## Delivered From the Lion's Paw

God may have some great work in store for little Mzamo out in Nyasaland, even though he is not a King in Israel, as was David of old, who faithfully kept his father's flocks on the hill-sides of Bethlehem. Anyhow, Superintendent E. L. Tarr, of the Luwazi Mission, Nyasaland, Africa, passes on this story. Yes, it is a true story:

"We have one little boy, Mzamo by name, in our Bible class at Mombera Mission, who had an exciting time one afternoon with a pair of lions. He is about thirteen years old. It was about sunset, and he was bringing his father's cattle home from the valley. While climbing the hill on which his father's village is built, he suddenly noticed two lions creeping out of a thicket across the ravine and coming toward the cattle. He boldly went down to drive the cattle home. But before he got below the herd, one of the lions had sprung upon a cow and wounded it. Mzamo fearlessly ran up and threw his stick at the lion. The lion turned on him furiously, grabbed him in its mouth, and rushed off several yards and flung him violently into some grass. It was only a second before Mzamo got his breath back, and with more determination he ran right up to the lion, and with another stick struck it squarely on the head. Again the little fellow was clenched in the lion's jaws, carried off, and flung away. He landed this time in some bushes.

"By this time those in the village above had been alarmed by the stampede the cattle made for home. But Mzamo stuck to his fight. Back he ran and hit the lion again with all the force he had. For the third time he was grabbed and flung, this time tumbling into some bushes many yards away. By then the people, yelling and screaming from the village, had arrived, and the lions slyly disappeared and were not seen again. Mzamo was not badly hurt. The teeth marks were not deep, and the scratches from the bushes soon healed. Why his little life was not crushed out with one crunch, only Providence can explain. When Pastor Malinki asked Mzamo if he did not know that lions were dangerous, he replied that lions could not kill Seventh-day Adventists. Needless to say, we are very proud of the brave little fellow, and trust he will continue to be the good and faithful Christian that he is."

## Apparently From Death to Life

Mrs. F. L. E. ULMER passes on this recent experience of Missionary Vicente Rodriguez, of British Honduras. Much stubborn opposition had developed even among near neighbors, when suddenly Providence intervened:

"A terrific storm swept over the village, and during its fury a bolt of lightning struck very near the home of Brother Rodriguez. A young lady was struck by the bolt, and fell to the ground apparently lifeless. Upon hearing the cries of the grief-stricken family, our brother and his wife went over to offer their assistance. These two faithful servants of the Lord first offered prayer, and then they began to give the girl resuscitation treatments. To the astonishment of all present, she soon began to show signs of life, and little by little her respiration returned. She is still very weak, but our brother goes daily to give her Bible studies. She is very grateful that God saw fit to give her back her life, and she is willing to consecrate her all to His service.

"This experience has created a better feeling in —, and our brother now reports a growing interest in that place."

## Although Opposing, Won

OVER in the Loyalty Islands group, South Pacific, Missionary G. F. Jones, before being sent away by the government, by earnest, quick effort won two or three loyal believers, who have proved as beacon lights to still others. Of one of these isolated ones, Miss C. F. Guiot, writes:

"When a retired missionary heard that Madame — had taken a 'new religion,' he came to remonstrato with her. She told him that if he could prove by the Bible that she should keep Sunday, she would go back to it. This man acted as native pastor and missionary in all the Loyalty group for many years, and has always been highly esteemed. He retired from the work some years ago on account of his age. Our sister lent him, by degrees, all the literature she had, including 'Bible Readings' and 'The Great Controversy,' and after a long and thorough study he accepted this blessed message and rejoices in it, together with some of his children. Madame — says he prays as an Adventist pastor would, and never misses thanking the Lord for bringing to him a knowledge of this precious truth, and naturally he is not keeping it to himself. He speaks English perfectly, I believe, as well as the three languages of the Loyalty group."

## If But Only One Meal a Day

THE world-wide depression includes the West Indies also, but the president of the Leeward Islands Conference, L. H. Gardiner, tells how one needy island had its worker just the same:

"When we heard that so large a cut was coming in our appropriations, I told one of our native boys whom we had just taken onto the pay roll that I thought we would have to drop him for lack of money. He said, 'All right,' although I could see that he was much disappointed. A few days later he came to me and said, 'Brother Gardiner, since we were talking the other day, I have been thinking some and praying a good deal. This suit that I have on is pretty good; it will not look so bad six months from now, and I think that my shoes will last six months. I have been talking with my wife, and she says that she is willing to go hungry if need be, and I can get along on one meal a day. We do not want any money from the conference, but will you let me go over to — and hold an effort for those dear people? You see they do not yet know the truth nor the way to Jesus, and they are on my heart so much.' Needless to say, I told him to go, neither have we dropped him from the pay roll. When we had to reduce the rates of all our workers, this young man's salary was brought so low that he gets only the 'one meal a day.' Yet as a result of his labors on the island I have baptized sixteen dear believers, and thirty others are nearly ready for baptism. God surely rewards those who make a covenant with Him by sacrifice."

## An Uncongenial Promotion

IT was at the close of a general meeting in Haiti. Because of sudden flood conditions a last-hour change of place for holding the gathering had to be made. The highest church dignitary of the last city took it upon himself to warn the people by denouncing our ministering brethren attending from abroad as antichrists. He attempted to prevent our pitching the assembly tent, but failing in this, as a last resort he commanded the people not to attend. But they came, and in large numbers. Philip Giddings then goes on to say:

"After the close of the meeting, the director of the mission with a delegation of our leading brethren attended a meeting which was convened by the municipality to welcome the arrival of a visiting Senator from the United States. The brethren naturally took a back seat. In front were seated in great prominence that same dignitary who had opposed our getting the site for our tent, and his curé. The Senator needed an interpreter, and the older men of the city chose Pastor de Caenel, the director of our mission. He hesitated, but they insisted that he do it. Finally he consented. And as he interpreted the vigorous sentences of the American Senator on religious liberty,—the right of each to worship God after the dictates of his own conscience without molestation,—these two ecclesiastics found the atmosphere uncongenial, and left the hall with precipitation. We were thereby reminded of the Haman-Mordecai incident."

## A Virgin Field Among Indians Found

IT is in a beautiful, healthful upland region of Guatemala, Central America, where about 15,000 Indians live, without missionaries (as ours found them), schools, doctors, or grogshops. The Indians speak Spanish, are free from the usual vices, and are industrious and intelligent. Missionary Orley Ford tells us more:

"They are anxious for help, and have turned to our mission. Already we have six baptized members among them, due to the work of our church from Jalapa, and of Brother José Aguilar, our former worker in Jalapa, who visited them a few times. Although they were left entirely by themselves for over a year, Brethren Larrabee and Aguilar on a recent visit found the work going steadily forward. On my recent trip I held meetings in four different places, with from twenty-five to forty in attendance at each place. Since my work in the Lake Titicaca field several years ago, I have not seen so great an interest in hearing the word as is manifested here. While I was with them, they wanted meetings all day long. I held five meetings in one day and night. A large number are already keeping the Sabbath, and desire baptism as soon as they can be taught the truth thoroughly.

"Seeing such an interest, our mission has decided to send Brother and Sister Larrabee to this section as soon as the rainy season is past, and let them open up the work more fully. Being nurses, these workers will be able to help the Indians a great deal in a medical way, and we hope to establish several schools among them next year. I am sure, if we can meet this situation as we should, that in a few months of hard work and prayer there will be a large number ready for baptism in this section. We ask our brethren to pray for this new work in the Jalapa Indian reservation."

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