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Abounding in the Grace of Giving

IN writing to the church in Corinth, the apostle Paul in his inspired epistle referred to the churches of Macedonia, setting them forth as an example in the grace of giving. These poor believers needed not to be urged to give of their means for the furtherance of God's work. First, they gave themselves; and in doing this they had also dedicated their substance to God. The church at Corinth was not burdened with the responsibility of supporting God's servants called to the ministry of the word. Paul found that he himself may have been responsible for this, in that while introducing the gospel there, he purposed to in no way become chargeable unto them. "I robbed other churches," he said, "taking wages of them, to do you service." He also wrought at his trade, thus assisting in the support of himself and his associate workers. Afterward he repented for having accepted no help of the Corinth church. Now, in using the example of the believers in Macedonia, he wrote to the brethren in Corinth these words:

"Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; how that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift." 2 Cor. 8:1-4.

And then to bring the lesson home to them, he says:

"Therefore, as ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also." Verse 7.

One might think the Corinthian church well-nigh perfect to abound in the exercise of faith; being able to communicate intelligently the truth to others; also being diligent workers; and withal manifesting fervent love for Paul and the brethren. A splendid testimony surely in behalf of this church, and yet they were conspicuously lacking in one important gift, and that was in the grace of giving, the grace of manifesting liberality. "See that ye abound in this grace also," were Paul's words of

exhortation to them. Over in Macedonia, the apostle recited, the brethren besought us to receive their offering, when to us it seemed they were giving more than they were able to bestow. Would that you at Corinth might share in this Macedonian blessing. So Paul had charged Titus on sending him to Corinth, "Inasmuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also."

There are many spiritual blessings bound up in this giving "grace"—not only spiritual blessings, but temporal as well. Listen to these words:

"Unselfish liberality threw the early church into a transport of joy; for the believers knew that their efforts were helping to send the gospel message to those in darkness. Their benevolence testified that they had not received the grace of God in vain. What could produce such liberality but the sanctification of the Spirit? In the eyes of believers and unbelievers it was a miracle of grace."—*The Acts of the Apostles,* p. 344.

This spirit of liberality was then, as now, contrary to the spirit of the world. The spirit of the world is that of covetousness, to get, and to get more and more of earthly treasure to keep, to hoard. This tends unto poverty of soul and tends toward death. The child of God is imbued with an altogether different spirit. He loves to impart of that which God has given him. In tithes and offerings he gives back into the hand of His Benefactor of the hounties and blessings bestowed upon him. Such become as watered gardens planted beside waters that fail not. God ministers to such both temporal and spiritual blessings in hidden ways of which they may know nothing. He causes their cups to run over. Into their bosoms He bestows bounties in "good measure, pressed down, and shaken together," yes, and "running over." Only those who experience it know its real blessedness.

"That there may he funds in the treasury for the support of the ministry, and to meet the calls for assistance in missionary enterprises, it is necessary that the people of God give cheerfully and liberally. A solemn responsibility rests upon ministers to keep before the churches the needs of the cause of God, and to educate them to be liberal. When this is neglected, and the churches fail to give for the necessities of others, not only does the work of the Lord suffer, but the blessing that should come to believers is withheld."—*Id.*, p. 344.

When ministers are thus doing their duty, let no one charge them with selfishly begging for money that they may have more to spend. This is not true. It is an enemy breathing such suggestions. Heed them not. To give is Godlike. It reacts in blessings bestowed upon the giver. Study carefully these words, and make them your own by living them, thus proving their value, their truthfulness:

"Would men make their property secure? Let them place it in the hands that bear the marks of the crucifixion. Would they enjoy their substance [not simply their shadow]? Let them use it to bless the needy and suffering. Would they increase their possessions? Let them heed the divine injunction, 'Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase [no doubt meaning a faithful tithe]: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.' Let them seek to retain their possessions for selfish purposes, and it will be to their eternal loss. But let their treasure be given to God, and from that moment it bears His inscription. It is sealed with His immutability."—*Id.*, p. 345.

"God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." 2 Cor. 9:8.

T. E. B.

Monthly Second Sabbath Missions Offering

WE are told in the Spirit of prophecy that the plan of systematic benevolence as chosen by this people is of God's own arrangement. All these years during the development of this movement there has been a loyalty and trust expressed by a sacrificial people in the gifts that constantly flow into the treasury for the extension of the world-wide work, and God has signally blessed. It is an outstanding fact that in this world-wide fellowship of believers there is a spiritual force that can-

not be repressed, for they believe that the gospel of the kingdom shall go to every kindred, tongue, and people, and then shall the end come.

We are all looking for the return of our Saviour, but we know that all nations are going home together, and much depends on the part we have to act to hasten the coming of the Lord.

For a number of years it has been customary to have a rally for foreign missions one Sabbath each quarter. At the recent Autumn Council it was determined that we should give study to our mission interests every second Sabbath of each month. The recommendation reads as follows:

"WE RECOMMEND, That the appointments for Foreign Missions Rally Days on [February 10], May 12, and October 13, 1934, be dropped from the list of offerings, and that on the second Sabbath of each month an offering for foreign missions be taken in all our churches in the North American Division."

We desire that all our churches will once each month have their minds and hearts directed to the triumphs of the message in foreign lands, and that a special collection for foreign missions be taken at the regular church service.

When foreign missions come to be thought of only in connection with the business of the church, the picture has lost some of its color, for we are in a spiritual struggle.

"Unselfish liberality threw the early church into a transport of joy; for the believers knew that their efforts were helping to send the gospel message to those in darkness. Their benevolence testified that they had not received the grace of God in vain. What could produce such liberality but the sanctification of the Spirit? In the eyes of believers and unbelievers it was a miracle of grace.

"Spiritual prosperity is closely bound up with Christian liberality. The followers of Christ should rejoice in the privilege of revealing in their lives the beneficence of their Redeemer. As they give to the Lord, they have the assurance that their treasure is going before them to the heavenly courts."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, pp. 344, 345.

The divine principle of financing the work of God is set forth in the foregoing quotation. We can but believe that when the spirit of truth shall touch the hearts of the believers as it did in the early church, when such a burden for souls is rolled on the hearts of His people, there will be an unselfish liberality never before seen in the church.

The apostle Paul untiringly kept before the new converts the desire to do large things for the cause of God, and exhorted them to the exercise of liberality, and so it is with the leaders of the church today.

"We are to praise God by tangible service, by doing all in our power to advance the glory of His name. God imparts His gifts to us that we also may give. . . . The great work for the salvation of souls must be carried forward. In the tithe, with gifts and offerings, He has made provision for this work. Thus He intends that the ministry of the gospel shall be sustained. He claims the tithe as His own, and it should ever be regarded as a sacred reserve, to be placed in His treasury for the benefit of His cause. He asks also for our freewill gifts and offerings of gratitude. All are to be devoted to the sending of the gospel unto the uttermost parts of the earth."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 300.

We all believe in the final triumph of the message. We do not fear that there will be a crash in the finances of the movement, for God will surely surmount every material obstacle if His messengers possess that spiritual vision called for.

In all our relationships let us emphasize the spiritual, and acquire that unselfish liberality manifested by the early church in their great zeal for the cause of God.

W. H. WILLIAMS,

Undertreasurer General Conference.

GOD sometimes puts men on their backs, so they can look upward.

Moss grows on the north side of the tree, where the cold winds blow.

Had the prodigal's money held out, he would not have tasted the fatted calf.

In a stereopticon lecture the lights are shut off to get the eye on the picture.

C. G. BELLAH.

REMEMBER that "to obey is better than sacrifice,"—Holy living outshines all other solemnities.—*Spurgeon*.

Home Missionary Department

HOME-FOREIGN LITERATURE TRANSLATION FUND

Suggestive Program for First Sabbath Home Missionary Service

(May 5)

OPENING SONG: "Even Unto the End," No. 537 in "Christ in Song."

PRAYER (Make special petition in behalf of our foreign-language workers).

SCRIPTURE LESSON: The Christian's Duty Toward the Foreign Neighbor. (Zechariah 16:17. Supplemented by Spirit of prophecy instruction as per excerpts furnished on page 3.)

SONG: "Call Them In," No. 616 in "Christ in Song."

READINGS: Messages From the Secretaries of the Bureau of Home Missions.

PERSONAL APPEAL FOR A GENEROUS OFFERING IN BEHALF OF THE TRANSLATION FUND.

SILENT PRAYER.

TAKING THE OFFERING.

CLOSING SONG: "Precious Name," No. 216 in "Christ in Song."

BENEDICTION.

Note to Leaders

Sabbath, May 5, is the day appointed for united thought, prayer, and gifts in behalf of the work being carried on by the General Conference Bureau of Home Missions, with special reference to enlarging the Foreign Literature Translation Fund as the immediate result of a generous offering on the part of every church member. Only once each year is this important work brought to the attention of all our church members. Nevertheless, an unceasing work in behalf of the millions of our foreign neighbors is constantly going on. Our editors are busily engaged in translating books, periodicals, and tracts from the English into the following languages: Arabic, Armenian, Bohemian, Bulgarian, Croatian, Danish-Norwegian, Dutch, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Icelandic, Italian, Lettonian, Polish, Portuguese, Rumanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovakian, Spanish, Swedish, Syriac, Ukrainian, Yiddish. Colporteurs are selling this literature from house to house, and ministers and church members are placing the printed page of truth in the hands of the people in connection with public and personal ministry.

Each year records marked progress in the development and success of the work in behalf of foreign-speaking people, but hundreds of open doors remain unentered because of lack of necessary funds to produce the additional literature required. The secretaries of the Bureau of Home Missions speak through their articles to every church member today, concerning actual conditions and present needs. It is indeed a real privilege to be permitted to have a part in this great mission field which lies within reach of every church and practically every Seventh-day Adventist home.

There is no specified amount of individual gifts asked for at this time. Let each give as he would if the Master stood by his side, saying, "Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land." Deut. 10:19. The average of ten cents per member placed in today's offering, would yield the grand sum of \$14,450, and this would be many times the amount received in any previous Foreign Translation Offering. Surely there is not a single church member who could not invest ten cents, once in the year, in this very worthy cause. Place the matter in its true light before your people, and let the Spirit of God indite the response.

GENERAL CONFERENCE HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

The Great Task Before Us

W. B. OCHS, *Associate Secretary Bureau of Home Missions*
—*German Department*

THE great hope of the true child of God has always been, and ever will be, the second coming of Christ. But the realization of this hope depends upon the completion of a tremendous, world-wide task, involved in the commission to carry the gospel of Christ to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. God always says what He means, and means what He says; and to impress the greatness of the task devolving upon the remnant church, the Saviour uttered the following words: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14. Notice the words "in all the world," and again,

"unto all nations." John the revelator goes just a little farther in emphasizing the scope of the gospel proclamation by saying that it was to go "to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people" (Rev. 14:6), presenting a panoramic view of the people of many lands speaking many languages.

While it is true that the gospel must be proclaimed in every nation of the world before the end can come, we must not lose sight of the fact that in God's plan, America has become a land of many languages, and has been made not only a financial base for world-wide mission work, but also a language base. Thousands of foreigners have been brought to our shores, so that they might come in contact with the third angel's message and dedicate their lives to making this message known among the people of their own tongue.

The Bureau of Home Missions has been organized by the General Conference to give definite study to the best methods for reaching the foreigners living in our midst, and through the efforts put forth hundreds of people have been won to the message year by year. Other churches are catching the vision, and are endeavoring to carry on work in behalf of the foreign-language population. A few weeks ago my attention was called to the "Church Notices" in the Sunday section of the Saint Paul (Minn.) *Dispatch*. Knowing of the large population of Swedish people in the city of St. Paul, I was interested to see how many sermons were to be preached in the Swedish language that day. To my surprise, I found that in addition to the Swedish services, there were nine churches conducting services in the German language. So far as we know, no great thought has been given to the preaching of the gospel in the German language in that city. But on every hand we find people who especially desire to attend gospel services conducted in their mother tongue, for in the realm of religious things no other language can touch the heart in the same appealing way.

The work among the foreign-speaking people in this country is not always easy. As a rule, the foreigner clings very firmly to his religious belief, and it is difficult to get him to change; but when once won to the message, he remains firm and true to it. God has greatly blessed the work among the German-speaking people of North America. During the first three quarters of 1933, six hundred and twenty-two persons were baptized and added to our German churches. At the present time there are nearly six thousand German believers in North America, many of whom have been won through our literature. Let us therefore, by the help of the Lord, make a very generous offering to the Foreign Translation Fund, on this day set apart in the interests of the home-foreign work, for there is no better way of reaching the foreigner in our midst than through our splendid literature.

Crippled by Lack of Literature

H. O. OLSON, *Associate Secretary Bureau of Home Missions*
—*Swedish and Miscellaneous Language Department*

SINCE the founding of modern Bible Societies, millions of dollars have been spent for the translation and publication of the Bible in approximately a thousand languages. No investment has meant more to the world than this.

In the English language there is a rich supply of literature of a religious nature, and especially is this true of literature pertaining to the message of "present truth" for our time. It is said that just one copy each of our denominational books, pamphlets, tracts, and periodicals would cost the large sum of \$1,885.50. What a vast difference between this and the situation in 1854, when the first sale of denominational literature was made by Elder J. N. Loughborough, in connection with a tent effort. At that time, a copy of everything we published could be obtained for thirty-five cents.

The message-filled literature has been of great help in all the evangelistic work carried on during the years. Without the printed page, the servants of God would have been greatly crippled in their endeavors. Today the workers who are laboring to reach the vast multitudes of foreign-speaking people in North America, are in a situation similar to that of 1854, as far as the limitation of literature is concerned. The supply of truth-filled literature in foreign languages is very meager for meeting the great need. Many letters come to me from our foreign workers and lay members, pleading for literature in their respective languages clearly setting forth all points of

our faith; and at times delegations of our people have come to make a personal plea, hoping that it will be more effective.

As far as the records show, the first request for our denominational literature to be furnished in a foreign language, came from a Swedish man, living in La Porte, Indiana, in the year 1838. This was about two years after our denominational publishing work had been transferred to Battle Creek, Michigan, and this Swedish brother appealed to the Review and Herald Publishing Association to provide literature in the Swedish language. It was more than a decade, however, before the publishing house was able to respond to this request, and also later requests for literature in the Scandinavian languages. No sooner was this work begun, than people of other nationalities urged that literature be provided for them, and as fast as funds and editorial help have been made available, our publishing houses have furnished the literature. But in spite of all that has been done, the great need is very inadequately met. How much we shall be able to accomplish in the homeland during 1934, will largely depend on the liberality of our people on Sabbath, May 5, when the regular church offering will go to this worthy cause.

The Mighty Challenge of the North American Mission Fields

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—*Danish-Norwegian and Miscellaneous Language Department*

IMMIGRATION has brought about a situation in the United States and Canada which forms a unique "foreign mission" field. By divine ordering, representatives of practically every nation on earth are here within easy reach of the gospel. According to the 1931 report of the Bureau of Census, in the Government Department of Commerce, there are in the United States alone 25,361,186 native white people of foreign or mixed parentage. A leading Canadian newspaper, the *Vancouver Sun*, of June 14, 1933, refers to the foreign population of Canada, as follows: Saskatchewan had 396,619 citizens whose parents were foreign born, and 219,289 of Canadian-born parentage. In Alberta there were 309,325 of foreign-born parentage; British Columbia had 163,938, and Manitoba had 239,781.

The foreigner in America is just as much in need of the gospel as is his brother on native soil, and it has been found that wherever earnest efforts are put forth in behalf of foreign-speaking people, the results are most encouraging. Just now is a most opportune time to work this great mission field as never before.

Undoubtedly the most prominent feature of this home-foreign work is the publishing activity, for it is literature that pioneers the way into the hearts of these millions of people. Even

Excerpts From the Spirit of Prophecy

"WHILE plans are being carried out to warn the inhabitants of various nations in distant lands, much must be done in behalf of the foreigners who have come to the shores of our own land. The souls in China are no more precious than the souls within the shadow of our doors. God's people are to labor faithfully in distant lands, as His providence may open the way; and they are also to fulfill their duty toward the foreigners of various nationalities in the cities and villages and country districts close by."

"Many of these foreigners are here in the providence of God, that they may have opportunity to hear the truth for this time, and receive a preparation that will fit them to return to their lands as bearers of precious light shining direct from the throne of God."

"Great benefits would come to the cause of God in the regions beyond, if faithful effort were put forth in behalf of the foreigners in the cities of our homeland. Among these men and women are some who, upon accepting the truth, could soon be fitted to labor for their own people in this country and in other countries. Many might return to the places from which they came, in the hope of winning their friends to the truth. They could search out their kinsfolk and neighbors, and communicate to them a knowledge of the third angel's message."—*Christian Servant*, pp. 199, 200.

though a person may be able to read English literature, when it comes to any reading matter of a religious nature, the preference is always for that printed in his native tongue. Systematic distribution of literature from house to house, in localities where the foreigners reside, is a most important and fruitful field of endeavor.

At the Autumn Council of 1933, the following action was taken: "Resolved, That, as watchmen on the walls, knowing the imminence of Christ's second coming, we undertake as never before to arouse our people in all lands to realize the vast possibilities through the circulation of our foreign periodicals and other small literature in making known the message of the hour to many millions of people preparatory to the coming of our Lord." We are very thankful for this recommendation, and also for what our publishing houses have done to provide literature in many languages. In every English church located in a foreign community, or where there are foreign families within reach, there should be a Home-Foreign Band, made up of members who will take a special interest in these people. There should be definite leadership by people qualified to look after this line of missionary work.

The Bible says, "Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbor." Zech. 8:16. Your next-door neighbor may be a foreigner who would be happy to receive literature in his own tongue. Last year, a sister in Canada lent a book to her Ukrainian neighbor. It was not long until a deep interest was manifest on the part of the people in the community, and a Ukrainian minister spent some time in holding Bible studies and meetings, and as a result there is now a company of twenty-seven Sabbath keepers. Somebody in Montana mailed some literature to a Norwegian family in Minnesota, and last December this family united with the church. A Lutheran woman in North Dakota walked several miles through the snow to borrow from a friend one of our books printed in her native language. Now she is a member of our church. And so the work goes on. Foreign literature should be scattered "like the leaves of autumn." It will be the means of bringing new members into our English and foreign churches, and leading souls into the kingdom of Christ.

What a mighty challenge is presented to us by the thousands of foreigners living right in our midst. Already many people of different nationalities have embraced the blessed advent message, and hundreds of these people are now earnestly working to win others. The Russians, Ukrainians, Italians, and many others are asking for more literature, and we must do our utmost to provide it for them. The great commission of the Master to His church is, "Go ye therefore, and make disciples [margin] of all nations." Matt. 28:19.

Other Tongues

F. L. PERRY, Associate Secretary Bureau of Home Missions
—Spanish Department

ACCORDING to the 1930 Census Report, the number of people at that time living in North America, either foreign born or born of foreign parents, was over forty million—just about one third of the total population. The segregation of the various nationalities represented is reported as follows:

Germans	6,873,103	Mexicans	1,422,533
Italians	4,546,877	Czechoslovakians	1,382,079
Poles	3,342,198	Austrians	954,648
Scandinavians	3,199,356	Hungarians	590,768
Russians	2,069,838	Jugoslavians	469,395
French	1,577,164	Dutch	413,966

In addition to these, it is estimated that there are from one hundred thousand to four hundred thousand from each of the following-named countries: Belgium, Switzerland, Finland, Rumania, Greece, Spain, Portugal, Syria, and lesser numbers from over twenty other nations of the world. The number of people coming from the British Isles, who speak the English language just as we do, is estimated to be 6,814,540. Undoubtedly a great many, and possibly the majority, of the people of foreign tongue have acquired a knowledge of the English language since coming to this country, and have become an integral part of our population; but yet there are thousands who are greatly handicapped by a lack of knowledge of the English language, being unable to speak scarcely a word of English.

We believe that it is in the Providence of God that these multitudes from almost every nation of earth have settled

among us, that they may receive a knowledge of the truth and become light bearers to their own homelands. This has already been the experience of a goodly number. With a knowledge of the language, and customs of their people, and being connected with them by the ties of family, business or social life, they can find their way into the hearts of their native people much more readily than can strangers.

The best way to reach these foreign people is by the use of literature in their own languages. One of the wonderful demonstrations on the day of Pentecost, which caused the people to be amazed and confounded, was the utterances of the disciples in many different languages. On every side the question arose, "How hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?" And while no answer could be given, the exclamation resounded throughout the throng, "We do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God." Acts 2:6-11. Jerusalem had become an international center in that day, and among the multitudes assembled on the day of Pentecost were many who were far away from their native shores, surrounded by people of a strange language. It had been a long time since they had heard any public utterance in their mother tongue, and when the Holy Spirit spoke to them, through the disciples, the words came forth in their native languages—clear, distinct, and easy to understand, and caused them great surprise and happiness.

Those of us who have lived in a foreign land for a number of years, among people speaking a strange language, can appreciate how refreshing and inspiring it is to hear some one talk in our own language. As we mingle with the crowd, how we prick up our ears and listen, if amid the babel of voices, we catch the sweet sound of words spoken in the language of our native land; and how eagerly we gather up an English paper, book, or other reading matter and scan its pages. Just so it is with the millions of foreigners dwelling in our country. Sermons, conversation, or literature in their native tongue has a direct appeal to the heart, and awakens sympathetic interest.

The majority of these foreign-speaking people are of a religious turn of mind, but they have very little access to church privileges, and there is very little literature in their language which they are able to obtain. When our colporteurs visit these people in their homes, or the members of our English churches manifest a neighborly interest and place in their hands literature which they can read, they receive a very hearty welcome. It is quite probable that few, if any, of us have a true conception of what might be accomplished in winning these people to the truth, through literature and personal interest.

The initial expense involved in the translation and production of foreign-language literature should not rest entirely upon the publishing houses. This is missionary work of the very highest order, and the responsibility of carrying it forward rests upon the entire church. This is the Sabbath appointed for the taking of an offering to apply on the Foreign Translation Fund. Surely all our people will consider it a privilege to have a part in such a far-reaching work, by making a liberal contribution at this time.

The Language of Deeds

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chapel, for it was in a strange language, but it was here that Russian men, women, and children regularly assembled to worship the Christ who is 'touched with the feeling of our [their] infirmities,' and is 'not willing that any should perish.'"

That was the end of the story as it was told to me, and to which I listened with such interest. But in heaven above the story does not end there. It has no end even in the long reaches of eternity. Nor is the story the end of the experience on earth, for the glowing face of the Christian woman tells another story of a soul that has found refreshment and continued rejoicing through an expressional activity in the name of Christ.—Adapted from "The Mission Society," by F. A. Agar.

"THE man of the world tries to see how much he can get out of life. The Christian tries to see how much he can put into life. The worldling lives to get. The Christian lives to give."

The Church Missionary Service

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

Suggestive Missionary Service Programs

May 5

MISSIONARY TOPIC: Home-Foreign Work.

TEXT: Leviticus 19:33, 34.

SUGGESTIONS: America has been called the "melting pot of the world," because millions of almost every race and nationality have come to her shores and are sheltered under her flag. It was but a century ago that immigration began to trickle into this country like a tiny stream. But the current has gradually increased until, in the early part of the present century, it became a veritable flood. According to government statistics, thirty-five million people of foreign tongue have entered this country since the foundation of our great republic was laid. These millions have not come by chance. There has been a divine purpose in their coming. The Bible informs us that when the apostles began their work of world-wide evangelism, "there were dwelling at Jerusalem . . . men, out of every nation under heaven." It was not accidental, or a mere happen-so, that representations of all nations were living in Jerusalem at that time. The time had come for the gospel to be preached in all the world, and in order to hasten its proclamation, the Lord had caused to be gathered at Jerusalem representatives of "every nation under heaven," that they might hear the glad news of salvation and carry it to their kindred in the homelands. For the very same reason, in these days of the closing work of the gospel, we find a cosmopolitan population thickly scattered throughout North America. Among us dwell people of all races,—strong and weak, old and young, married and single, virtuous and vicious, ambitious and aimless, skilled and unskilled, Christian, infidel, Jew, and Gentile; black, brown, red, yellow.

"The future success of missions will be largely affected by the success of the church in dealing with the problems that lie at her very door," is a very true statement, made by a prominent missionary of extensive service in India. But the church is very slow in catching this vision. Through the Spirit of prophecy very definite instruction is imparted concerning our duty to the foreign born. We cannot ignore this home mission field and be successful in our efforts for the same classes of people through foreign mission endeavor. The Lord has sent these foreign-language people to dwell among us as neighbors, and He has bidden us treat "the stranger that dwelleth with you . . . as one born among you, and . . . love him as thyself." In every church there should be a Home-Foreign Band of workers giving special attention to reaching the foreigners—either in the immediate community, or helping other churches where the foreign element is unusually large. The leaflet entitled "How to Work Our Home-Foreign Mission Field," should be in the hands of every church missionary leader and secretary, and may be secured through the home missionary secretary of the conference. May the year 1934 mark a new era in the advancement of our missionary work among the people of many nationalities here in the United States and Canada.

May 12

MISSIONARY TOPIC: Preparing the Way for Evangelistic Work.

TEXT: Isaiah 62:10.

SUGGESTIONS: The Bible attaches much importance to the work of preparing the soil for the gospel seed, and in these days of intensive evangelistic effort throughout the world, there is imperative need of gospel forerunners, to enter new territory, where the message of present truth has not been proclaimed, and arouse the people for the coming of the evangelist. The lay members of every church are commissioned to engage heartily in this preparation work, which may most effectively

be accomplished by the distribution of truth-filled literature from house to house and making friendly contacts with the people through personal interest and ministry. The plan is being followed in many places, and the results are most remarkable. One large city church prepared the city for a series of evangelistic meetings by sending 2,110 copies of *Present Truth* to a list of names for a number of weeks prior to the beginning of a tent effort. At the close of this effort, a church of thirty new members was organized. At another place, where a similar plan was followed, twenty-eight new members were brought in as the result of the tent effort.

Perhaps you are longing for some one to come to your church or community and hold a series of meetings, so that your friends and neighbors and business associates might hear the truth and unite with you in church fellowship. There are hundreds of our dear church members who are sitting in sorrow, sighing and crying because of the blindness of the people who do not perceive the light of truth, and wishing that some minister would come and begin a public effort. Perhaps they have written to the conference office time and again, only to be told that laborers are too few and money too scarce, and so they wait on, weeks and months and years, while souls pass down the broadway of life to perdition. Don't wait any longer. Begin to prepare the soil of your community, or city, or county, or State, through the methods of personal contact which appropriately lie at your command, praying earnestly as you go about the work that the Spirit of God may water the seed sown, and awaken such widespread interest that laborers will be compelled to come and assist in the harvest. If you do your part faithfully, God will surely provide the help needed. It may be that God will call individuals from your own church to go forth as lay evangelists and proclaim the truth with power to those who have become aroused to the importance of studying the word of God as never before. The remnant church is entering upon the final stage of her work, and it is a time when men are being called from commercial business vocations to proclaim the truth with power. Hundreds of lay evangelistic efforts are in operation, and God's Spirit is speaking through humble men and women in a very convincing manner, so that many times before the conference worker can reach the place, a group of people are already united on the platform of truth, ready to be admitted into church fellowship. There is no time for delay. Go to work to prepare the way for an evangelistic effort, and when you have done all that God requires of you, He will indicate the next step, and you may be sure it will be a step forward, and never simply to mark time. The conference home missionary secretary is available for counsel as to the most effective method of "preparing the way for evangelistic work" in your community. Do not wait for your hopes to materialize. Perhaps the preparation work has not been fully done. Remember that "the dissemination of the truth of God is not confined to a few ordained ministers. The truth is to be scattered by all who claim to be disciples of Christ. It must be sown beside all waters."—*Christian Service*, p. 68.

May 19

MISSIONARY TOPIC: Soul-Winning Experiences.

TEXT: Psalms 106:1, 2.

SUGGESTIONS: Many deeds of Christian service are brought to light by the reports rendered during the missionary service on each third Sabbath of the month, and we are assured that the Lord hearkens and hears these reports, and that a book of remembrance is kept of those who love the Lord and serve Him. During the fifteen-minute missionary service held in one of our churches in Bermuda, a colored sister said that she had sent out seven bottles during the past week. The pastor did not quite understand what was meant by "seven bottles," and asked for an explanation. The sister then said, "I have the children gather bottles, and when I have thoroughly cleaned them, I fill them with our tracts and papers, put a good cork in the top, and pitch them into the sea. Then I ask the dear Lord to guide the bottles to some one who will read the tracts and accept the message." This sister is surely casting "bread upon the waters," and some day she will surely find happy results,—perhaps not until the experiences of life are revealed in the kingdom and the hidden things come to light.

May 26

MISSIONARY TOPIC: Standing by Our Church Paper—*The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*.

TEXT: Psalms 97:12.

SUGGESTIONS: Highest commendation and indorsement is found in the following brief statement: "The *Review* is a valuable paper; it contains matters of great interest to the church, and should be placed in every family of believers."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IV, p. 598.

In its relation to the work of the church, the scope of the *Review* is as broad as the world and as comprehensive as human need. It stands as the exponent of the world-wide message to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, dealing with each phase of the message in a clear and comprehensive manner, and each yearly volume is a veritable encyclopedia of the advancement made in proclaiming the third angel's message in all parts of the world field. It is impossible to keep abreast of the progress of this movement without our general church paper. Just as in every home the daily newspaper is a necessity in keeping informed of the current events of the world, so the weekly visits of the *Review* are necessary in order to keep us informed of the affairs of the church in its onward march toward the kingdom of God. The yearly subscription price is only \$2.50, which is actually less than five cents a week. A special combination offer embraces a year's subscription to the *Review*, the *Liberty* magazine, *Life and Health*, and *Present Truth*,—all for \$3. "The *Review* . . . should be placed in every family of believers." Has this been done in your church? This is a good time to check up on this matter; and should there be any family deprived of the inspiration of the *Review*, see that the lack is met, either by personal subscription, general subscription, or a "circulating club," whereby each issue may be loaned for a specified period of time. Let us stand by our good church paper, the *Review*.

The Language of Deeds

LET me tell you a story that was told to me by a Christian woman in a small town in Maine. As she narrated her experiences it was with a face that glowed.

"Out where I was living," she said, "we decided that every member of our missionary society should undertake to find and do some piece of work that would really count for Christ. Then we were to report progress once a month and co-operate where developments made it wise. I am naturally diffident, and so it seemed hard for me to find anything suited to my ability. Early one afternoon I went down to the grocery store and was waiting at the counter while the clerk tied up a package for me. Just then the delivery man came in, and the proprietor called out to him,

"Well, Jim, what kind of morning did you have on your round?"

"In response, the young fellow said, 'Why, all right, but you pretty nearly lost me for the rest of the day.'

"Why?" was the reply.

"You know it was the morning I go to the Russian settlement for orders," said Jim, "and when I reached the shack where Mrs. Blank lives I found her sick in bed. You never saw such a place in your life. That woman had been laid up for three days, the place was filthy, and the children indescribable."

"Where was her husband?" queried the proprietor.

"He was holding down his job in the beet fields."

At this point my narrator stopped to explain that "those Russians take a contract to weed and cultivate a certain number of acres of sugar beet land with the expectation that the wife and even the small tots will help. If their piece of acreage is not kept weeded according to requirements, their contract is forfeited. So the man, deprived of the help of his wife and children, had been working from five in the morning till he could no longer see to work. Then he had stumbled back into the shack and fallen asleep in utter weariness. To lose his contract was to lose all chances to make a living." Then taking up Jim's narrative again, she continued relating what she had heard Jim say to the grocer.

"I felt like taking off my coat and pitching in to clean up those poor people and their place, for there is no one else to

do it, as all the other women and children are hard at work out in the fields from early morning till late at night.'

"Standing there at the counter I had waited to hear the end of the conversation," said the woman, "and then it struck me that here was something I could do. So I asked Jim for the name and address of the Russian woman. Putting on an old dress, and taking some things with me, I went down to the place at once. The sick woman could not speak a word of my language, and of course I knew nothing of hers, but what she needed most was a language of deeds. Soon she had been made comfortable, and then it was the children's turn, so they were fed and cleaned up. Then I did the best that was possible to clean up the poor one-room shack. About five o'clock my work was done, and I was ready to go home, when I remembered the husband and father. Without doubt he had been without hot food of any sort for several days, so I went out to the store and brought in food which I prepared and set on the stove, so there would be a warm supper awaiting him when he came home that night.

"For six days I went down there, and then the Russian woman was able to bs up and about. Some days later I was going out for a drive, and it occurred to me that it would do the sick woman good to get out in the sunshine. So I went after her, and we drove around town. On the way the thought came to me that perhaps my companion would like to see the inside of an American Christian home, so I drove up to the rear of my house and beckoned her to follow me in through the back door. After looking around for a short while, she exclaimed with delight and pointed to the porcelain sink, which my maid had cleaned till it shone like a looking-glass. We went from one thing to another, and from one room to another, till all the house had been inspected. How it did interest me to watch her wonderment when in response to an exclamation or a pointed finger I would show her the use made of various articles. But at last we had been all around, and I was leading the way along the upper hall to go down the stairs. Suddenly the woman with a torrent of Russian words pouring from her lips, touched my shoulder. Turning, I saw she was pointing to a little picture of the thorn-crowned head of the Christ, by Guido Reni, which hung at the head of the stairs. Then by a sign she asked me if I knew Him. I nodded my head and smiled. She nodded and smiled in return, and then she knelt beneath the picture. At once I was beside her, and in the silence of the long hall the two of us prayed to God. No," she added reflectively, "the three of us, because I am sure Christ Himself was there as well as the picture of Him by the great artist. Then I drove her back home, but God had spoken to my heart in a wonderful way.

"The next day was the maid's afternoon out, and as it was a very stormy day, and being alone in the house, I went up to take a nap. Before long I was awakened by a loud and insistent knocking on the back door. When I went down to see who was there, and came within range of the kitchen window, to my dismay I saw a long string of Russian women—a dozen of them, with my friend at the head of the line. My first impulse was not to let them in, and I started to tiptoe away, but then I did what was right in the end—only I made them all clean their muddy feet on the coconut mat.

"With signs my Russian friend made known that the other women had been told about the house and wanted very much indeed to see it." With a little laugh the woman said to me, "You know it was most interesting to watch them as they went around under the guidance of the one who had been there the day before, for I stood aside and let her do the honors of the occasion quite largely. By and by the whole house had been seen, and down the long upper hall we were heading for the stairway. Then, as we neared the picture of the thorn-crowned head of Christ, some words were spoken in Russian, and a sudden stillness fell on all, and in a moment there were thirteen kneeling figures. Yes, the picture was there hanging on the wall, but again I am sure that Christ Himself was with us all just then as we prayed to the Father in heaven.

"When I left that town some years later," my friend added, "there was a neat little chapel on the outskirts of those sugar beet fields. You might not be able to read the sign on the

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THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SOCIETY

Officers' Page

Our Theme for May: Have You Caught the Vision?

This Month's Theme

WE are told through the Spirit of prophecy that "we must have a vision of the future and of the blessedness of heaven." Who so much as youth need to catch this vision? As we study the topics for this month's meetings, let us catch the vision of God's call to the youthful members of His flock; a vision of what we can do in our homes; a vision of the education and inspiration that we may find in true book friends; and then a vision of how we may be soul winners for God. With a vision such as this, what could not the mighty army of Missionary Volunteers around the world do for God! Mrs. E. G. White, after making the above statement, describes some of the trials that will come to God's people, and also the glories of the final triumphs of those who gain that heavenly home. Then, appealing to us, she cries out:

"Will you catch the inspiration of the vision? Will you let your mind dwell upon the picture? Will you not be truly converted, and then go forth to labor in a spirit entirely different from the spirit in which you have labored in the past, displacing the enemy, breaking down every barrier to the advancement of the gospel, filling hearts with the light and peace and joy of the Lord? . . . Let every Christian stand in his place, catching the inspiration of the work that Christ did for souls while in this world. We need the ardor of the Christian hero, who can endure the seeing of Him who is invisible. . . . Should we not see in the world today Christians who in all the features of their work are worthy of the name they bear?"—*Testimonies*, Vol. VIII, pp. 45, 46.

Missionary Volunteers, shall we this month catch a bigger, brighter, better vision of possibilities in Christian living and service? We can, if we will. E. E. H.

When Speakers Come

THE M. V. Society leader should persistently but tactfully seek the co-operation of the church board and pastor, or elder, that the regular M. V. hour *not* be given over to any other program or organization without full consent of the M. V. officers. If some official of the conference, visiting minister, or interesting lay visitor has a message for the young people of your church, let the proper ones take it up with the M. V. executive committee and let them invite him to speak. But the meeting should certainly be carried on by the M. V. officers, and the regular procedure should be followed—such as the secretary's report, receiving the offering and reports, check-up on devotional and educational features, and other M. V. items receiving weekly attention.

It is nothing short of tragic for a speaker to use the M. V. hour for anything other than a special message to young people, or for the meeting to be carried on by others than the regular M. V. officers or some one appointed by them.

G. M. MATHEWS.

Constructive Criticism

AT each officers' meeting, the preceding program should be discussed. What could have been done to make the meeting more interesting and effective? The officers of a certain society developed in a very noticeable way under the plan of having during the officers' meeting constructive criticism of each other's work. One leader who was in the habit of talking too low to be heard by every one, after criticism of the officers, overcame this habit and learned to speak distinctly and well. Another who lowered his voice at the close of nearly every sentence when he was conducting a meeting, overcame this habit. He said he knew it was the criticism of his associate officers that helped him. All the officers of that society benefited by the plan of having constructive criticism a part of the program of the officers' meeting.

MINNIE E. DAUPHINEE.

Helping on the Camp Ground

COME to camp meeting prepared to work. (See *Testimonies*, Vol. II, p. 601.) The word "prepared" means to be "ready, equipped, fitted out." So this call to us through the Spirit of prophecy must mean that we should go to camp meeting "ready, equipped, fitted out" for service. Some of you will not have your camp meeting until late in the summer, but it is not too soon now to prepare. What should this preparation include?

First of all, there should be the heart preparation. Urge each one to read carefully and prayerfully *Testimonies*, Volume VI, pages 41-44; or keep short quotations from this chapter on the blackboard where all can see them from week to week. By interspersing the song service with memory drills, many of them would be stored in mind where they could be meditated upon during the week.

Then comes the preparation for service. How often we are

asked to take part in work on the camp ground, but must refuse because we did not know beforehand. Ask each Missionary Volunteer to pass in his name, with a suggestion as to what he would like to do to help on the camp ground. Pass these on to your conference Missionary Volunteer secretary, so that he can lay his plans, and ask some to come prepared to do definite things. But do not make this so conspicuous that those who are not chosen for specific duties will think their services are not needed nor wanted.

Here are suggestions of some things that will need to be done on the camp ground, and ways in which you can prepare yourself and your young people to help:

1. Teach Sabbath school classes. Look ahead and see what helps and illustrations will be needed for teaching the lessons.
2. Lead and take part in prayer and personal workers' bands. Quotations and Bible texts which have helped you may be just what some one else also will need. Jot them down on cards to give out, or at least note them in a book to which you can make ready reference. Suggest to young people who seem especially tempted to backslide, that they carry some of these helps with them or keep them where they will be reminded often. Then watch for opportunities to do personal work. You will be surprised to find how many are hungry and actually wishing some one would speak to them. Often a young person can help where it is felt an older worker does not understand.
3. Story-telling in the children's tents. Collect stories with good moral lessons. If possible, get the book, "Christian Story-Telling," by A. W. Spalding, from your Book and Bible House. Price, \$1.25. Outline your stories, and tell them to younger brothers and sisters or children of the neighborhood, or practice them over by yourself. It is a real art to be able to tell stories interestingly and pointedly.

4. Recreation hours for the children. Jot down games that would be suitable for children of various ages.

5. Progressive Class Work. If you have not already studied the Junior Progressive Classes or the Master Comrade work, procure the Junior Handbook, and qualify in at least some of the lines before camp meeting time. Then get in touch with the Junior worker on the grounds, and offer assistance if it is needed.

6. The young people's reception tent. Acquaint yourself with Reading Course books and all things Missionary Volunteer. Visit the youth's tent often. Help others to become interested.

7. Keep camp clean and help in the dining tent. Take with you to camp suitable clothing for helping with the regular manual labor. No matter whether you are especially asked or not, make yourself a committee of one to keep things neat and clean about you. Some who work there in the dining tent have few opportunities to attend the meetings. Occasionally offer to fill some one's place while that one is refreshed by a good sermon or a much-needed hour of rest.

IN BRIEF: Be thoughtful and helpful. Do not wait always to be asked to do a thing, but on the other hand refrain from making yourself a nuisance. If you are not asked to help in a preferred line, there is something else to do.

Help each Missionary Volunteer to find at least one opportunity on the camp ground this year. E. E. H.

"Steps to Christ"

THE pocket edition of "Steps to Christ" with durable paper cover can now be obtained for the small sum of ten cents each. One of the finest pieces of missionary work that you could do this summer would be to make this precious little volume available to men in the 1,523 Civilian Conservation Corps camps of North America. There are 400,000 young men between eighteen and twenty-five years of age in these camps. Your local conference home missionary secretary has a list of the camps in your conference.

Last year the twenty-three Civilian Conservation Corps camps in the Marysville District of California were provided with clubs of five or ten *Signs of the Times*. When these were first sent, a personal letter was written to the commanding officer of the camp. The two letters that follow are indicative of the appreciative manner in which they were received:

"I wish to thank you and all those who have made it possible for us to obtain copies of the *Signs of the Times*. I know the boys will enjoy the interesting topics contained therein and it will be a welcome addition to our reading room." (Signed) First Lieutenant, 30th Infantry, Westwood.

"This will acknowledge your letter of August 15 in regard to the periodical for our reading room. You may be assured that any literature you may wish to send this company which will improve the men mentally as well as add to their pleasure will be gladly placed at their disposal." (Signed) Commanding Officer, Canyon Dam, Greenville. E. E. H.

Senior and Junior Leaders: Read all footnotes each month.

Senior Missionary Volunteer Meetings

God's Challenge to the Youth

(Program for May 5)

BY LYNDON L. SKINNER

NOTES TO SENIOR LEADERS: God challenges the youth of today as He has of old. Will your members be real Missionary Volunteers?

Songs: "Gospel in Song," Nos. 59, 13, 108, 109, 217.

Response: "Answering God's Challenge," Step I—*Consecration*. Use one of the following consecration songs: "Junior Song Book," No. 36; "Gospel in Song," Nos. 77, 280; or "Christ in Song," Nos. 316, 319, 395. Follow with the talk given in Step II under this heading.

Leaflet: "Why Not Earn a Scholarship?" This is an explanation of the scholarship plan. Ask the field missionary secretary in your conference for enough copies of this leaflet so that each of your members may have one. Be sure to send the names and addresses of those who are interested in working for a scholarship to the field missionary secretary. He will be glad to co-operate with you.

Talk: God's Challenge to the Youth

God has always counted on the youth. The Bible is replete with accounts of important tasks, missions, duties, to which young men and young women have been called. Often when God has had a great mission or message to carry to the world, He has depended largely upon youth to accomplish it.

Joseph, Esther, David, the little servant girl of Naaman, Daniel, and a score of other young men and women stand out in the pages of Holy Writ because of their singleness of purpose, their faithfulness to a heavenly trust, and their hearty acceptance of their divinely appointed duty.

"The same mighty truths that were revealed through these men, God desires to reveal through the youth and the children of today."—*"Education,"* p. 57.

To many of our young people it may come as a surprise to know that God has singled out the youth of the remnant church as the object of a special message. In considering the colossal task of finishing His work in the earth and cutting it short in righteousness, God recognized He would find an army of youth connected with the remnant church who would loyally and faithfully respond to His challenge of service. (Study Joel 2:28-32.)

Our great task and sole purpose should be to do our part in heralding quickly to every nation the glorious good news as set forth in the prophecies of the Bible which say that Jesus is soon coming back to take His redeemed ones home. This great challenge to service, direct from the word of God, should be an inspiration to every Seventh-day Adventist youth.

Talk: Youthful Pioneers

In the pioneering days of our work, as well as today, God mightily used youth in His great work. Here is a list of prominent leaders in the early days of this movement whom God used effectively while they were still young:

James White was ordained at twenty-two.

Ellen G. White accepted Christ at fifteen, and presented her first vision to the believers at seventeen.

J. N. Andrews, our first missionary outside North America, began his ministry at twenty-one.

Joshua V. Himes was converted at eighteen and entered the ministry at twenty-one.

J. N. Loughborough entered the ministry at twenty.

Uriah Smith was twenty when he entered the publishing work.

G. I. Butler was converted at twenty-two, and at thirty-seven became president of the General Conference.

S. N. Haskell was a preacher at twenty.

R. C. Porter was converted at thirteen and began his work at twenty-one.

O. A. Olsen, former president of the General Conference, was president of the Wisconsin Conference at twenty.

A. G. Daniells, former president of the General Conference, was tent master and preacher at nineteen.

W. A. Spieer, former president of the General Conference, was thirty-eight when he became secretary of the General Conference.

God is calling every Seventh-day Adventist youth today to a life of personal service for Him. Will you respond?

Source material for program on May 26: The book, "Fishers of Men." Price, 50 cents.

Response: Answering God's Challenge

STEP I (See Leader's Note)

STEP II

Preparation precedes accomplishment. Our second step in answering God's challenge is to prepare ourselves for lives of service in His great work—to provide ourselves with a Christian education. To plan definitely to be in one of our own schools this fall should be the firmly fixed purpose of every young man and woman of academy or college age. And then we must set ourselves to the business of working our plan.

There are few young people who could not manage to be in school next September if they would start right now making definite plans and arrangements to this end. It takes a backbone, a fixed purpose, and a vision of the part God wants us to accomplish in finishing His work.

Ways and Means.—There are a number of ways by which we may earn the money needed for our expenses at school. If we start right now working on one of them, we shall likely be able to place our name on a matriculation blank at school next September. We cannot all do the same, but here are a few things other young people have done this past year and in other years. If they could succeed, others can also. And one of the plans is certain to fit your case.

Young people on a farm have persuaded their parents to set off a certain tract of land for them and let them have the proceeds from this land to pay their expenses at school. Others have been given cattle to raise and sell.

Some young people have been associated with parents or relatives or friends who are in business of some kind, and certain work and profits have been turned over to them for the purpose of providing them with an educational fund.

At the close of each school year all of our schools are able to employ a limited number of students to work at the school all summer, laying up a financial credit which will give them a good start for the school year. With what they could earn during the school year, this will, in many cases, enable them to finish the year in school. Naturally the number who can do this is limited to those students who have adaptations to do certain lines of work.

A Soul-Winning Way—The Scholarship Plan.—(For full information, see the leaflet advertised in the Notes to Senior Leaders.) But after all, probably the ideal plan that is open to the larger number of our young people is one that gives them an opportunity to have a part in carrying the message to others while still in their period of preparation for meeting God's great challenge. This is the scholarship plan. Twenty per cent of a student's expenses to one of our schools will be paid by the local Book and Bible House, the school, and the publishers, the remaining eighty per cent having been earned by the student in selling our books and magazines.

Each year a score of young people earn their expenses this way, and at the same time they are gaining a training that will prove an invaluable background for any phase of the Lord's work which they may enter after finishing school.

Young men usually sell books or take magazine subscriptions; young women can also sell single copies of our magazines, such as, the *Watchman Magazine* or *Life and Health*. Not only in America, but in Europe, Africa, China, India, South America, and Australia there is an army of wide-awake young men and women going out from door to door with the printed page.

"There is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing; for it involves the performance of the highest moral duties." "The education obtained in this practical way may properly be termed higher education."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. VI, p. 331.

One young woman who is now at one of our sanitariums taking the nurses' course, earned her expenses for two years to one of our academies by the scholarship plan, and when she was ready to study nursing, she went out and sold more literature to pay her initial deposit. She says: "If I were to go on to college, I would do it the *Watchman* scholarship way. I believe it is the easiest way for a young woman to earn her expenses. Any student who wants to go to school can go. Just because your parents cannot send you to college is no reason you should not get out and earn your own way."

Our students who work for scholarships have some splendid soul-winning experiences. The student should always keep before him the fact that he is out to win souls to Jesus, as

well as to earn dollars and cents. The money is important, but the souls are more important in God's sight. If we go out with this spirit in our hearts, we shall have rich experiences, and the scholarship will come as a by-product of our real service to the Master. A scholarship girl in Chicago recently won two families to the message. As the result of the efforts of a girl who was working for a scholarship in Milwaukee, more than thirty-six souls have been directly or indirectly won to this message. Two young men in New York each reported whole families accepting the message as a result of the books they sold last summer.

These same reports could be multiplied many times in almost every conference. Would you not like to have a part in this great work? Decide whether you will use the *Watchman, Life and Health*, or one of our truth-filled books. Thus you may continue responding to God's challenge to the youth of this movement—and His challenge to you!

What Your Parents Mean to You

(Program for May 12)

BY RUTH CONARD

NOTES TO SENIOR LEADERS: This program, coming, as it does, close to Mother's Day, and including in its scope father as well as mother, can be made one of the most interesting programs of the whole year, because it is one of the most personal of topics. Most young people find a responsive chord struck when they hear the magic words "father," "mother," "home." If thought can be given to this program a few weeks ahead of its presentation, and plans laid early, it can be made much more interesting. Suggest that each member of the society bring a father or a mother to the meeting. If a member does not have a parent of his own close enough, it would be thoughtful of him to bring some one else's father or mother, a gesture which would be highly appreciated by the recipient of the attention. If the society funds permit, present a carnation to each mother and father.

Music: "Love at Home," No. 580; "Like as a Father," No. 77; "Faith of Our Fathers," No. 678, in "Christ in Song"; "The Prodigal Son," No. 48 in "Gospel in Song," might be sung just following the story, "That's Thee, Jem!"

Scripture Reading: "Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother." (Given responsively by a young woman and a young man.)

Symposium: (Four five- or six-minute talks.)

1. **Mothers Who Have Helped Make History.** This talk would include the stories of such famous mothers as Mrs. Wesley, who so nobly and successfully struggled to rear, for the Lord's work, her family of nineteen children, all on \$250 a year, her husband's salary; Mrs. Washington, who gave to the United States a man unexcelled in both war-time tactics and the none the less difficult burdens which peace time thrust upon him; Mrs. Lincoln, who, though illiterate herself, yet implanted in her "Abe" such a desire for knowledge that he eventually reached the highest honor that his country could bestow; Cornelia, whose untiring devotion to her two noble sons, her jewels, as she called them, has won for her a permanent niche in the hall of fame; and others. The quotation from Roger Babson may be woven into this talk.

2. **The Undying Love of a Father.** Although it is more often a mother's love that is lauded and applauded in story and song, still the deathless quality of a father's love has been demonstrated over and over again throughout history. There is the story of David's love for his unworthy son, Absalom. Probably the most famous story of a father's love is that found in Holy Writ in the parable of the prodigal son. What this story meant in the life of one young man is told in the story, "That's Thee, Jem!" which may be used as the conclusion of this talk.

3. **Mother, the Dearest Person in All the World.** This talk should be given by a young man who can speak from experience, given in the form of a tribute, and will be best if it is made quite personal throughout, although several little sketches and incidents from other sources may be woven into it, such as "Ain't Mom Wonderful?" A suggestion as to the form this talk might take, may be found in the M. V. Leaflet No. 2, "Mother," by Agnes Lewis Caviness.

4. **Father, My Best Pal.** This talk should be given by a young lady. It should be very personal, and should be delivered by some one who can draw from her own storehouse of memory instances of the love and good comradeship of father. The incidents related under the heading, "With the Help of Father," may also prove of assistance in shaping this talk. M. V. Leaflet No. 3, "Father," by Agnes Lewis Caviness, may be of help in this talk.

Poems: There are a number of poems in "Choice Poems," which may be used today. Other suitable selections may be found in "A Heap o' Livin'," by Edgar A. Guest, including "Father," "Mother," "Mother's Day," and "Only a Dad."

Scripture Reading: "Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother"

BOY: "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

GIRL: "As is the mother, so is her daughter."

BOY: "My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother."

GIRL: "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you."

BOY: "A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother."

GIRL: "The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him."

Story: With the Help of Father

It was a bright fall morning. George whistled merrily as he hitched up the horses in the big red barn out behind the old farmhouse, and prepared for a trip into town, some ten miles away. He clambered up to the seat, gave the signal to start, and was soon heading toward the gate at a jolly gait.

Father had the gate thrown back. "All ready to go, son?" he called cheerily. "Well, good luck, and—" casually, "you might need this before you get back," and he threw an overcoat, which he had been carrying, into the back of the wagon.

"Oh, I hardly think it's necessary," replied George, with a careless toss of his head; and with a quick jerk of the reins, he was soon plowing through the dusty road, between brown stubble fields, gleaming in the late autumn sun.

It was a long day and a full day for George, and the evening shades were already gathering before he had completed his business, and was ready to turn his horses' heads homeward. When he had gone only a short distance, signs of an approaching storm began to glower menacingly from the sky. A brisk whiff of breeze from out of the north whisked past. A still stronger wind whizzed over the fields, and soon a veritable gale was bearing down on the lone boy in the wagon. Darkness came fast, and with it, furies of snow. George looked around him, startled. He shivered, and drew the lapels of his thin coat closer about his neck. It was then that he remembered that coat lying in the back of the wagon. Quickly he reached back and grasped it, and wrapping himself in it, he gratefully snuggled down into its warm folds. As he guided his horses through the blinding storm, and finally reached the little white farmhouse in safety, he realized how large a debt of gratitude for warmth, comfort, yes, perhaps even life itself, he owed to that father of his for his thoughtfulness.

How many times father's teachings, his admonitions, go unheeded by the thoughtless youth when all is running smoothly; and yet, also, how often it is that these same teachings serve, in times of stress and sudden temptation, to save that young person from a pitfall which, without the bulwark of an early training, might have overpowered him.

Story: Ain't Mom Wonderful?

Nor long after the Woolworth Building was put up, a little girl stood on the sidewalk looking up at it with such a peculiar expression that a stranger stopped and said: "Seeing something special up there?"

The child turned to him, gasping: "Ain't mom wonderful? You wouldn't guess a scrub lady could build all that her own self!"

"How come?"

"Oh, all on account of dish mops and curtain rods and pans and dishes and mouse traps and soap and tumblers and pencils and paper and curtains and joolry and I just don't know what all. But every time mom fetches anything home from the five and ten, she says: 'Well, this here adds just one more floor on Mr. Woolworth's tower!' But it's a wonderful big building for mom to put up and keep clean, ain't it?"

"Oh, so she keeps it clean, does she?"

"Sure, she's the one that swabs down the halls and offices, and mops around after hours. That's why she said I dast come down just this once to see it for myself. Ain't mom wonderful?"—*Abbreviated from "And So He Made Mothers," by Margaret T. Applegarth.*

Story: "That's Thee, Jem!"

The little knot of people gathered around the quartet of wandering singers applauded roundly as the performance came to an end, and one of the performers, a tall, interesting young

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man, who had the "look" of one who was "beneath his proper station," tambourine in hand, made the circle of the audience, asking for a donation.

One of the spectators, a kindly-faced man with steel-gray hair, reached into his pocket and produced a black Book, and when the young man reached him, said, "See here, my friend, I will give you a shilling and this Book besides, if you will read a portion of it among your comrades there, and in the hearing of the bystanders."

"Here's a shilling for an easy job!" he chuckled out to his mates; "I'm going to give you a 'public reading!'"

The gentleman opened at the fifteenth of Luke, and, pointing to the eleventh verse, requested him to commence there.

Jem took the Book and read: "And He said, A certain man had two sons: and the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living."

There was something in the voice of the reader that lulled all to silence; while an air of seriousness took possession of the youth, and commanded the rapt attention of the crowd.

He read on: "And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living."

"That's *thee*, Jem!" ejaculated one of his comrades. "It's just like what you told me of yourself and your father!"

Jem continued: "And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want."

"Why, that's *thee* again, Jem!" said the voice. "Go on!"

"And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him."

"That's like us all!" said the voice, once more interrupting. "We are all *beggars*; and might be better than we are! Go on; let's hear what came of it!"

The young man read on with a trembling voice: "And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father."

At this point he fairly broke down and could read no more. His father—his father's house—and his mother, too; and the plenty and the love ever bestowed upon him there; and the hired servants, all having enough; and then *himself*, his father's son; and his present state, his companionship, his habits, his sins, his poverty, his outcast condition, all these came climbing like an invading force into the citadel of his mind, and fairly overcame him.

That day—that scene—proved the turning point of that young prodigal's life. He returned to the home of his childhood, and to the welcoming arms of his parents; and better still, he found his way back to his heavenly Father! He found the promises of the parable of the prodigal son, true both for time and for eternity.—*Abbreviated from "Sabbath Readings."*

I HAVE not been able to find a single and useful institution which has not been founded by either an intensely religious man, or by the son of a praying father or a praying mother. I have made this statement before the chambers of commerce of all the largest cities of the country, and have asked them to bring forward a case that is an exception to this rule. Thus far, I have not heard of a single one.—*Roger Babson, in the American Magazine.*

World Friends in Books

(Program for May 19)

BY L. MARGUERITE PERKINS

NOTES TO SENIOR LEADERS: The following paragraph from "Messages," page 174, may serve as a key thought today: "Far more might be accomplished in the work of self-education if we were awake to our own opportunities and privileges. True education means more than the colleges can give. While the study of the sciences is not to be neglected, there is a higher training to be obtained through a vital connection with God. Let every student take his Bible, and place himself in communion with the great Teacher."

Songs: Nos. 25, 185, in "Gospel in Song;" No. 230 in "Christ in Song."

Books for summer reading—see M. V. Leaflet, No. 79, "What Shall I Read?"

The following may serve as a summary to be given at the close of the program, that the young people may have something definite in mind. Announce that you are going to give every one an examination in reading. Each one is to mark his own paper and pass it in to the leader without a signature. See that every one is properly equipped with paper and pencil, and then announce that you will read five descriptions of types of readers, and each person is to put himself in the class where he seems to fit:

1. Never reads, or possibly reads only jokes and light short stories. Has no interest in religious papers or books.

2. Seldom reads anything but comics, jokes, adventure stories, and sport news. Cares little for the better type of literature. Does not read religious literature at all.

3. Reads national and world news; the better class of novels, and some heavier books. Reads one good magazine and one religious paper regularly; reads Bible once in a while.

4. Reads national and world news in magazines and daily papers; some of best books on biography, history, and poetry. Reads more than one religious paper, and his Bible quite often.

5. Reads national and world news; best books of biography, history, poetry; several religious papers; the Bible regularly. Has succeeded in interesting others in best literature.

While the score is being counted and before discussing the benefits from reading, display a drawing of a large book with pages open toward the audience. Let some Junior Missionary Volunteers or younger Seniors come in one by one and fasten the following on the blank pages, allowing time for reading between strips (the words may be previously printed in large letters on gummed paper, or thumb tacks may be used if book is made of cardboard):

"We read to get information."

"We read to broaden our horizon."

"Books bring to us understanding."

"Books bring to us companionship."

"They enhance and beautify the commonplace."

"They keep before us the vision of the ideal."

Talk: What Do We Read?

AN American bishop tells of an interesting experience in a Western town. He was in a modest bookstore one day, when a rather prominent woman came in to buy a book. When asked what kind of book she wanted, she replied, "Oh, just something to read." An obliging clerk handed her a worthless new story, which she rapidly glanced through by simply turning the pages, and then said, "That looks good. I'll take it." She paid for it without even asking the price. A half hour later the bishop was in the market place when the same woman came in and demanded to see some strawberries. She scornfully refused the first basket of berries and the second that were offered, insisting rather loudly upon "the best you have." When she finally received and paid for a most luscious basket, she announced for all to hear, "I am particular about what I eat." The woman was perfectly right about the fruit. But life is more than food. A cultured mind is one of the great secrets of happiness.

Talk: No Time? No Need?

WHAT are you doing with your time saved by shorter working hours? Or perhaps you say you read enough in pursuing your studies. Caution! Never be too busy but that you can browse for a few moments each day among the choice thoughts of a favorite author—or sail with a brisk salt breeze behind you along the coasts of a near-forgotten isle, delving into its treasures for the sake of science. You will never realize what you are losing if you get into a rut and deny yourself the wholesome recreation of good reading. It will change the tenor of your life. Common experiences will take on a different hue—your horizon will broaden, and the door will be unlocked to life more worth while.

Reading is one means of acquiring an enviable collection of interesting facts. No one ever tires of knowing worth-while things—of having a wealth of information upon which he can draw. One afternoon an acquaintance and I were discussing education. He saw no need for so much "higher education," and frankly said that he himself had no desire for further knowledge. He was getting along in years, and thought he had all that he needed. An hour or so later I caught him completely absorbed in a magazine. I glanced closer at the cover and discovered it to be a popular nature magazine. I "indifferently" introduced the subject of spiders and snakes, and immediately he was all attention! I drew him out bit by bit, and was astonished at his store of information. He had gleaned the interesting truths from his reading ventures into nature's gloriously unending realm of thrills, crowding into

hours the wisdom of years. And yet he thought there was no need of learning! He never bothered to do such a thing!

Aquiring knowledge does not necessarily mean getting that "higher education." This world has avenues leading to a never-ceasing variety of interesting fields of study,—astronomy, science, nature, history, and scores of others. Choose those that appeal to you personally and verse yourself in them through reading.

Talk: What to Do With It?

HAVE you ever been struck by a certain thought—a deep truth that sounded clear and bell-like? You just *wanted to do something about it!* I was reading the other evening in a certain book—and came across just such a gem. I read and re-read it time after time. I wondered why it was there—what should I do with it? The feeling almost overwhelmed me of wanting to *do something about it.*

*And it came to me: That was exactly why that truth had been hidden away there,—that one finding it might do something with it, put it into his life and let it strengthen and impart vigor and purity. And in that book there are *many* such truths, each one waiting to be used. The only way you can get them is to read that book. And the book? The Bible!

There is not one of us but honors the name of David Livingstone. After sixteen years of spending his life for mankind in Africa he returned to Scotland for a brief stay. Gaunt and weary from the sapping heat of the African sun and repeated attacks of fever, crippled from the mauling of a lion, he appeared before the students of the Glasgow University to tell them of some of the battles he had been fighting for man. His closing words were, "Shall I tell you what supported me through all the years of exile among a people whose language I could not understand, and whose attitude toward me was always uncertain and often hostile? It was the promise, 'Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.'"

If Livingstone could find that which would give him the courage to go on, might we not find in that Book strength for the battles which are ours?

Talk: Enrich Your Experience

WHY let your choice of reading matter be a series of severe "Don'ts!" "Don't read this one because it has a *terrible* murder tale in it!" "Don't—this one is permeated with evolution!" There are books without end, of every possible description and taste. Let it not be, "Don't read this one because—" but, "What will this one add to my experience? Will it enrich more than another would?" Why give your friendship and time unless the object is worthy of it? Pick and choose the kind of seed that you want growing in that precious garden of yours,—your mind,—for it will *surely* yield its fruit somewhere. Take only that which will help you to think straight. For you know and I know that the thoughts which pass through our minds in moments of quietness and customary meditation are the governors of our Christian experience more than any other factor, influencing our relationship with Jesus. (Read Prov. 23:7.)

"Good books are guides to lead the wandering feet
In paths of righteousness, and pastures sweet.
Other than these true wisdom never knows,
Other than these are never friends, but foes."

A Book

How good a friend to you and me,
How wonderful a book may be!

A book to spread before our eyes
The realms where richest treasure lies,

And by its kindly touch and tone,
Make other hearts real as our own:

A book where beauty is revealed
And joyous fountains are unsealed,

Upon whose dear paths we may find
A glorious journey for the mind—

Kingdoms of men below, above,
For us to understand and love:

A book! Who loves a book is free
To dwell in all the worlds that be.

—Catherine Cable.

Are you laying plans in your missionary bands for an active summer?

Fishers of Men

(Program for May 26)

BY EMMA E. HOWELL.

NOTES TO SENIOR LEADERS: The meeting today is another to arouse interest in our Study and Service League. Even though you may not have such an organized league, this phase of its work should be included in the work of every Missionary Volunteer Society. We are to spend an hour studying how we may become soul winners. The program is based on the book, "Fishers of Men," which is to be read by all who are qualifying as members of the Study and Service League. It is one that every Missionary Volunteer Society leader should study earnestly. Be sure that you own a copy. It costs only 50 cents. There is so much excellent material in this book that there will be a tendency to make this meeting too long, but select a few points and leave the young people with a desire to read the book. Three to five minutes should suffice for each part. If you prefer longer talks, then choose which you will have. Do not omit the blackboard talk, "Methods of Personal Work." This talk could be a basis for your entire program if you wish to work it up from that angle. If your young people already appreciate the value of personal work, it would be a commendable and most helpful approach to today's topic.

A minister of the gospel once found himself sitting with a board of directors of a certain corporation. They were speaking of the most difficult things in their work, and then the conversation drifted to the minister's work. To illustrate his work, the minister turned to Mr. D., who was a devoted Christian and loyal in teaching a men's Bible class, and questioned him: "Mr. D., you teach a large Bible class. Does it require any extra courage and superior consecration for you to teach that class?" "Oh, no!" he answered; "I delight to do it." "If I asked you," continued the minister, "to assist in a city mission, would that challenge test your courage in a special way?" "Not at all," replied Mr. D. "I would be glad to do it." Just one more question the minister put to this Christian business man: "But what about the man whom you know is not a Christian whose desk is next to yours in your office? What about him?" Quickly he answered, "That's another story."

This work of personal "fishing" for men is "another story" with altogether too many of us who profess to be followers of our Lord and Saviour. Found this meeting on much prayer, and make it count in the lives of your young people!

Scripture: "Jesus' Method of Fishing for Men," Luke 5: 1-11. (For brief comments, read the chapter, "The Saviour's Preferred Method," in "Fishers of Men," pp. 30-34.)

Symposium: "Trophies of Personal Work." Select three to five brief stories from the chapter of this title in the book, "Fishers of Men," pp. 77-93.

Talk: "Tact in Contact." See the chapter by this title in "Fishers of Men," pp. 62-76. This could well be made one point under the blackboard talk.

Blackboard Talk: "Methods of Personal Work." The chapter "Methods" in "Fishers of Men," pp. 94-113, gives side headings and subheads that should be listed on the blackboard as you speak briefly of the importance of each in soul-winning work.

Silent Prayer. After a moment of silent prayer, ask all to remain with heads bowed while a consecrated young person quietly asks such thought questions as are found in the last paragraph on page 17 of "Fishers of Men." Other points may be selected from the chapter, "Personal Responsibility." Ask each one to jot down, at least in his mind, the method of personal work in which he is resolved to engage at the very first opportunity.

Two Methods of Closing:

1. Poem: "Fishers of Men."

Song: "Jesus Calls Us," No. 168 in "Christ in Song," inserting as the second stanza:

"As of old St. Andrew heard it

By the Galilean lake,

Turned from home, and toil, and kindred,

Leaving all for His dear sake."

2. Poem: "The Starless Crown." (See "Fishers of Men," p. 14.)

Closing Song: "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?" No. 552 in "Christ in Song."

Fishers of Men

Down by the sea of blue Galilee
The Saviour passed time and again;
From the shore of that sea He called, "Follow Me,
And I will make you fishers of men."

He is calling today in the same earnest way,
He is calling for fishers again;
And the brightest names known up around God's throne
Will be those who were fishers of men.

—Author Unknown.

Junior Missionary Volunteer Meetings

Boost for the School

(Program for May 5)

BY MIRIAM GILBERT TYMESON

NOTES TO JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS: In place of a Scripture reading use the following quotations from the Spirit of prophecy, giving special study to them in preparing for the meeting: "Counsels to Teachers," p. 427, par. 1; p. 21, par. 1; p. 447, par. 1; "Education," p. 57, par. 3; p. 18, par. 3, and 19, top; p. 13, par. 1.

Songs: "Christ in Song," Nos. 315, 607.

Readings: "From the Diaries of Two Schoolgirls." Clip and paste the readings in books that look like diaries.

Testimony Meeting. Following the above, lead the Juniors to tell "What the Church School Means to Me." Those who are not attending church school may express a desire and determination to do so in the future.

Readings: From the Diaries of Two Schoolgirls

Diary I

September 6.—School opened yesterday. What a crowd of us in grade eight A,—forty in my class. It did seem good to see all the class again.

October 10.—Last night was social night and we had a wonderful party! I wore my new silk dress and it did look pretty. Of course, I didn't wear all the jewelry the others girls did, but I didn't mind that. My conscience hurt me a little as I joined in some of the new games, but I would have felt so queer if I hadn't played! What else could I have done? Maybe I'd better not go to parties this winter. But it is hard to stay at home when every one else is going.

November 14.—Tonight I'm just wondering about something. Our history lesson today was on the development of man from monkey. In Sabbath school we learned that man was created on the sixth day of creation; yet our textbook is so different. My, it does mix me up. I'll talk it over with my dad—he'll straighten me out. The other day I heard dad say maybe next year he would be able to send me to the academy—if I could work some. I wonder if I'd rather go there or to high school!

December 1.—The high school which is right next to our school played a great football game today. It was so exciting! We all went to the game, and yelled and yelled. Afterward we went over to Betty's house to supper—six of us. I had planned to leave early to go to prayer meeting with mother. She asked me to—but it was so hard to break away that I didn't go. Sorry—but I'll try harder next week. Seems like I can never get away from the crowd to do the things I ought to at home or at the church.

December 24.—Tonight we had a marvelous Christmas tree. The assembly hall was decorated and lighted beautifully. Every one brought a present for some classmate. Some of the gifts were expensive. I asked dad for money to buy the gift I was supposed to, but he couldn't afford to give me any. I had some of my money saved for thirteenth Sabbath. Because I had to, I borrowed some of that; but I'll pay it back. I couldn't go without a present—how cheap I would feel!

January 10.—Today Sue and Elaine stopped in on their way home from church school. In sewing class they are making clothes for the poor little Jenkins children. The girls seemed so happy about it. In our sewing class we're making silk pillows for ourselves; mine is a beauty! Come to think of it though, it would be nicer to make something for some one else. Maybe I'll try it sometime.

February 13.—Had an invitation to a Valentine party on Friday evening, so of course I can't go, but it was a real temptation. I'll be in young people's meeting at our church, but I may think about the party a little bit.

April 1.—Only about two months more of school. I'll really be glad when it's over. There have been so many things in school this year that I couldn't do—and I'm no better as a Christian than I was in September. I shall really be glad to get away from so much worldly influence.

June 14.—Our graduation will be tomorrow. Class night was Friday night and I missed it. I've missed a great deal this winter. I told the principal the reason that I stayed away. He said that I was very brave to stand firm for my religion. Now I wish that I had told him before that I am a Seventh-day Adventist. I have been a coward. Next year will find me at the academy if all is well. There my classmates will be boys and girls who have the same ideals and ambitions that I have. After the academy, I plan to take a teacher's course and be a worker in the cause of God. By His help I will serve Him and cast my influence on the side of Christ, shunning the temptations of the world.

The Junior Standard of Attainment examinations may be given this month.

Diary II

September 5.—Church school opened today. There are twelve of us in the eighth grade. There are thirty-five in our room. Most of the boys and girls seem so friendly—I know school will be pleasant this year.

September 8.—Today we had such an interesting Bible lesson—about Ruth and Naomi. It made me want to try harder to be kind and thoughtful to others. Making others happy will bring real joy and happiness to me also.

September 12.—Our Harvest Ingathering campaign started today. I am leader of one band and Esther is leader of the other. Our goal is twenty dollars for each band. We all promised to work hard to reach our goals. The story of missions in the Harvest Ingathering magazine will tell every one about the wonderful work that God is doing in foreign lands. These far-away places need our offerings to keep their important work going.

October 12.—Today was a beautiful fall day. The leaves on the trees are beginning to turn orange and red. The teacher took us for a walk through the woods, following a rippling brook. We studied much nature and geography on that trip. We saw unusual autumn insects in the woods and a few birds. We were reminded of God's great love in giving all these beauties of nature to us. The least we can do for Him is to serve Him better.

December 6.—The Week of Prayer ended today. Our school was divided into six prayer bands. The leader of my band was a sweet Christian girl. She never missed a chance to help one of us. After school she stayed to talk to me about my Christian experience. I thanked her, for I had just been wishing some one would talk to me a bit. This week I have decided to be baptized and join the church.

December 24.—Tomorrow is Christmas and right now there is snow on the ground. How beautiful everything looks. Today our room had a gorgeous Christmas tree. It was covered with presents—no, not for ourselves, for we have all that we need. We each brought a gift of food, clothing, or toys for the poor children. Tonight we will deliver the presents. How surprised and happy the children will be!

March 8.—This afternoon four of us girls went down town to sell magazines. I sold ten *Watchman* and five *Life and Health*. We are starting to earn tuition money for next year. It's not too early to start.

May 18.—Tomorrow is the last day of school. Our exams are over, and I'm sure my grades will be good. What a pleasant year it has been! I have been so happy, and above all else I have learned so much about the Bible. Really, learning memory verses was not very hard, and now that I have started, by the help of God I will learn more of them. To do so will prepare me for my part in helping to finish the work of God in the earth. Soon He will return and I want to be ready to meet Him.

Our Church School Song

(Music: "Farewell to Thee")

O CHURCH school, our own church school, we love thee:
With thee our happiest hours we spend.
The truth that thou dost daily teach us,
With vigor we shall ever defend.
We hail to thee,
We hail to thee,
Thou happy school that knows such pleasant hours,
Again we pledge our love and loyalty
As we return each day.

Our minds here learned to grasp Jehovah's power,
Our hearts to know His wondrous love,
The lessons from His Sacred Word
Reveal the workings of our God above.
We hail to thee,
We hail to thee,
Thou happy home of education true.
Again we pledge our love and loyalty
As we return each day.

When school days on earth shall all be ended,
There will be a glad commencement day,
Our Great Teacher we shall meet in heaven,
And continue our studies for aye.
And then 'twill be
Farewell to thee,
Thou school below that we have learned to love,
A fond farewell we'll say before we part,
To meet in school above.

—Mrs. Frances Howell.

Symposium: "How I Earned Money to Attend Church School"

(True experience. To be told and not read.)

Boy: One boy sold *Life and Health* magazines after school each afternoon. He earned his entire tuition in this way.

Boy: Another boy went from door to door in his neighborhood collecting old newspapers. From the sale of the old pa-

pers he received nearly all the money needed to attend church school.

Boy: Lawns must be mowed and hedges need to be trimmed. One boy was able to pay half of his school expenses by doing this work.

Boy: Another ambitious boy who was not afraid to work washed two or three cars each week. He received seventy-five cents for each car he cleaned. This easily paid for books, tuition, and some clothing.

GIRL: A thirteen-year-old girl took care of a neighbor's baby every afternoon for two hours, and occasionally in the evening. This money she used to pay her school expenses.

GIRL: Mother Brown made delicious doughnuts. She made them three days a week and her daughter sold them. All of the "doughnut money" was used to send Ruth to church school.

Fathers and Mothers Around the World

(Program for May 12)

BY RUTH CONARD

NOTES TO JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS: Of course, Mother's Day always strikes a responsive chord in the heart of every person, whether he is older grown and away from home, or still a Junior and under the parental roof. This program is different from most Mother's and Father's Day programs in that it gives a little glimpse of fathers and mothers in far-off lands. The whole program may be arranged in the form of a dialogue, or exercise. Five or six children, each representing a different country, dressed in the costume indicative of the place they represent, tell about fathers and mothers in their land. At the conclusion, the Christian child tells of the added value of having a *Christian* father and mother. Only a few examples of the talks to be given by the children are presented here, but it will not be hard to find books in your school or city library which will yield a wealth of material on the customs of the different countries. This will be an excellent project for the members of a geography class. Let each member look up the customs of the country he represents, and tell just what he thinks a child from that country might say.

Music: Nos. 74, 50, 19, in "Junior Song Book."

Scripture Reading: Repeat in unison the fifth commandment, if a longer Scripture reading is desired, see the Senior program, page 9.

Alma Mater

The oldest university
Was not on India's strand,
Nor in the valley of the Nile,
Nor on Arabia's sand;
From time's beginning it has taught,
And still it teaches, free,
Its learning, mild, to every child—
The School of Mother's Knee.

The oldest school to teach the law
And teach it deeply, too,
Dividing what should not be done,
From what each one should do,
Was not in Rome or Ispahan,
Nor by the Euxine Sea;
It held its way ere history's day—
The School of Mother's Knee.

The oldest seminary where
Theology was taught,
When love to God, and reverent prayer,
And the Eternal Ought
Were deep impressed on youthful hearts
In pure sincerity,
Came to the earth with Abel's birth—
The School of Mother's Knee.

The oldest—and the newest, too—
It still maintains its place,
And from its classes, overfull,
It graduates the race,
Without its teaching, where would all
The best of living be?
'Twas planned by Heaven this earth
to leaven—
The School of Mother's Knee.
—Priscilla Leonard.

Talk by a Chinese Boy

HONORABLE children of other parents, bear with me while I tell you, in words really too meager to do justice to the subject, about my honorable father and mother. My father I know but little, though I see him almost every day. He wears silken robes, and spends most of the daytime at his shop, where he sells soft, lovely silks. Then in the evening, he often goes to

a luxuriously furnished restaurant a little way down the street from our home, and sits and smokes a long pipe until he becomes so sleepy he slouches down on a couch and goes to sleep. He rarely has anything to say to me, but he speaks proudly of me to his friends, and boasts of the great things I am going to do when I grow up. My mother is different. She has feet so small that they will fit into shoes barely three inches long. And she does so many wonderful things for my most miserable, insignificant self. She has embroidered lovely little satin slippers for me, and decorated them with cat's paws, so I will be sure footed, like a cat. She has sewed little mirrors in my caps, so I will not be bothered with evil spirits, lurking in the lower air. She even calls me "silly girl," to deceive the gods, though I know she is very glad I am not a girl. But, oh! how she frightens me when she tells me about the terrible evil spirits which will swoop down upon me if I do not watch all the time.

Talk by an Indian Girl

SALAAM, my friends. I bow low to you, and scarce feel worthy to gaze into your faces, for I am only a little Indian girl, and despised by every one. I have a father, yes. Does he love me? I think not, for he slaps me, and kicks me, and sometimes whips me unmercifully, calling me all sorts of horrible names, and cursing me because I am a mere girl. He wears yards of cloth wound around his head, and looks very grand indeed in his spotless clothes. All the men of the village seem to respect him very highly, and I am very proud of him, but I do wish sometimes he would be just a little bit kind to me. My mother, I think, really cares for me, though she dares not show it too much, especially when my father is around. And she tells me over and over again how sorry she is that I am not a boy, for I have brought disgrace upon the whole family. She also tells me that soon I shall leave home, and go to live with some man I have never seen, and work for him. I dread the thought, for hard as it is my lot at home, I fear it will be worse without my dark-eyed, gentle-faced mother near me.

Talk by an African Boy

GREETINGS from Africa. I wish you could all see my home and my parents. We live in a straw-covered hut, inside a kraal in the far-away land of Ruanda. My father is big, and tall, and has a great mop of black curly hair, of which he is very proud. He has a long, sharp-pointed spear and a bow and some arrows, which he uses when he goes to war. He is a very good hunter and fighter, and people say when he aims at something, he never misses it. I have also heard that he is very cruel, and if some one does not do just what he wishes, he never fails to avenge his supposed wrong. For that reason I am very much afraid of him. But when he is around our hut, he does very little but sit by the fire and tell stories, or roll into his blanket and sleep. My mother, though, is very different. She is always busy, and works hard in the vegetable patch and in the kraal, cooking meals for her family. But when I am sick, she calls the witch doctor, and no matter how much he hurts me or frightens me, she insists that I do just what he tells me to do. And sometimes, oh, how I wish she wouldn't!

Talk by a Christian Child

FRIENDS from other lands, will you pause just a few minutes while I tell you about my home? I also have a father and a mother. And, oh, how kind they are to me! They expect me to do what they tell me to, for, you see, they are older than I and know much more than I do. But they never become angry with me, for they read the Bible, and follow the instruction of Jesus, the Saviour of us all. My mother, I think, is very beautiful. She does not have very many nice clothes, for we are poor, but I think she has the sweetest face of any person I ever saw. And when she kisses me and tells me how anxious she is that I grow up into a noble man, I know there is no one quite so sweet in all the world. And, oh, how proud I am of my father! He spends all his time telling other people about what a wonderful Saviour we have,—how He loved us so much that He came to this earth and died for us, so that we might some day go to His beautiful home in heaven, and live with Him in a place where there is no sickness, or death, or sin. I know your fathers and mothers have not

Urge the young people and Juniors to lay definite plans to attend camp meeting this year.

had a chance to learn of Jesus. But let me tell you something. When my brothers and sisters and I grow up, we are going across the sea to where you live to tell your fathers and mothers and you folks about our Saviour, who loves all of us and will keep us from sinning. After that you will not have to be afraid of fathers who smoke opium, or treat you mean because you are a girl, and you will not have to shiver when your mothers tell you about evil spirits, for you will know that nothing can hurt you while Jesus is your Friend.

Meet My Friend, Mr. Book!

(Program for May 19)

BY BERTHA WALTON FEARING

NOTES TO JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS: This program is for the purpose of inspiring in the boys and girls the desire to read good, worth-while books, to teach them how to discriminate between books of value and those of mere entertainment, and how to choose a well-balanced list. Now that the summer is coming on, encourage them to make a list of the books they would like to read, choosing two or three from each type, such as biography, travel, missions and mission stories, adventure, culture, nature, poetry. Thus when summer is over, they will feel that they have increased their knowledge in many subjects. Just as they are pleased to introduce worth-while friends to others, they will be pleased to introduce worth-while book friends to others. Choose books as friends.

Make sure that the Juniors know how to read and to study. Bring out the point that reading is of no value if one knows nothing of what he has read after he is through. If you feel that your boys and girls need help on how to remember what they read and how to apply it in their own lives, have some older person, or an older Junior, give a short talk on this phase of reading—giving them a definite outline to follow.

Talk: "How the First Books Were Made." This topic should be assigned to some one for research work in the library. Much material may be obtained from encyclopedias. It should be remembered to cull out only those points that will be of interest to the Juniors—not dry facts. The following is an interesting paragraph such as you will be able to find:

"Often many monks used to work at the same time in copying a book. They tell us that one monk would read aloud while twenty others copied on parchment sheets what he read; thus twenty copies of the same book would be in the process of making at the same time. It was not the custom to make copies of the Bible in this way because the Bible did not sell so readily as the smaller, less costly books. We are told, too, that the most beautiful copies of the Scriptures were made by monks who for years worked alone in their cells, printing by hand, painting and illuminating the precious pages, all for the glory of God."

Blackboard Talk: "How to Read the Best Book of All." Draw an old-time scroll. Above it print in large letters "SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES." On the scroll print the following acrostic, and call upon the Juniors to look up and read the references:

S ystematically. Luke 24:27.
C arefully. Deut. 15:5.
R everently. Ps. 119:161.
I ntently. Prov. 2:1, 2.
P rayerfully. Ps. 119:18.
T rustingly. Acts 24:14.
U nderstandingly. Acts 8:30
R etentively. Ps. 119:11.
E very day. Acts 17:11.
S ecretly. Ps. 91:1.

Care of Books. Teach the Juniors how to "open" new books without breaking their backs and how to care for them thereafter. Just as we are proud of our friends who are neatly and cleanly dressed, so are we proud of our book friends when kept in this way.

Story: As a Boy Thinketh

Junior always got excellent grades at school. Suddenly his report card showed very poor marks. Day by day his marks kept growing lower. What could have happened? Junior's father watched him to see what the trouble might be.

One day he called his son to him saying, "Take this basket; fill it with chips from the woodpile; and bring it back to me."

A little surprised, but obedient, the boy did as bidden, and brought the basket of chips to his father.

"Now," said his father, "I want you to take it down into the basement and fill it with apples."

"Fill it with apples? But how can I when it's full already?"

"Just as well as you can fill your mind with trashy stories,

and then fill it with your school lessons." The father knew. Had he seen the bad books the boy had been reading? But he was a kind, understanding sort of father. He took Junior on his knee, and they had a long talk.

When they had finished, Junior said, "Father, let's use the basket of chips to burn the bad books with." So they did.

The boy's father gave him some worth-while books to take their place. Junior began to think on worth-while things, and soon he again stood at the head of his class in school.

Friends

My books are friends, whose pages hold
What's better than the purest gold.
I turn to them and always find
The best of help for heart and mind.
No matter what my need may be,
My books provide their best for me.
Deep in the hearts of these good friends
Is faithfulness that never ends.

—*Wanamaker's Jollybook.*

A Plea

DON'T throw me on the floor,
When I'm your guest;
Don't soil the black, red, green, or blue,
In which I'm dressed;
Please don't compel me
(You'd not think it right)
To hold a window up
Some rainy night!
With paper knives don't carelessly
My body hack;
Don't fold me stiffly o'er,
And break my back;
For me reserve the quiet,
Cozy nook,
More precious friend you've not,
A wholesome book!

—*Adelbert F. Caldwell.*

Talk: Made or Marred by Book Companions

THE story of Benjamin Franklin's life is familiar to every schoolboy. At seventeen he was a poor, penniless runaway, walking the streets of Philadelphia. As Deborah Read smilingly watched her future husband walk by her door, eating a great roll of bread he had just purchased with almost his last penny, she little dreamed that in a few years his companionship would be eagerly sought by the most cultured of three continents. He did not attend college in the interval, but enriched his mind by industriously employing every spare moment in reading the best authors.

Instead of wasting his evenings in frivolity, as did many of his associates in the print shop, he remained in his room, to dig the priceless treasures from between the covers of some favorite volume. "Often," he says, "I sat in my room, reading the greater part of the night, when the book was borrowed in the evening and had to be returned early in the morning, lest it should be wanted."

History opened to his mind a vision of the growth and decline of nations, the rise and fall of empires, and gave him such a profound knowledge of international policies that he was easily the greatest American diplomat. Biography taught him to live the simple, humble life, and science and poetry made him the wittiest, the most interesting and altogether charming gentleman of his day.

When we remember that nearly all his wisdom was acquired through the practice of careful reading, a habit which he formed in early life, we better understand why he often said that "no man can be truly educated or successful unless he is a reader of books."

No matter what branch of knowledge one desires to take up, all the best thought of the world is at his disposal. In his home, he can begin with the elementary principles, and with a little daily effort, can work his way upward. He may either remain one of the crowd who are traveling the short cuts by reading newspapers, magazines, and cheap books; or he may, through his choice of reading, join in the thoughts, triumphs, and discoveries of the world's greatest men.

Really, we are made or marred by the company we keep, and it is a mistake to think that the influence of our companions will be lessened because they live only in books.—*J. D. Snider.*

"Pictures are windows through which we look,—"

The Test of a Book

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

My Brother's Keeper

(Program for May 26)

BY EMMA E. HOWELL

NOTES TO JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENTS: From the beginning of this earth's history it has been an understood fact that God expects each of us to do our part in helping others. It is plainly seen in the question asked by Cain. When God asked him, "Where is Abel thy brother?" Cain answered, "Am I my brother's keeper?" It was only an evasive answer. Tell the story today (Gen. 4:3-9) and impress the lesson of loving service for others. Connect with this the text Galatians 6:9, 10. Service in small ways is often the best way to win souls, and with these kindly acts, let us always speak the word for Jesus.

Perhaps some of the "diadems" will be for the boys and girls when the time comes for the rewarding of the faithful. A minister once dreamed that he saw rows of beautiful diadems. "Is that big one for me?" he asked, remembering that there had been many conversions in his church. "No, not for you," replied the angel. "That one (pointing to the largest) is for the poor old deaf man who used to sit by the pulpit stairs, and plead with God for souls in the congregation while you preached to them."

If you have that wonderful little book, "Fishers of Men," study the Senior program outline, p. 11. It will give you a foundation preparation for this meeting whether you use any of the material or not. Pray that the Juniors may become real soul winners.

Blackboard Gem: "Every moment is freighted with eternal consequences. We are to stand as minute men, ready for service at a moment's notice. The opportunity that is now ours to speak to some needy soul the word of life may never offer again."—*Christ's Object Lessons,* p. 343.

Symposium: Boys and Girls Who Have Won Souls

THERE are many instances on record where a boy or girl has been able to send a message to a sinful heart, turning it to the true Source of help and comfort, where older persons had been unable to influence it for good.

1. An unsaved husband, whose wife was a Christian and conducted family worship, was won by his little girl, who pleaded with him to kneel with them in prayer.

2. A boy from a London school where the Bible was used as a textbook, read aloud his lessons in the home, and his mother and father, who were Roman Catholics, were led to accept Christ as their Saviour.

3. A little girl noticed the agitation of her father, and believing that he was troubled on account of his sins, said, "Papa, if you were thirsty, wouldn't you go and get a drink of water?" The father was startled by the question, and was led to drink of the water of life, and was saved.

4. A mother was reading to her little children about the sheep and the goats in the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew. A little boy said, "Mamma, will papa be among the goats?" The drunken father, who heard the words, was so troubled that he abandoned his drink for the Christian life.

5. Anxiously looking into the face of her backsliding father, a little girl said with quivering lips, "Pa, is God dead?" "No, my child; why do you ask that?" "Why, pa, you never talk to Him now as you used to," she replied. These words haunted the father until he was mercifully reclaimed.

6. "Mother, I believe I shall not go to Sabbath school any more," said a little girl. "Why?" asked her mother. "Because I feel so ashamed when our friends pass by with me and see papa drunk." The father, who was present and heard the words, was so deeply impressed that he was led to turn to Christ, and was saved from drink.

7. "God is nowhere," was the motto which an infidel lawyer nailed up in his office. One day his little daughter spelled out the words, "God—is—now—here." Her father corrected her, but she soon read it wrong again. The trifling circumstances impressed the man so much that he finally abandoned his infidelity and became a Christian.

8. The daughter of a very wicked man had learned some religious songs. Her mother sent her to the barn to call her father to dinner. The little girl called, "Papa, dinner is ready," and then sang, "Ye must be born again." Each time she would call him, she would follow the invitation with this song. The Spirit sealed the words on the heart of the father, and he soon became a converted man.

9. One day a little girl went to her mother and said, "Mamma, are you a Christian?" "No, Fannie, I am not."

—But the door to the world is JUST A BOOK.

She turned and went away, and the mother heard her say, "Well, if mamma isn't a Christian, I don't want to be one." It went right to the woman's heart, and then and there she gave herself to Christ.

10. A scoffing infidel stood looking at all that was going on in a meeting, sneering at everything, when a little boy stole up, and looking up into the man's face, said, "Sir, aren't you afraid to mock God?" The man went away. He could not rest, and finally he sought God for pardon.

11. Taking her little five-year-old daughter, a dressmaker called on a very wealthy lady. The woman took a fancy to the child, and showed her through the house. She expressed great admiration at all she saw, and said to the lady, "I should think Jesus must come here very often; it is such a nice house. He comes to our house, and we have no carpet; He must come here very often, doesn't He?" The reply came, with deep emotion, "I am afraid not." The child left, but God's message was delivered. The lady related the incident to her husband, and both were led to seek the Saviour.—*Adapted from H. F. Sayles.*

The Touch of Human Hands

Among the hills of Galilee,
Through crowded city ways,
The Christ of God went forth to heal
And bless in olden days.
The sinning and the sad of heart
In anxious throngs were massed
To catch the Great Physician's eye
And touch Him as He passed.

We have not in our hours of need
His seamless garment pressed,
Nor felt His tender human hand
On us in blessing rest;
Yet still in crowded city streets
The Christ goes forth again,
Whenever touch of human hand
Bespeaks good will to men.

Whenever man his brother man
Upholds in helpfulness,
Whenever strong and tender clasp
A lonely heart does bless,
The Christ of God is answering
A stricken world's demands,
And leading back a wandering race
By touch of human hands.

—*Author Unknown.*

Story: Saved by Saving

IN helping others, we also help ourselves. A beautiful story is told of two brothers traveling in Lapland, which illustrates this truth more than whole volumes of aphorisms. It was a bitter, freezing day, and they were traveling in a sledge, wrapped in furs from head to foot—but notwithstanding this, they were almost frozen in the fearful cold. By the wayside they discovered a poor traveler benumbed and perishing in the snow.

"Let us stop and help him," said one of the brothers. "We may save his life."

"Yes, and lose our own," replied the other. "Are we not ourselves freezing in the cold? None but a fool would think of stopping on such a day as this! I would not throw off my cloak of fur to save a hundred travelers."

"I am freezing as well as you," said his brother, "but I cannot see this stranger perish,—I must go to help him."

He was as good as his word. He went to his relief, chafed his temples and gave him wine from his bottle of drink. The effort that he made brought warmth to his own limbs, and he took the traveler on his back and bore him to the sledge.

"Brother," he said, "look! I have saved this stranger's life—and also, I verily believe, my own. I am quite warm from the effort I have made."

But his brother did not answer. He was sitting upright in his furs on the sledge, cold and dead.—*Selected.*

You

"THE world is waiting for somebody,
Waiting and watching today:
Somebody to lift up and strengthen,
Somebody to shield and stay.
Do you thoughtlessly question, 'Who?'
'Tis you, my friend, 'tis you!'"

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS

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

Change in Missions Rally Sabbath.—Special attention of conference officers, church elders, and leaders is called to the article on page 1 by W. H. Williams, entitled, "Monthly Second Sabbath Missions Offering." Church officers should arrange to begin this new plan of receiving the Second Sabbath Missions Offering at the regular church service Sabbath morning, May 12, continuing same each second Sabbath throughout the year.

Church Dedicated on Malekula

ANOTHER triumph on old cannibal Malekula, of the New Hebrides Islands group! It was a happy day for Missionary C. H. Parker and his wife just before they left for Australia. Sister Parker was able to be present and tells about it:

"Another event made us happy just before we left. Aisak is teaching at a village on Malekula, had built a church, and all arrangements were made for its dedication. At just one little spot among the jagged rocks where the waves did not dash, could the rowboat land us safely.

"There stood a row of neat-looking houses, made with bamboo walls and thatched roofs. There was the little church, with cement floor, and a pulpit, behind which handmade planks from trees formed a neat seat for visiting teachers. Appropriate decorations of palm leaves and flowers were to be seen.

"Joe, the Ambrym pioneer teacher who is now at Matanavat, on Malekula, had trained a little choir that sang a number of hymns with the different parts. It was cheering and inspiring to hear them sing. About 200 people were present; about 130 were in the church, and the others outside. At the close of an impressive talk there was more singing.

"The enemy had tried hard to break up the work at this place. Only a year ago men from a near-by island came with muskets and tried their hardest to engage this small company in a fight. Aisak, the teacher, bade his people not to answer back when railed at and challenged, but to go about their work as if they heard not. The enemy called these men 'women' because they would not fight. God gave them the victory, and they held their peace. Later sickness came into their midst. A number died, and some ran away, frightened. Poor Aisak almost lost heart; but his Leader helped him to hold on.

"It was a happy occasion to see this good building, and the shining faces of those whose hearts had been touched by the love of God."

Into Portuguese East Africa

A BEGINNING at last has been made in opening work in the last, we believe, unentered country of South Africa, the large territory on the east coast bordering on the Indian Ocean known as Portuguese East Africa. Missionary H. M. Sparrow, in a recent letter, tells us about it:

"At last we have been able to make a start in the Portuguese country which has been closed to our message for so many years. At present we have Brother and Sister Webster located on a temporary site in that field. The site chosen is near a place called He. They are living in mud and pole houses until we are able to get the permission through for permanent occupation. We have made our application to the government for this site. But of course it takes a long time for the people to move in respect to such application. So we have nothing permanent over there yet, but we hope to have something in the line of our first station established in that field by the end of the year [1933]. There are a number of interests in that field which are very interesting. And I believe that we shall soon have nearly 200 members who have been brought into the truth by some of our Malamulo students going in from Nyasaland. Thus it is wonderful to us to see how the truth finds its way into all tribes of people and new territory."

Then after speaking of reduced budgets, he says:

"However, the workers in our field are determined to hold what we have at all costs. If you could hear some of the pitiful pleas there are for us to open work in the unentered territories to the north and east of us, your hearts would be touched. The workers have made a pledge to hold the work at all costs that we already have, and answer a few of these calls. We have baptized this year 1,061 believers. We believe that we shall have the largest baptism this year since 1921. The Lord has graciously blessed the efforts of our faithful workers, and already nearly 500 new converts have been won during this year into the Bible classes. Surely this is a manifestation of the latter rain. May the Lord help us, one and all, including our faithful people in the homeland in their support of the work in the foreign fields."

Into the Wide Stretches of Brazil

MISSIONARY J. H. Boehm, of Brazil, writes:

"To give an idea how large our field really is, I might mention how that I held the Lord's supper with a group the other day that had not enjoyed this privilege for ten years; and with another company who had not thus met for fourteen years. We cannot get around to all these places. Yet it is marvelous how these people hold fast to the truth, send in their tithes and offerings. Not long ago I went to a new place to baptize some people. After leaving the railroad I had to go three days by wagon; and the man drove fast, changing horses every five to six hours, using four to six at a time, or on the whole trip forty-one different horses. This year we have already baptized 100 believers with many more waiting.

"The president of the state when approached for Harvest Ingathering offering reached down in his pocket and gave \$45, the largest offering we have received. Many others are glad to help in the noble work we are doing. The Lord is with us."

Her Last Message

AFTER long illness, with much suffering, Mrs. C. E. Wheeler, of Rusangu, Northern Rhodesia, writes of the progress of the cause of truth she so dearly loves. Other portions of her letter tell of the approach to the dark valley (which the cables later tell us she has now entered), and thus this is Sister Wheeler's last message to us from out of Central Africa:

"You may already have heard reports telling of the 441 baptisms in Northern Rhodesia. Thirty-six hundred were present at our camp meetings at Rusangu and in all Northern Rhodesia. Sixteen hundred people listened to the sermons here at Rusangu. All joint meetings had to be held outside for lack of room. One hundred and ninety-two were baptized on the Sunday of the meetings. We have been very glad for word of Elder C. H. Watson's visit to Africa. Elders Boger's and Mote's airplane flight to Liumba Hill will go down as the first one in Africa for mission advance. Elders Mote and Wheeler will shortly go to organize the Kaumba church. It is only about nine miles from Rusangu, but comprises chiefly the Matabele settlers, some of whom came up with Elder W. H. Anderson. There is a nicely built brick church there."

Among the First Preachers

We refer to the first of the preachers from among the Mussau Island believers out in the South Pacific, who about two years ago were not God's people, but the usual savage islanders. One of the missionaries took down what one of the boys said as it came his turn to speak (in pidgin English) in conducting a Sabbath service. In closing he said:

"We must be patient, and Jesus will help us, here a little and there a little, and later we shall be able to go out trained. Jesus sent us the Bible, and it is just the same as a sharp ax or knife or spear, but it has both edges sharp, and it pierces our hearts. We do not want to go back to darkness. We are now in the light, and we all know each other, and all are friends.

"We said when the missionary first came, about two years ago, that we would try it, and then we would see if it was 'gammon;' but we have found it to be true. Jesus' second coming is now close up. Noah preached a time of the end, and no one would believe it; and now it is 1933, and we are very near Christ's second coming. I say, Work strong and learn all we can, and then we can help those in Manus, Nusi, etc., who are now in darkness the same as we were two years ago. My talk is now finished."

Others Entered Our Open Door

MISSIONARY F. A. Stahl, because of the removal to another station of workers looking after interests at Iquitos, headquarters of the Amazon Mission, had to forgo returning to the Cashibos, that wild Indian cannibal tribe, so greatly feared, among whom he had pioneered. Of this disappointment he writes:

"I am sorry to say that the priests have gotten in among the cannibal tribe—the Cashibos. They took notice that I came back alive, and saw that these Indians wanted to be taught. The very month that I had planned to have returned up there, they sent messengers to these Indians with rewards to convince the chief that it would be much more to their advantage to have them come and teach them than the Adventists. 'The Adventists would be too strict,' they pointed out, 'would not permit them to eat many things that are so good,' etc. The chief sent men down to the mouth of the Aguatia River to take the priests up there over the rapids. Had not our workers been called away, I would have endeavored to carry out my plan to have established a mission among the Cashibos. I am not discouraged at all, for Romans 9:28 applies in this case. We have done what we could."

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