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## The Change in the "Church Officers' Gazette"

IN January of the year 1914 the CHURCH OFFICERS' GAZETTE made its first appearance. It has served for twenty years as a medium for communicating to officers of our local churches plans, policies, and instruction from the General Conference, to assist in building up the work of the church.

As the work throughout the field has grown, the demands upon the GAZETTE have become greater. It has become increasingly difficult to furnish adequate help to church officers, missionary leaders, and young people's society officers, in the sixteen pages of our paper. For several years the leaders of the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Departments have felt that more space was required to take care of the needs.

After consultation with the Review and Herald Publishing Association it was agreed to publish the CHURCH OFFICERS' GAZETTE in this new size and form. The page size has been made smaller, the three-column style adopted, and the paper increased to thirty-two pages. And all for the same price as heretofore—90 cents a year, or in clubs of two or more copies to one address, 75 cents each.

The changes thus made will give much-needed space, especially to the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Departments. Upon these two agencies rest heavy responsibilities to foster and direct the missionary life of the church. The Home Missionary Department will thus have space to give additional help in the developing of lay evangelists, in Bible training, in promoting literature distribution, and in strengthening the welfare work of the churches. This enlarged paper will give better opportunity for pre-

senting the instruction and help needed for Young People's Missionary Volunteer Societies and Junior Missionary Volunteer Societies.

Not least among the advantages in the present change in the GAZETTE will be the added information which can be given concerning foreign missions. At the last Autumn Council it was decided to take an offering to be applied on the Forty-cent-a-week Fund for foreign missions on the second Sabbath of every month. More experiences, reports, and other items of interest from the foreign fields will appear in the GAZETTE in the future. It is hoped that church elders will make full use of this material.

These changes will also give added attractiveness to the appearance of the paper, and provide for greater va-

riety in arrangement and illustrations.

The GAZETTE is not a competitor of any other periodical or magazine published by our people. It is not for general circulation. It is published for the benefit of the church officers and conference workers. We trust that every church officer and worker may be supplied with it. If the conference or the church is unable to provide this special help out of church funds, we urge that church officers subscribe for it personally.

We bespeak for the CHURCH OFFICERS' GAZETTE in this new form an increased circulation among church officers, and a large place of usefulness and influence in the experience of the churches.

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## Combating Evil

"Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Rom. 12:21.

In proclaiming and maintaining the truth, God's messengers are sure to encounter opposition. Evil forces will be aroused to resist the truth. Instruction is given us in the word, and through the Spirit of prophecy, on how to meet the attacks of enemies fighting against God and His work. Evil cannot be overcome with evil, but evil can be overcome with good. We cannot hope to succeed by using darts stolen from the enemy's quiver. Yet God has provided for His servants some very smooth stones of truth, so to speak, that may be taken from His living word. These are still very effective in bringing to earth many a giant other than Goliath, when wielded in the calm assurance of faith in God and for the vindica-

tion of His honor and glory. The affirming of truth out of God's word does havoc in the citadels of error.

"If Christ had not held to the affirmative in the wilderness of temptation, He would have lost all that He desired to gain. Christ's way is the best way to meet our opponents. We strengthen their arguments when we repeat what they say. Keep always to the affirmative. It may be that the very man who is opposing you will carry your words home, and be converted to the sensible truth that has reached his understanding."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 148.

To Saul nearing Damascus, Christ simply said, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me? . . . It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks." And so it was. Saul did not feel at all good in binding those conscientious men and women, beholding their anguish and sufferings as he haled them

and beat them and dragged them into prison. These truthful words of Jesus only sent the goad pricks still deeper into the conscience of this ardent persecutor who verily *thought* he was doing God great service. And these words changed Saul from a persecutor into an apostle to the Gentiles.

"Those who have departed from the faith will come to our congregations to divert our attention from the work that God would have done." "Your opponents will make statements about your work that are false. Do not repeat their statements, but hold to your assertions of the living truth; and angels of God will open the way before you. . . . Let us never get excited, or allow evil feelings to arise. Christ did not do this, and He is our example in all things." "Let it be seen that you are inspired by the Spirit of Jesus Christ; and angels of God will put into your lips words that will reach the hearts of the opposers." —*Id.*, pp. 148, 149.

It is when "evil feelings" are allowed to "arise" in the heart, however aggravating the opposer's false statements may be, that defeat envelopes. It was here that Moses failed. "Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock?" were his words as he allowed "evil feelings to arise" in his heart.

"If, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. . . . Because Christ, . . . when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously." 1 Peter 2:20-23.

In His conflicts with Satan, Christ set us the example. In the wilderness of temptation, instead of hurling accusations at him, Jesus was ready with a scripture, prefaced with, "It is written." And when Satan misapplied Scripture, using a text to couch a strong temptation, another forceful text was quoted, making clear Satan's sinful design in using the words of God as he did.

If Christ at Moses' grave refrained from using railing accusations in contending with the devil, referring all his wicked accusations and insinuations to His Father, how dare we do so?

Silence often proves the most effective and strongest possible answer. This was King Hezekiah's answer to Rabshakeh's blasphemous railings against Judah and Judah's God. "Answer him not," was the king's command to his people. The king did as

did Michael—he told it all to the Lord in a most wonderful prayer, ending with these words:

"Incline Thine ear, O Lord, and hear; open Thine eyes, O Lord, and see: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent to reproach the living God. . . . Now therefore, O Lord our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Thou art the Lord, even Thou only."

And God saw, He heard, He answered. That night *one* mighty angel was sent into that Assyrian camp, and 185,000 warriors failed to answer

### Special Appointments for July

Home Missionary Day,  
July 7

Midsummer Offering,  
July 21

Educational Day—Offerings  
for Elementary Schools,  
July 28

the rising bugle call the next morning.

Invincible truth belongs to an invincible God. Intrenched here, God's servants, God's people, are within a citadel unconquerable by the hosts of evil.

T. E. B.

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### Soul Conservation Opportunities of the Church Clerk

As a church clerk, I have a vision of the office being more than a routine record of meetings and membership. It is really an opportunity for what is perhaps best called soul conservation—not winning of unsaved souls, but the keeping of souls already in the church. It is true that in our church we have the roll call only once a year, but that does not mean that I communicate with absent members only once a year. I hold myself responsible for writing to every absentee once a quarter. I do this not as a routine matter, but I endeavor to cultivate a correspondence with every absent one. I write as a friend, often never mentioning that I am the clerk, lest it seem that I am writing just as a duty. I always make it a spiritual letter, not just a personal one. I make it clear that I am writing because I am interested in the Christian

experience of the receiver. I report the condition of the church, progress of campaigns, special meetings, additions, or other religious news of an edifying nature. I earnestly solicit a reply that will be of interest to the church. Once a year, I write a more formal notification of the date of the annual roll call, and request a letter to be read then.

I make no claim to being one hundred per cent faithful or successful in this correspondence. But I have the vision, and strive toward it. And the results have been gratifying in helping keep up the health of the church as well as bringing much personal satisfaction to the writer. I find the following in my record of the December, 1932, quarterly meeting: "Of the present membership of fifty-three, thirty-one were present and spoke; five were represented by relatives; five sent letters; seven were absent without word; three traveling in connection with the work; two to whom the clerk failed to write; one had left suddenly; one sent a letter that could not be read; two failed to answer the clerk's letters; three were ill in the neighborhood and were not represented by relatives. Letters were also read from six members recently transferred to the conference church. This review of our membership shows only one in a serious backslidden condition." At the end of 1933 every member of the church was accounted for by letter or personal testimony.—*Clerk at a Church Officers' Convention in Tennessee.*

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# The Home Missionary Department

## A New Era in Missionary Service

BY J. A. STEVENS

**T**HIS number of the CHURCH OFFICERS' GAZETTE marks the beginning of a new era in missionary service. No definite date can be pointed to as the time when the transition took place, but it is apparent that the church has entered upon a new day. There was a time, not so long ago, when the work of evangelism rested upon the conference workers; but in this new day ministers, church officers, and lay members are united in the work of giving the last gospel message to the world in the brief time remaining of this last generation.

Too long has there been failure to recognize that the responsibility of giving the gospel to the world rests upon the whole church. This was the plan established by the Lord Himself. He called twelve men, and set them apart as leaders and teachers of the church; and then He called "other seventy" and gave them appointment, as self-supporting laymen, to prepare the way for His coming into the cities and villages through teaching, preaching, and ministry to the physical needs of mankind. Jesus assigned "to every man his work." Through such a unity of purpose and effort, "the glad tidings of a risen Saviour were carried to the utmost bounds of the inhabited world" during the first generation of the Christian era. "Testimonies," Vol. VIII, p. 19.

It is thus that the last phase of the gospel message is to be quickly carried to every judgment-bound soul in all the world. We have been told that "the work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—*Id.*, Vol. IX, p. 117. And now, thank God, we see "the men and women comprising our church membership" rallying to the standard, and dedicating time, talent, and energy to the proclamation of the gospel message, as never before in the

history of the remnant church. It is a time of enlarged vision and of attempting greater things for God; and thus it becomes very appropriate that the CHURCH OFFICERS' GAZETTE should keep pace with the onward movement.

Through the enlarged Home Missionary Department section of the CHURCH OFFICERS' GAZETTE there will be opportunity for counsel and exchange of suggestion and experience pertaining to the duties of missionary leaders, missionary secretaries, Welfare and Dorcas Society leaders, and leaders of service companies and missionary bands. The material furnished for the first Sabbath missionary service and the church missionary service will be of a more varied and helpful nature; departmental activities will be strengthened through instruction and suggestion, and our budget of thrilling missionary experiences will be drawn on liberally from month to month. There will also be a Query Corner, where ques-

tions and problems will receive special attention.

It will be the constant aim of the editors to make the GAZETTE a vital, living assistant to every church officer, and we appeal for the cooperation of every church board in seeing that the officers of the church are supplied with the journal. We must press together, united in study, in plans, and in work.

During the year 1933, an average of more than eleven hundred people were added to our churches each month through the missionary endeavor of the laity. This is a wonderful record, but far more is possible; and far more will be accomplished when missionary bands are organized in every church, and every church member is trained and assigned a definite part in the missionary program. To this end the CHURCH OFFICERS' GAZETTE is rededicated in this, the first issue of the enlarged edition. The GAZETTE is your helper, and we, the editors, are your servants for the accomplishment of a greater soul-winning work. Let us unitedly move forward to victory.

## First Sabbath Missionary Service

### Ministry of the Printed Page

### Suggestive Program for Sabbath Service

(July 7)

OPENING SONG: "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning," No. 480 in "Christ in Song."

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 8:4-16.

PRAYER.

SONG: "Lifetime Is Working Time," No. 558 in "Christ in Song."

CHURCH MISSIONARY REPORT.

STUDY: "The Importance of Literature Ministry"—A study based on excerpts from the writings of the Spirit of prophecy.

READING: "What Do Ye More Than Others?"

READING: "The Home Bible Study League."

TALK BY LEADER: "Personal Experiences in Literature Ministry."

BRIEF TALK BY CHURCH MISSIONARY LEADER: "Ways and Means."

OFFERING FOR MISSIONARY LITERATURE.

CLOSING SONG: "Bringing in the Sheaves," No. 583 in "Christ in Song."

### Note to Leaders

The theme of this missionary service is a familiar one, but its scope is never exhausted. Never was there a time when our truth-filled literature could be obtained at such low cost and in such great variety as now, and the responsibility for its distribution rests upon the members of the church to a very large degree. The Home Bible Study League and the King's Pocket League should be represented

in every church, and where such organization has not been perfected, the church missionary leader should study Home Missionary Series leaflets Nos. 11 and 7, and make arrangements for enlisting the members in these lines of work. It may not be possible to use all the material which is furnished for this service, but each leader should study to make the service of deepest interest to all the members of his congregation, both old and young, calling upon members of the Missionary Volunteer Society to take some part and to tell of their literature work. Remember that "if there is one work more important than another," it is the circulation of our literature; therefore pray and plan for enlarged vision and fields of service on the part of your members.

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## The Importance of Literature Ministry

(Excerpts From the Spirit of Prophecy)

**Question.**—What question should every Seventh-day Adventist ask himself?

**Answer.**—"Let every Seventh-day Adventist ask himself, 'What can I do to proclaim the third angel's message?' Christ came to this world to give this message to His servant to give to the churches. It is to be proclaimed to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. How are we to give it? The distribution of our literature is one means by which the message is to be proclaimed. Let every believer scatter broadcast tracts and leaflets and books containing the message for this time."—*Christian Service*, p. 145.

**Ques.**—How does literature work compare in importance with other lines of missionary work?

**Ans.**—"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures."—*Ibid.*

**Ques.**—What close relationship exists between the gospel ministry and the literature work?

**Ans.**—"Papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people. In enlightening and confirming souls in the truth, the publications will do a far greater work than can be accomplished by the ministry of the word alone. The silent messengers that are placed in the homes of the people . . . will strengthen the gospel ministry in every way; for the Holy Spirit will impress minds as they read the books, just as He impresses the minds of those who listen to the preaching of the word. The same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the truth as attends the work of the minister."—

*"Testimonies," Vol. VI, pp. 315, 316.*

**Ques.**—What definite instruction came to the church through a messenger from heaven?

**Ans.**—"A messenger from heaven stood in our midst, and he spoke words of warning and instruction. He made us clearly understand that the gospel of the kingdom is the message for which the world is perishing, and that this message, as contained in our publications already in print, and those yet to be issued, should be circulated among the people who are nigh and afar off."—*Id.*, Vol. IX, p. 67.

**Ques.**—What place does the literature work occupy in the finishing of the gospel work?

**Ans.**—"In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."—*Id.*, Vol. VII, p. 140.

**Ques.**—What definite call has been made to members of the church?

**Ans.**—"Church members, awake to the importance of the circulation of our literature, and devote more time to this work. Place in the homes of the people papers, tracts, and books that will preach the gospel in its several lines. There is no time to be lost."—*Christian Service*, p. 147.



## "What Do Ye More Than Others?"

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**I**F ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?" Matt. 5:47. These words were uttered by the Saviour in the sermon on the mount. Many of the Jews assembled on this occasion had been associated with Jesus from day to day. They had walked and talked with Him, they had witnessed His miracles; some had experienced His healing power, and all had been given a vision of higher standards of living as exemplified in the life of the lowly Man of Galilee. Yet it appears that these Jews were still absorbed in their worldly pursuits, and the question, "What do ye more than others?" implies that they had failed to live up to the light they possessed.

Today, nineteen hundred years later, God is leading His people through the last scenes of earth's history. Great light has been bestowed upon the remnant church, and we are permitted to

see the beginning of the fulfillment of the Saviour's assurance and promise, as recorded in Matthew 24:14: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." In view of our privileges and opportunities, the Saviour's question of old comes to us with a special significance: "What do ye more than others?" Intrusted with the glorious message of a soon-coming Saviour, are we individually doing our full share to make this message known throughout the world? What are we doing more than others who know not the times and the seasons, and are in darkness and unbelief? It is a solemn question, which must be honestly answered between the soul and God.

Jesus also said, "If any man serve Me, let him follow Me." John 12:26. In order to be a follower, or a disciple, of the Master, we must fully understand His mission and ministry while on earth. We are told that He came to seek and to save the lost, and that He came as a servant. In following the footsteps of Jesus, therefore, we shall not be led along a royal highway of rank and popularity, but "we shall find His footprints beside the sick bed, in the hovels of poverty, in the crowded alleys of the great cities, and in every place where there are human hearts in need of consolation."—*"Ministry of Healing," p. 106.*

The Saviour's life of service for others was "one of constant self-sacrifice." "All day He ministered to the throngs that came to Him, and at eventide, or in the early morning, He went away to the sanctuary of the mountains for communion with His Father." It was on one such occasion, when He sought communion with His heavenly Father, that He called Peter, James, and John to accompany Him, and there on the mount He was transfigured before them, and they saw and heard the presence and voice of God. The disciples were so entranced by the experience that they wanted to remain on the mountain top, and suggested that they build tabernacles and settle down there, away from the sin and strife of the world. But Jesus quickly turned their attention to their real purpose in life. He took them down to the foot of the mountain, where the throngs were assembled, and there they found a poor lunatic boy in need of immediate help of a spiritual and

physical nature. Too often, in our spiritual experience, we are inclined to remain on the mountain top of blessing and Christian fellowship. But the Master ever leads His followers down to mingle with the needy human family, and bids them minister to both soul and body.

One of the greatest instrumentalities for proclaiming the message of truth is our literature; and the literature ministry, chosen as the theme for special consideration in all our churches at this Sabbath service, is of such varied nature as to include every Seventh-day Adventist as a diligent literature worker. The Spirit of God accompanies the books, periodicals, magazines, and tracts as they go into the homes of the people, and all over the land there are thousands rejoicing in the message because of the light brought to them through the literature ministry. Little did the humble colporteur realize that the sale of a copy of "Patriarchs and Prophets" to a young man, more than thirty years ago, would result in the customer's accepting the third angel's message and becoming known as "the apostle to the South American Indians." But such is the story of the conversion and work of Pastor F. A. Stahl, director of the Amazon Mission of Peru, whose work among the Indians of South America is well known to Seventh-day Adventists. What a reward is in store for the literature worker who sows the seed, which in God's own time and way brings forth a harvest in souls far beyond our power to comprehend.

One of our lay members placed a copy of one of our books in the home of a woman living in Pittsburg, Kansas. At first the book was considered of so little value that the mother tossed it onto the floor for her child to play with. The little one became interested in the pictures, and began to ask so many questions that the mother was compelled to read the book so as to give an answer. Thus it came about that the message of the book reached the heart of the mother, and in due time the family of three—father, mother, and grandmother, united with the remnant church; and it was not long until a church of fifty-one members was organized in the city.

More than thirty-five years ago, a consecrated sister placed a tract deal-

ing with the Sabbath question in the hands of an immigrant with whom she came in contact. The young man was not able to read the tract, but he carefully preserved it. Several months later he found a friend who could read English, and who translated the message of the tract into Swedish. This young man accepted the truth, returned to his home in Sweden, and began working for his relatives. Later on he became one of our faithful field secretaries in Europe.

A brother whose heart had been touched with a desire to take part in the literature ministry, decided he would engage in selling the Crisis Series books. During the first two weeks he sold only four books, and considered his work a failure, and gave it up. How often the devil tries to hinder God's workers by leading them to feel that their work is in vain! But the promise is that God's word shall not return unto Him void, and we should never judge the result of our work by the apparent results. Well, this discouraged literature worker attended a camp meeting later on in the year, and what was his surprise to find himself recognized by a stranger on the camp ground, who said she had bought a book from him at one time, and that as a result of reading the book she and her husband had accepted the third angel's message, and that they had come to the camp meeting expecting to be baptized. Did the two weeks' spent in literature ministry pay?

A sister in the Pacific Northwest, desiring to do her duty in the Missions Extension effort, placed a copy of the book entitled, "Story of Jesus," in a neighbor's home, where it especially attracted the attention of the nine-year-old daughter. The child read and re-read the book, and in simple faith she came to know and love the Saviour. Some nine months later, this child contracted diphtheria, and as she lay at the point of death she begged her mother not to worry, for she said she was ready to die, since she had learned that Jesus loves her. But she requested that the "Jesus book," as she described it, might be buried with her. Today a mound of earth marks the resting place of this "little one," who learned the great lesson of life through the printed page.

These are only glimpses of what is

being accomplished day by day with our truth-filled literature. May I appeal to every member of every church to consider the responsibility involved in the call to engage in the literature ministry? There are many avenues of effective service in this ministry. If the Spirit of God should impress your heart to enter the colporteur field, and give your life to the distribution of the literature, do not delay, for this is one of the most blessed experiences which can come to human beings. If it seems more appropriate for you to engage in the sale of our truth-filled periodicals or magazine, begin at once by ordering a supply of the *Signs*, or magazines such as *Health, Life and Health, Watchman*, or *Liberty*, and begin work in a definite territory. The publishers of this literature will gladly give full information and help in getting started in this good work. Perhaps you cannot get away from home to engage in the sale of literature, but you can do a great work by becoming a member of the Home Bible Study League, which is one phase of the church missionary work, and send out the missionary papers each week accompanied by letters and special contact as may be required. You may also be able to volunteer as one who will agree to keep the Public Library in your community supplied with literature, or to fill reading racks scattered in public places. In addition to all this, every person can be a member of the King's Pocket League, making it a daily duty to scatter one or more tracts along life's journey. There is something for every one to do in this Heaven-appointed literature ministry. How glad we should be that we may have a part in the most glorious work ever committed to men.

Happiness and joy do not come by being served, but in whole-hearted service for others. A blind brother, who spent all his time selling the *Watchman Magazine*, attended the Colorado camp meeting a few years ago, and one day as he was making his way across the campus to the large tent, a friend took him by the arm and led him along, suggesting that it would be only a short time until he could throw away his bamboo stick, and with the restoration of his sight would be able to enjoy the glories of the earth made new. This blind brother listened to what was

said, but made reply as follows: "I do not dwell on that thought nearly as much as I do on the question of what I can do in order to bring as many souls as possible to share the great blessings which are in store for the redeemed." This is the true missionary spirit; the spirit that will keep our hearts cheered and will help us through the days of difficulty and stress ahead of us.

We are bidden: "Cast thy bread upon waters: for thou shalt find it after many days," Eccl. 11:1. In a special sense, those who engage in literature ministry are casting "bread upon the waters," not knowing who or how many hungry souls may find spiritual food in the literature scattered abroad. But the promise is sure: "Thou shalt find it after many days," and very often partial results come to light within a very few days. On every hand there are opportunities for sowing the seed bountifully; "and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

Again the Master asks: "What do ye more than others?" The Seventh-day Adventist denomination is recognized by religious leaders in all the world as being very diligent and persistent in printing and scattering literature. We thank God for this recognition. But there is no room for self-complacency. The question to you and to me is, "What do ye more than others?" We can all do more than we are doing. "Let us now, by the wise use of periodicals and books, preach the word with determined energy."—*"Colporteur Evangelist,"* p. 101.



### How the World Views Our Literature Work

A GREEK Catholic priest reprimanded his parish in the following manner: "The Seventh-day Adventists carry on a very clever propaganda to win converts to their faith. The most powerful lever in winning people is the kind of literature they produce. It is written in a very subtle way, creating on the part of the people a strong desire to read more, until they are fully persuaded of said doctrines. We do not mind their preachers so much; it is their literature that gives us the trouble. We find it everywhere. This people have sold thousands of dollars' worth of literature in our district, and the worst part of it is that

the members of the Greek Catholic Church have purchased it, whereas you have hardly purchased a dollar's worth of Catholic literature."

A missionary journal refers to the Seventh-day Adventist mission in Korea, as follows: "Wisely and well has this mission seen beyond the more limited horizon that bounds most of us, and have put their emphasis on books, thus reaching a world where no missionary goes, a world that never comes to church, a world that is proud and old and distressed, and needs the light of hope as much as any. I propose that we take off our hats to the Seventh-day Adventists, and make a deep bow. They have had more sense and vision than the rest of us. All other things pass away, printed pages alone remain."—*Eastern Tidings*.



### The Home Bible Study League— an Important Phase of Literature Ministry

BY GEORGE BUTLER

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THE term, "Home Bible Study League," is the modern name of the oldest and one of the most successful soul-winning agencies in the hands of the laity. The name and all that it stands for was adopted into the great missionary family of the General Conference Home Missionary Department in the year 1924, and during the present year the league celebrates its tenth birthday.

The distinctive characteristic of the Home Bible Study League is the ability to carry on systematic distribution of missionary literature in a two-fold sense: (1) it provides for the consecutive order of subjects week by week; and (2) it furnishes a reliable method for the distributor and the reader to get together. These two special features make it possible to ascertain, to a reasonable degree, the actual results from the expenditure of time, cash, and materials.

From house to house in personal delivery, or through the mails, the Home Bible Study League provides for a systematic course of Bible study through the printed page in the order in which an evangelist would present a series of studies on the message in a tent or hall effort. It is so simple that every church and member

may take part. It is so practical that it appeals to all who have an understanding of its simplicity. It is economical in that literature is left with only the persons who are willing to accept and read it, thus increasing the value of its accomplishments.

This method of literature ministry has long since passed the experimental stage, and has proved its worth in hundreds of cases. It has been the writer's privilege to conduct Home Bible Study League efforts in scores of churches, in four different conferences, during the last ten years, and the success has more than compensated for all expenditures in time and money. In one conference thirty churches organized and carried on the Home Bible Study League, and through this channel 4,000 families were visited each week. The league workers had the joy of seeing scores of people accept the message and unite with the church. In five different cities a new church was raised up to the credit of the united efforts of ministers and lay members.

In the Ohio Conference during 1932 and 1933, forty-two churches conducted a Home Bible Study League effort. Some of these are now in their fourth series. At one point we were calling upon 6,000 families weekly. About 800 members took part in distributing the literature, which was largely done through the house-to-house method, postage being quite a consideration during these depression years. Hundreds of written and oral requests were received, and scores of our people were drafted in for giving Bible studies. In a few places we could not meet the demand; in others the requirements were somewhat less, but in every place some interest was apparent.

Dealing primarily with literature distribution, the Home Bible Study League calls into service a successful soul-winning agency, in which all members may take part. It brings our members in touch with the public, and the more contacts, the more interests found. Following those contacts and interests there is necessarily created a demand for Bible readings, and it is easy to organize and conduct a Bible training class in churches where, on all sides, urgent requests are coming in for some one to come to the home and explain more fully the truths presented in the literature.

The more homes we enter, the greater the need which is brought to light, calling for Christian help work, and general welfare service. But the work does not end there. It brings new members into the truth, and thus helps to strengthen the work at home and in the mission fields. To bring the message direct to the homes of the people in a systematic way, and to follow it up efficiently, is a special feature of Home Bible Study League endeavor, and the result is always seen in members added to the church.

This is not theory, or some fanciful idea of a league enthusiast, but it is based on experience. Of the eleven churches added last year in our field, five were raised up by laymen who distributed literature and followed up the interest with readings and meetings. In these places the conference worker did the baptizing only. In other places the league paved the way for evangelistic efforts by conference workers. In the three counties where we raised up a new church, much of the work was done by laymen in systematic literature endeavor. We are planning on even greater things through this method in the forty counties in which we have no church to date. We cannot see any better way to meet the specifications in "Testimonies," Volume IX, page 117: "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." The Home Bible Study League is the answer to this and to that other statement: "The very simplest modes of work should be devised and set in operation among the churches." It furnishes an avenue of service for the one-talent or the five-talent member. It leads people to study their Bibles, and that creates a demand for instructors in Bible topics. Such service builds up the spirituality of the worker, and at the same time wins souls. After following the Home Bible Study League plan for ten years, and observing the results, I can most heartily recommend the plan to every church. The missionary committee of the church should plan for the organization of the league, arranging for the supplies to be used and the territory to be worked. The committee should also keep in touch

with the progress of the work, and, where interest demands, arrange for proper persons to give Bible readings or conduct cottage meetings. Should the interest develop to such an extent as to call for a public effort, the situation should be presented to the conference committee for attention.

For full information and detailed instruction concerning the organization and work of this important phase of literature ministry, study Home Missionary Series No. 11, entitled, "The Home Bible Study League," which may be obtained through Book and Bible Houses at a cost of only three cents.

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### Ways and Means of Literature Ministry

No other branch of church missionary work spreads out in so many broad avenues of effective contact, and provides ways and means of service adapted to the ability and talent invested in each member of the church, as does the literature ministry which God has so definitely established for the finishing of His work on earth. A survey of the different methods of scattering our truth-filled literature, reminds one of the experience in going into a cafeteria and selecting from the extensive menu the special foods which appeal to individual taste. Let us take another glance over the literature methods and see if there are not some new and untried suggestions which can be adopted at once.

1. *The Colporteur Work.*—This calls for dedication of life and full-time service. The colporteur evangelist is pioneering the way for the message of truth in every country, city, town, and hamlet, and the angels of God go before him and accompany him as he goes to the homes of the people. There is no phase of evangelistic work which brings the individual in closer touch with heaven, or in which there are more miraculous experiences, than the colporteur work. In every conference there are leaders in the colporteur work, ready to assist any who feel that God is calling them to that phase of literature ministry.

2. *Magazine Sales.*—Not every Seventh-day Adventist can spend his entire time in literature sales, as does the colporteur; but there are many who can devote a portion of each week

to definite work with our magazines, such as the *Watchman*, *Life and Health*, *Health*, and *Liberty*. All these magazines come fresh from the presses each month (*Liberty*, quarterly), and present a most attractive and appealing appearance. The sale of these magazines from house to house or in business sections, is work of the most dignified nature, and leads to permanent lists of regular customers and true friends. Here is a field of remunerative and enjoyable service which has not begun to be filled, and it is open to adults, youth, and children. For special information write to Elder N. Z. Town, General Conference Publishing Department, Takoma Park, D. C.

3. *Free Distribution.*—Varied lines of endeavor come under the section of "free distribution," and there is no limit to the degree of work to be carried on, and no excuse for any one who does not take some part.

a. There is the *house-to-house literature ministry*,—leaving a copy of the *Signs of the Times* or *Present Truth*, or possibly an envelope containing an assortment of tracts, at each home, promising to call again at a stated time to exchange the literature for other current issues. Such endeavor leads to friendly contacts with people and opens the way for Bible studies.

b. There is the *missionary correspondence* feature, or in other words, the Home Bible Study League plan, which means that a club of missionary papers is taken by the individual or the church, to be mailed each week to names and addresses of persons manifesting some interest, as secured from colporteurs or from other sources. By this plan a church can cover an entire county with literature, and thus proclaim the message in territory where the conference worker has not been able to enter. There is no more inspiring or effective work than this, and it should by all means be in operation in all our churches throughout the world.

c. Diligent use should be made of *tracts*. Inclose them with personal correspondence, carry them in the automobile or inside the shopping bag, and scatter them everywhere. The King's Pocket League calls for volunteers in the work of scattering a definite number of tracts each day. Tract Carrying Pockets are provided, and special series of tracts furnish

up-to-date ammunition. There is the Hope of the World Series just issued from the Pacific Press Publishing Association, and Our Day Series, from the Review and Herald Publishing Association, and Good News is conveyed in a series of twenty-five numbers furnished by the Southern Publishing Association.

*d. Supplying Literature to Public Libraries.*—This is a very important part of literature ministry, which does not involve a heavy burden on any church. Find out just how many public libraries there are in the community, call for a special donation to pay for a year's subscription for the *Signs of the Times*, the *Watchman Magazine*, or other literature, to be sent to each library at the special price offered by the publishers. Think of the thousands of readers to be reached through the small investment of money required.

*e. Reading Racks and Tract Racks.*—Reading racks in hotels, depots, and other public places should be kept filled from week to week with current literature. Some person in the church should accept the responsibility of keeping these literature racks in good condition, and never allow them to become empty. A model tract rack for public use may be obtained at low cost. There should also be literature racks conveniently located in every home, where the busy housewife can always find seeds of truth to pass out to the agent or delivery man, or daily callers on any errand. One of our busy housewives took a Quaker Oats box and fashioned a tract rack out of it. By covering the box with wall paper, it became a thing of beauty, and was hung by the side of the front door and kept filled with papers and tracts. In reporting the experience, it was said that "no one, not even a mop agent, was allowed to get away from the door without receiving some word of truth." Wonderful literature ministry is possible right at the front door of every home.

The story of Elder E. W. Farnsworth's tract rack is an interesting one. In a church officers' convention Elder Farnsworth told of nailing a tract rack to a tree in front of his house, and was kept busy filling it up after passers-by had helped themselves to its contents. Elder Farnsworth said he did not know of any

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## Church Missionary Services

July 7

MISSIONARY TOPIC: Literature in Public Libraries.

TEXT: Matthew 24:45, 46.

SUGGESTIONS: We live in a time when a veritable deluge of literature of all kinds is coming from the printing presses of the world. The percentage of literacy is mounting higher and higher, as education is made available to the children everywhere. A wonderful variety of publications—newspapers, magazines, pamphlets, and even books—appear on the news stands. For a few cents per week, one may become a subscriber to the Book-a-Month club. Public Libraries offer a bewildering array of publications, some good, much unprofitable, and a large percentage positively bad.

God has committed to us the responsibility of circulating the best literature that has ever been printed. In many languages it is proclaiming the last warning message to judgment-bound people. Everywhere our churches are responding to the needs of the hour, pressing into the opportunities that are before us to acquaint our neighbors with the fact that Jesus is soon to return for His own. However, one of our most favorable opportunities of reaching the reading public is often allowed to remain unimproved. This opportunity is the Public Libraries in cities and towns.

Librarians, as a rule, are ready to give our books and magazines a place in the library. Our publishing houses make a special subscription offer for library work. Your church should make the necessary arrangements for placing in the Public Library or public reading rooms, the *Watchman*, *Signs of the Times*, *Life and Health*, *Health*, *Liberty*, and such books as "Christ's Object Lessons," "The Desire of Ages," "Ministry of Healing," books by George McCready Price, and others of our publications that will not be considered controversial. This is a wonderful field of missionary work, and many thousands of the reading public can be reached in this way. Every member of the church should esteem it a privilege to share in the cost of this soul-winning work,

assured that he will reap rich dividends in souls saved in the kingdom of God.

July 14

MISSIONARY TOPIC: Missionary Opportunities in the Summer Months.

TEXT: Proverbs 10:5; 25:13.

SUGGESTIONS: Summertime is harvest time. But summertime could not be a harvest time without the tilling of the soil and sowing of seed. This is just as true of a harvest of souls as it is of vegetables, grains, or fruit. The only spontaneous harvest is made up of thistles and weeds.

Seventh-day Adventist church members should lay definite plans for their summer missionary work. It is a season of toil from early morn till late at night for many of our members, hence there is all the more necessity for definite and careful planning. Budget the time, and make a place in your busy program for the Lord's work. A tenth of your gain belongs to God, and in addition to that you are asked to make offerings from the nine tenths that are your own. The Sabbath, a seventh of your time, is to be sacredly observed; you are to keep it holy. But you are also to dedicate a portion of the working time that is yours to the work of the Lord. Thus the windows of heaven will be opened unto you, and the Lord will fulfill the promised blessing of Malachi 3:7-12.

What are you to do with this dedicated portion of your time? Not all will do the same work, but there is opportunity for missionary service for every member of the church. Grow vegetables to be canned for welfare work next winter, or can some fruit. Be a faithful attendant at the church correspondence band to help mail literature. Secure a supply of tracts to be placed in the berry boxes you sell, or other produce that will be deliv-

### Suggestive Program

Prayer .....	2 minutes
Reports .....	4 minutes
Presentation of Topic .....	8 minutes
Closing .....	1 minute



ered in packages. Do you operate a milk route? Leave customers copies of *Present Truth*, *Hope of the World*, or *Good News*. Join a Bible reading class or a home hygiene class, and be prepared for better service in the autumn. Make vacation time that comes to you a time of real missionary service. Be sure to take your Bible with you, and with it a good supply of missionary literature. Hungry souls will be glad for spiritual food, and you will get a greater blessing from your vacation. If a series of meetings is being held in your locality, be a faithful attendant and help the evangelist to garner souls. In other ways you may make the summer a time of blessed fruitfulness in soul-winning service.

### July 21

MISSIONARY TOPIC: Soul-Winning Experiences.

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 4:7.

SUGGESTIONS: "We have this treasure," the apostle continued, "in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." God could have proclaimed His truth through sinless angels, but this is not His plan. He chooses human beings, men compassed with infirmity, as instruments in the working out of His designs. The priceless treasure is placed in earthen vessels. Through men His blessings are to be conveyed to the world. Through them His glory is to shine forth into the darkness of sin. In loving ministry they are to meet the sinful and needy, and lead them to the cross. And in all their work they are to ascribe glory, honor, and praise to Him who is above all and over all."—*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 330.

### July 28

MISSIONARY TOPIC: Cheer for Patients in Hospitals.

TEXT: Psalms 41:1. "Blessed is he that considereth the weak, or sick [margin]: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble."

SUGGESTIONS: With such positive assurance from the word of God, we may well give study to best methods of bringing cheer and courage to the sick—both in institutions and in homes. Brief visits at the bedside, where circumstances permit, will prove to be a blessing, if the visitor carries a sympathetic atmosphere and a cheery, hopeful countenance. "A

merry heart doeth good like a medicine," the wise man said, and patients in hospitals greatly need such medicine. A bouquet of flowers will express the loving care of our heavenly Father, and will bring cheer and happiness. Sometimes a card bearing a comforting promise, is attached to the bouquet, and adds to its effectiveness. A book or a paper may sometimes be appropriately left with the patient, and there are times when the sweet voice of song will meet the need of the sick one better than anything which could be said or done. A brief word of prayer should be included if the patient desires. When "visitors are not allowed," a cheery card of greeting may be mailed, giving assurance that "somebody" remembers and cares for those who are shut in. Children's hospitals afford special opportunity to the Missionary Volunteers for carrying Scripture cards, flowers, *Little Friends*, *Youth's Instructors*, or dainty scrapbooks of a varied nature.

Too often we are so busy with our own affairs that we forget the sick, or at least to the extent of visiting

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### The Flower in My Pitcher

"No Visitors," was on the door  
That lovely Sabbath morning,  
And in the darkened chamber lay  
One shut in from the dawning.  
No sermon from the chaplain kind,  
Nor sound of hymn could reach her;  
But love preached such a gospel sweet  
From a flower in her pitcher.

"I grew," the lovely flower said,  
From Sharon's branching bower.  
Christ's heart has made my petals red  
With love from hour to hour.  
His sacrifice I offer you,  
For I, like Him, am riven  
That through my broken branch and bloom  
His love divine be given."

"This morning God sent down His love  
To one shut in from splendor,  
And friendly bearts, stirred from above,  
Obeyed His message tender:  
'Send her a branch and flower and bud,  
My love through them shall reach her,  
And let them preach beside her bed  
Their sermon from a pitcher.'

"Dear friend, that words could speak  
To you  
The gratitude that's welling  
To God and you for this sweet rose,  
Your love so gently telling,  
Thank you and Him, and O, be sure  
No word from priest or preacher  
Has ever told the gospel as  
This flower in my pitcher.

"God make us hear His messages  
More clearly, more completely,  
That every heart we meet may hear  
The gospel told more sweetly.  
May glance of eye, or touch of hand,  
Or word, or deed, or token,  
Or such sweet silence as this flower's  
Preach love that can't be spokeo."

them regularly. Let us try to remember more fully the golden rule, and do for the sick that which we would so greatly appreciate were we to suddenly change places with them. The poem, "The Flower in My Pitcher," was written by a patient in a hospital, and is a beautiful tribute of appreciation for the interest of friends who seek to bring cheer to the sick.

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definite results from this work, but that he had received much pleasure in watching the literature disappear. But as Elder Farnsworth sat down, a brother in the audience arose, and this is what he said: "One evening I was called over the telephone by a man who wanted to make an appointment for a Bible study, as he had many questions he wanted answered. On visiting this man, I learned that he had been getting the *Signs of the Times* each week out of a reading rack down on the street (Elder Farnsworth's box), and had become very much interested in a number of subjects. The man is deeply interested, and the Bible studies are being continued with every prospect of winning him to the truth." Such a word was indeed good news to Elder Farnsworth, and the incident should help us all to realize the opportunities for far-reaching service which are at our very doors.

Much more might be said concerning the use of our large variety of foreign-language literature, which proclaims God's message of truth in all languages spoken by the foreigners residing in North America. There is also the special literature sent out from our many publishing houses located in the world division of our organized work, suited to the special needs of the workers and the people to be served.

May God's Spirit impress upon our hearts today as never before the solemn obligation resting upon every one who professes to believe the third angel's message to find his place and to do his full part in the literature ministry.

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## Missionary Leadership

### Strong and Courageous Leadership

THREE times over, in the first chapter of Joshua, it is recorded that Joshua was admonished by God to be strong and courageous. The work to be done required consecration and energy, it demanded faith and courage. Armed with these weapons of the Christian soldier, Joshua was to wage a triumphant warfare for his Lord. It is cheering to note that glorious victory attended Joshua's leadership, and at last he could say, "There failed not aught of any good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass." Joshua 21:45.

Leaders of the remnant church have been called to lead the armies of Israel to victorious warfare in these last days. The march toward the kingdom is a battle-scarred way, and the enemy of God contests every step of advance; and to the men and women in the leadership of our churches there comes again and again the word of the Lord, "Be strong and of a good courage." A vivid picture of the last great conflict is given in the following words:

"In vision I saw two armies in terrible conflict. One army was led by banners bearing the world's insignia; the other was led by the bloodstained banner of Prince Immanuel. Standard after standard was left to trail in the dust, as company after company from the Lord's army joined the foe, and tribe after tribe from the ranks of the enemy united with the commandment-keeping people of God. An angel flying in the midst of heaven put the standard of Immanuel into many hands, while a mighty general cried out with a loud voice: 'Come into line. Let those who are loyal to the commandments of God and the testimony of Christ now take their position. Come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters. Let all who will, come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord

against the mighty.'" — "Testimonies," Vol. VIII, p. 41.

The coming Harvest Ingathering campaign will be another major offensive in this age-old struggle between the prince of darkness and the hosts of the Lord. And there are no neutrals in this conflict, no bystanders. There have never been any neutrals in the struggle between truth and error. Every intelligent being in the universe is lined up on one side or the other as a militant representative of the king he serves. If we are not fighting on the Lord's side, we are fighting against Him.

In the Harvest Ingathering campaign which is rapidly approaching, every member of every church should be enrolled as a valiant soldier in the army of the Lord, strong and courageous and victorious in individual endeavor. To you, as pastor, elder, or missionary leader, we must look for the enlistment of your membership. To accomplish this essential aim, you will need to plan for the missionary band organization, which has proved so successful in hundreds of churches during past campaigns. If your church is not already organized in accordance with the class band arrangement, see that the organization is perfected before the opening of the Harvest Ingathering campaign in your conference. During July the church board should give study to the entire Harvest Ingathering campaign proposition, and make careful plans to insure the reaching of the goal by the church. The eternal destiny of souls hinges on the success or failure of your church in the coming campaign.

Ingathering success in any church does not come by accident, but rather it is the result of prayerful, careful planning and hard work on the part of the church officers to put the plans in operation. *Wishing* for victory will not produce the result; but persistent effort based on courage and confidence, will triumph. To you who are leaders, we appeal for Joshua leadership,—men who are "strong and very courageous;" and such leadership will win in the 1934 Harvest Ingathering campaign.

We face another year in our mission work with our foreign mission treasury all but scraped to the very bottom; reserves depleted, the staff of workers in heathen lands pressed down under nerve-breaking loads of work, and their hearts torn by the appeal that is constantly heard through a thousand opening providences on every side. God has promised that the wealth of the world shall flow into the treasury of His work in the last days, and we have witnessed the fulfillment of this promise many times, as courageous men, women, and young people have gone forth to tell of the wonderful things God is doing for His church and through its ministry for the people of every land. What account will you be able to render to God for your leadership of the church under your direction? What will be your record in the 1934 Ingathering campaign?

The message which the Lord gave to Joshua is recorded for our encouragement and admonition: "I will be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. . . . Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:5-9. J. A. S.

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### Suggestions to Band Leaders

MISSIONARY band leaders occupy a very important place in connection with our staff of church officers. Their history dates back to the days of the exodus movement, when Moses was directed to select leaders of thousands, leaders of hundreds, leaders of fifties, and leaders of tens. These leaders were essential for the success of the exodus movement, and their qualifications were clearly specified. They were to be "able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness." Ex. 18:21. No doubt there were many details that had to be mastered by these chosen leaders, but only the fundamental qualifications of character are recorded.

In every church there is need of men and women qualified to bear the responsibilities of leadership who will respond to the call of the church board, and many hundreds of such band leaders are rendering faithful service to the church, and constantly increasing in experience and efficiency.

The following suggestions are of value to band leaders, as a help in enlisting the members of bands in successful soul-winning work:

1. Remember that the one who leads must know the way himself.

2. Be willing to do what you ask the members of your band to do, and lead them in the doing of it.

3. Don't worry—PRAY. Prayer changes things.

4. Be a teacher rather than a preacher. Your life will preach the things you teach.

5. Be a yokefellow with your band members. Go with them, one at a time, as they engage in the various missionary activities. "Let the teachers lead the way in working among the people, and others, uniting with them, will learn from their example. One example is worth more than many precepts."—*"Ministry of Healing,"* p. 149.

6. Be studious. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." 2 Tim. 2:15.

7. Familiarize yourself with all the principles and plans of missionary work, as outlined in the Home Missionary Series leaflets.

8. Be sociable. Call the band members together for prayer and counsel once or twice a month. In union there is strength.

9. Be of good cheer. Courage is contagious, and so are the "blues." Radiate faith, and talk success in all your endeavors.

10. Be cooperative. Band leaders are "workers together" with God. The church board and the missionary leader outline the missionary plans for the church. Put yourself and your band strongly behind these plans and work earnestly for their success.

J. A. S.

## Departmental Activities

### An Ideal Fifteen-Minute Missionary Service

It was my privilege to observe the fifteen-minute missionary service conducted in one of our larger churches in an ideal manner. After Sabbath school had closed, and the three or four people who desired to do so had left, the deacon closed the doors and the church missionary service began at once. The church missionary leader took his place in front of the platform, and in a clear voice, so as to be heard distinctly by every one in the room, he announced the topic for the day and proceeded to elaborate upon it. Later he called on Brother A to relate a missionary experience which had occurred during the preceding week. The brother responded, speaking briefly and to the point. Sister B read a letter just received from a person reached through the Home Bible Study League endeavor.

The leader then announced that the missionary reports would be made out, whereupon the band leader distributed the weekly missionary report cards. Every member reported his missionary work for the week. Some had much to report, others had little to report, but all reported what they had done. Then the band leaders collected the cards and placed them in the envelope. Then the church missionary

leader offered the closing prayer, asking God's blessing upon the faithful workers during the coming week. After this, everybody was prepared to listen to the sermon for the day. Each had done his part, had reported his work, and all were in a better mood to receive the message of God's servant at the regular preaching service.

What is good and practical in the eighty-three churches observing the church missionary service in Canada is good for all churches in Canada, and everywhere else. Plan your fifteen-minute service well, and work your plan. Do not waste brain power working up excuses for not conducting the fifteen-minute missionary service, but begin to put the plan into practical demonstration, and watch your reporting membership increase.

J. H. ROTH,

*Home Miss. Sec., Canadian Union.*

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### Missionary Reporting System

A CORRECT knowledge of the actual standing of an organization, institution, or movement requires accurate reports as to numbers, business, and progress. In our denominational organization a great variety of reports is required, some having to do with publishing houses, sanitariums, or

schools, and still others dealing with our evangelistic work in all the world. What a hopeless task it would be to carry on such a world-wide work, involving so many varied activities, without regular reports. Certainly our wonderful reporting system has had much to do with the great progress of our work down through the years, and this is especially true of our home missionary reports.

*The 100-Per-Cent Goal.*—Every member of every church in every part of the world is a unit in the laymen's missionary movement, and is a potential worker and reporter. Hence our goal is 100-per-cent working and reporting membership. Cheering progress toward this goal is apparent. Many churches have reached and passed the 100-per-cent goal; in fact, entire division conferences have far exceeded 100 per cent. In the North American Division, some of the larger union conferences have passed the 50-per-cent mark. There is an abundance of proof that the 100-per-cent goal is within comparatively easy reach of churches, and is a very reasonable goal for conferences, unions, and even divisions.

*"Why Report?"*—This is the title of Home Missionary Series leaflet No. 4, which should be studied carefully by every church missionary officer, and its suggestions become operative in each church. In this connection, however, we desire to call attention to an erroneous statement which appears on page 15 of this leaflet, which is based on a slight misunderstanding of our departmental policy governing the reporting membership. Please note that the last part of the paragraph on page 15, under the heading, "The Goal—100-Per-Cent Reporting Membership," just following the words, "reporting pathway," should read as follows: *Encourage band members to check "present" if they are in attendance at the missionary service; even though they may have no missionary work to report. It will enable the band leader to keep an accurate record of the working members, and will also encourage the idle member to go to work for souls. Of course, those marking themselves "present" are not included in the record of reporting members until they report some definite missionary work. It is better for the band member to report merely*

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# Church Missionary Organization

## The Church Missionary Secretary's Personal Questionnaire

**T**HE duties of the church missionary secretary are numerous, and sometimes it is worth while to take a fresh survey of the field of operation. The questions below will help to bring to mind and to keep in mind the many important things which should receive attention. It should be remembered that neglect anywhere along the line serves to weaken the missionary organization of the church; and to just the extent that the individual church is weakened, will the missionary organization as a whole be affected. The chain of missionary endeavor which binds God's people together is only as strong as the weakest link; therefore, there must be no weak links anywhere. Should there be inability to measure up to 100-per-cent efficiency in answering the questions asked, do not be discouraged, but resolutely aim to reach the 100-per-cent mark in the shortest time possible. It might be well to ask the church missionary leader to check up on the same list of questions, and to render special help on the weak points.

1. Does your church have a missionary organization? .....
2. Does the missionary committee meet regularly? .....
3. Is your territory organized and districted? .....
4. Does every member of the church have his assigned work? .....
5. Is the band organization functioning? .....
6. Is literature being distributed systematically? .....
7. Are cottage meetings being held? .....
8. Are the members of the Bible training class kept busy? .....
9. How many tract racks are you keeping filled? .....
10. Are classes conducted for training in home hygiene? .....
11. Is the Home Bible Study League functioning? .....
12. Is the first Sabbath missionary service observed regularly? .....
13. Is the fifteen-minute missionary service conducted each week? .....
14. Are the missionary reports collected each Sabbath? .....

15. Is your report received at the conference office on time each month? .....
16. Do you render a report of the church missionary work each month? .....
17. Do you use the Band Members' Weekly Report Blank? .....
18. Are the Public Libraries in your city supplied with one or more truth-filled magazines? .....
19. Are any church members engaged in the sale of magazines? .....
20. Do you receive the CHURCH OFFICERS' GAZETTE and make use of it? .....
21. Is there a club of the *Signs of the Times* coming to your church? .....
22. Is the *Review* and *Herald* in the home of every church member? .....
23. Is the church sending the *Liberty* magazine to government officials? .....
24. Is your monthly account with the Book and Bible House paid up? .....
25. Are you bringing to the attention of the church members the new books and literature coming out from time to time? .....
26. Are you engaged in personal soul-winning work? .....

## Query Corner

### Pertinent Questions— Logical Answers

*Is it consistent with the departmental missionary reporting policy to include the help given to our own church members when filling out the report blank for "Persons Helped," "Hours of Christian Help Work," "Clothing Given Away," etc.?*

While our missionary records are compiled primarily from reports of our own members of work done for those not of our faith, we have no objection to the inclusion of reports of such work as is specified when required in behalf of our own church members.

*Is it considered a duplication of reports when a person states the "Hours of Christian Help Work" as one item, and "Articles of Clothing Given Away" as another item, when both apply to one individual helped?*

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"present," than not at all; but the aim is 100-per-cent working and reporting members. "A good report maketh the bones fat." Prov. 15:30.

The correction will be made in the next edition of Leaflet No. 4, but for leaflets now in circulation, leaders should be prepared to make correction and to maintain our established policy.

*Changes in Report Blanks.*—Some changes have recently been made in the topics listed on the Individual Report Blank No. 1, also on blank No. 1-A (which is also known as M. V. Record Blank No. 4-A). We have added "Hours of Christian Help Work," "Bouquets, Fruit Baskets," and "Announcements" along with "Books, Periodicals," etc. The addition of these items on the individual blanks requires corresponding change in Blanks Nos. 2 and 3 (Church Missionary Secretary and Conference Secretary), and these changes will shortly appear on the new stock.

*Problems.*—We invite church officers to write the Query Corner for help on any troublesome missionary problem.

Questions for answer in this corner should be sent to, Secretary, Home Missionary Department, General Conference, Takoma Park, D. C. No name will be published.

*as another item, when both apply to one individual helped?*

No. It is proper to report each item of missionary endeavor irrespective of the number of people helped. But when it comes to reporting "Persons Given Needed Help," the same person should not be counted for every phase of help rendered.

*Should a person report as missionary work the giving of treatments or other kinds of work for which remuneration is received?*

Nothing is to be reported as "missionary work" for which financial remuneration is received.

*What constitutes a missionary visit?*

A personal call combined with an effort to impart some feature of our system of truth.

## News From Soul Winners

### Personal Experiences in Literature Ministry

RECENTLY I filled an appointment in one of our smaller churches. Having visited the church on several occasions, I felt quite well acquainted with the members. As I looked about over the audience I seemed to know all present with the exception of one lady, whose face was new to me. In connection with the service I presented the *Signs of the Times*, and called on the church to take a club for missionary work. In response to the appeal, this stranger arose to subscribe for three copies, stating it was through this paper that she had been led to accept the truth. This gave encouragement to other members, and we secured a nice club of papers in just a few minutes. After this matter had been well taken care of, I presented before the church the great opportunity afforded in placing "The Great Controversy" in the homes of people not of our faith. Almost immediately the same lady gave her order for the book, and paid for it in cash. At the close of the service, she related to me her experience, as follows:

She said that about twenty-five years ago she was a member of one of our Chicago churches. During the war, and at the time of the building boom which followed, her husband entered the real estate brokerage business. They became prosperous, and gave up the truth. They had moved to the city where I was visiting, just three weeks before, and she said that on Wednesday night of the week preceding the service, she dreamed she was reading the chapter in "The Great Controversy," entitled, "The Time of Trouble." When she awoke, she was much impressed, and convicted as to her spiritual condition, and resolved that she would endeavor to find the people of God and unite with them. The following Sunday morning she attended the Baptist church, and there made inquiry as to the location of the Seventh-day Adventist church. She decided to go to the church that same evening, and when she arrived

about seven o'clock she found the building lighted and preparations being made for the evening meeting. Usually no service is held in the church on Sunday evenings, but on account of my appointment the meeting was arranged for. The lady said she entered the church with feelings of deep emotion, and when she heard the reference to the *Signs of the Times*, the periodical which had brought the message of truth to her years before, and then when "The Great Controversy" was referred to, and recognized as the book connected with her impressive dream of a few nights before, she marveled at the way God had directed her steps. Surely God is leading men and women back to His fold.

H. K. HALLADAY,  
Home Miss. Sec. Mich. Conf.



### The Life That Wins

A PRACTICAL illustration of what may be accomplished through faithfulness and loyalty to truth in the face of opposition and difficulty, is found in the experience of one of our church members who accepted the truth a few years ago, as the result of the work of a colporteur. The woman was a widow, mother of several children. Soon after accepting the truth it became necessary for the family to move to a rural mountain community, to be near relatives; but the relatives were bitterly prejudiced against the truth, and not only they, but the people in the neighborhood, did everything possible to discourage the poor woman. Space will not permit a lengthy description of the experiences she passed through, in all of which God's protecting hand was clearly seen, but I will quote from a recent letter written by this sister, in which she refers to the situation as follows:

"My first trying experience was with the family living up the stream just back of my house. When we moved here they began at once to show their hatred, and the children of the family were encouraged to annoy

us. Whenever I left home to visit the sick, or for any purpose, I would find on returning that some of my chickens had been killed and the evidences left on my porch, or the supplies in my cupboard had been tampered with. Often the spring house was invaded, the milk poured out, and the butter spoiled. At one time they scattered flour, sugar, and salt over the floors in the different rooms. Sometimes the cow would be turned into my garden, and the results of my labor there destroyed. This treatment continued for two years, but with the Lord's help I endeavored to rise above it. Every time the children belonging to this family passed by the house I would greet them kindly, and often give them cookies or pie, at the same time trying in every way to make friends with the parents. But they continued to be very distant, until circumstances brought about a change which gave me an opening to their hearts.

"There came a time when these people were finding it exceedingly difficult to make ends meet. It was all I could do to get along myself, but I shared groceries with them, and interested myself in their welfare. I obtained shoes for the oldest boy, and also for the mother. The friendly interest manifested, in spite of their opposition, caused the mother to become just a little appreciative. But then the devil stirred up some of the neighbors to engage in untruthful gossip as to what they claimed I had said about the family, and this so enraged the woman that she came to my house, with a long whip in her hand, declaring that she was going to use it on me. But I kept calm, and prayed that God would help me meet the situation in the right way. I do not know just what I said, but I know that the Lord took control, and truly did 'lift up a standard against' the enemy. It was a dark and rainy night, and the woman had come alone, without a lantern; so I gave her a coat, and sent one of the lads to escort her home with a light. The next time this woman came to see me, she was in quite a different frame of mind, and now she is a good neighbor and a true friend; and more than that, she has become a Christian and has been baptized. She told me that for two years she watched me, with hatred in her heart, trying to find some occasion for doing me harm. Not once during all

my trouble did I say anything about the Bible or religion, but I never ceased to pray that God would open the way to bring the light of truth to their attention.

"All this time my own mother had done everything possible to drive me from my faith, and to prejudice my brothers against me; so that the persecution endured from my own flesh and blood was worse than that brought against me by others. But I earnestly prayed for strength to endure without complaining, and watched for opportunities to win their hearts. My mother became very ill, and just before she died she called me to her bedside, together with my two brothers, and then she put her arms about my neck and begged me to forgive her for all she had said and done, and asked my brothers to forgive and to treat me in a different manner. The change which has occurred in the attitude of my brothers and relatives is so great that I cannot cease praising God for His great mercies.

"Still another experience, which occurred more recently, may be of interest in revealing how God changes hard hearts. A short time ago a worker came to hold a series of meetings in the schoolhouse in my neighborhood, but there was one man who was so opposed to the meetings that he took it upon himself to nail up the building and prohibit any one from entering.

Then we obtained the use of an empty store, belonging to a man who was interested, and the meetings continued for a brief period. A few weeks after the meetings closed, the family of this man who closed the schoolhouse and who had not spoken to me since, came down with the measles. The mother and nine children were all ill at the same time, and I went to the home every day for two weeks and helped to take care of them. I took their washing to my home and cared for it, and also prepared special food and carried it to them. In spite of all that could be done, one of the children died. It was twelve o'clock at night, but the father, instead of sending for the deacons of his church, as is the custom here, or for some of their own relatives, came after me. I went at once, and bathed and dressed the body, and did what I could to care for the situation until other help came. That man now says that the nights will never be too dark or cold or rainy for him to do anything he can for me or mine. He has purchased a Bible, and he and his wife are studying God's word for the first time in their twenty-one years of married life. I thank my heavenly Father for this victory."

As the result of the faithful seed sowing by this Christian woman during the years, there is now an organized company of Seventh-day Advent-

ists. The entire group is anxious to have a house of worship. One brother promises to give the land and to help work on the building; another brother promises to give twenty-five dollars and help in building; and still another offers to provide the lumber, so it will not be long until there is a church building erected.

This is but one example of what may be accomplished through the faithful witnessing for Christ by the lay members, in a quiet humble way, followed by a series of meetings, conducted by a consecrated layman. What has been done in this needy mountain section of North Carolina, can be done wherever there are men and women who love the Lord and make the daily events of life the occasion for demonstrating the reality and power of Christianity.

R. G. STRICKLAND,  
*Home Missionary Secretary, Georgia-  
Cumberland Conference*

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### Service

If I have strength, I owe the service of  
the strong;  
If melody I have, I owe the world a  
song;  
If I can stand when all around my post  
are falling,  
If I can run with speed when needy  
hearts are calling,  
And if my torch can light the dark of  
any night,  
Then I must pay the debt I owe with  
living light

—Charles Coke Woods.

## Have You Enrolled?

**A**N oft-repeated question heard on all sides these days is, Have you enrolled in the Church Officers' Reading Course? This is an important question for church officers to answer. At the close of the first three months of the present year there were seven hundred affirmative responses,—at least there were 700 enrollment cards signed, and sent in to the General Conference Home Missionary Department. The probabilities are that there are many more church officers and their friends reading the three books selected for the Reading Course, whose names have not been placed with us.

This is an invitation to all church officers who are not included in the Ministerial Reading Course or the Missionary Volunteer Department Reading Courses, to join the reading circle which has made such a good start in 1934, and to request all readers who have not sent in their names and addresses to us, to do so promptly, either by post card or letter. Mutual benefit is derived by enrolling as a member of the reading circle, as will become apparent through special announcements and contacts maintained.

Any one desiring information concerning the 1934 Church Officers' Reading Course, or the selections for the 1935 Reading Course when announced, should inquire of the conference home missionary secretary, or write the

GENERAL CONFERENCE HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

# Missionary Volunteer Department

## Officers' Notes

### An Active Part

SUMMERTIME is opportunity time for young people. Out-of-school activities open the way for a splendid experience. Missionary Volunteer Society officers, the executive committee, need to think frequently about the purpose of carrying on our young people's meetings. We would do well to think of that portion of the Missionary Volunteer Pledge which says "to take an active part in the work of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society, doing what I can to help others and to finish the work of the gospel in all the world." If the young people's society is to do for the young people of the church what God intended it to do, every member of that society must "take an active part."

It might not be out of place to discuss here the significance of activity in the learning process. To learn is to acquire or change behavior; really, to learn is to acquire a new way of behaving. Dr. W. H. Kilpatrick, in discussing how learning takes place, says, "Practice is necessary. We do not learn what we do not practice. If it is a skill we are considering, we must practice the skill. So with an idea. So with an emotional response. So with an appreciation. Whatever the behavior, if it is to be learned, it must be exercised. If a child is to learn kindness to his sister, he must practice being kind to his sister." True learning cannot go forward without real experience in the practice of the thing to be learned.

The significance of what has been said is that the society meeting and every other activity of the society must engage the activities of its members. The program should not merely be memorized or read, but these parts in the program should form the core around which the individual builds his own participation. We shall learn to speak before a group just to the degree that we practice speaking before a group. We shall learn to memorize Bible passages just to the degree that we actually memorize. We shall learn to conduct Bible readings or cottage meetings just to the degree that we practice these things. The eager, forward-looking young person will look upon every part assigned to him and every opportunity for service as a mighty opportunity for personal growth, and in growing he will bless others. The listeners are not the true learners; the doers are the learners. I wonder if during this summer period we cannot build into the thinking

of our young people in all our societies the idea that the Missionary Volunteer Society presents an opportunity for experience that will make them rugged and strong in their own Christian experience and will better fit them for the rough and tumble of life.

A. W. P.

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## I Was Wondering . . . About Stops and Starts

### (And the Summer Slump)

EXPRESS TRAINS go pretty FAST.

OR THEY seem to, anyway.

BUT DID you ever notice THAT THE "locals" run just AS FAST.

BETWEEN STATIONS?

YES, SIR, you watch them AND SEE.

IT'S THE stops the locals MAKE THAT use up the time.

STOPPING AND starting are GREAT LITTLE time takers.

I WAS WONDERING if it ISN'T THE stops and starts we MAKE IN life.

THAT USE up a lot of OUR ENERGY.

AND MAKE our trip slower THAN IT ought to be.

IN CHURCH work, for example.

IF WE would just go along ALL THE time.

PULLING STEADY and strong. INSTEAD OF high-speeding so MANY THINGS.

FOR A few weeks.

AND THEN slowing way down.

WE'D GET a lot MORE DONE.

OF COURSE there are some THINGS TO be done in their SEASON. AND all that.

BUT WE don't need to BE SO stoppy and STARTY IN our work.

—McAlpine.

## Our Theme for July: Vacation Values

VACATION values! The term indicates that there must be some real values wrapped up in the covering of what we usually consider the vacation months, of which July is typical. And there are!

1. This warm weather and the general vacation let down will test the mettle of every one in your Missionary Volunteer Society when it comes to patient and continuous well doing, regardless of how others may be summing up their vacation values. Can the Master count on you? And you?

2. The first week's program leads right to the second. There is no one so obscure that he does not have an influence on some one else. We cannot live to ourselves. Then, how can we live for ourselves?

3. "Live for More Than Material Things." The very times we are living in emphasize this topic. We cannot afford to foster only bubbling ideals; we must put foundations under the firm principles and ideals that we hold.

4. If we are standing the tests of the first three topics for this month, we shall enjoy studying "Why We Are Seventh-day Adventists." Be sure to begin that denominational history class promptly at the close of this meeting. It may be the very best time of year to get together, especially if members are scattered and school hours and cold weather make it difficult to settle upon a meeting time in the winter months. Vary the class meetings. Meet out of doors sometimes. Let different ones look up all they can find about a denominational history character that they admire. Others may cull current mission items from the *Review and Herald* and some of our other papers in connection with the study of our missions. Sometimes you may want to spend the hour reading around from the history text or additional material you have gathered. Seek in every possible way to make the history of this denomination real and living to the young people.

Or, if you have already completed denominational history study, there are unlimited phases to the Study and Service League work. The soul winning and Bible reading lines will bring joy and satisfaction if carried on. Two reports from Inter-America show what young people can do:

"We have many visitors in our church every Sabbath, and many are inquiring about the truth. I have been giving Bible studies to two families that have heard about the truth

Bands are as essential to a strong Missionary Volunteer Society as hoops are to a barrel.—J. A. Tucker.

just recently. Some of our young men are holding cottage meetings in the suburbs and are having very good attendance. Other young people also are giving studies." (From Mrs. Orley Ford, Guatemala City.)

"One young man has been holding meetings, with the result that forty have signed the covenant to keep all God's commandments. Other young people are busy giving Bible readings and studying how to give better ones." (From the Leeward Islands.)

E. E. H.

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### Advertising M. V. Meetings

THE way to make meetings interesting is to have them well attended, and to have them well attended they must be interesting—it works both ways. It pays to advertise—even your M. V. meetings. Find some one in your society who is clever at making posters, and have him make some to advertise your meetings. Each Sabbath have a poster to advertise the next week's meeting. At our society in Brookfield we have difficulty in having a large attendance because there are so many societies close by. So we advertise and call people up and personally invite them. Not long ago our subject for the meeting was "Prayer." I made a little poster with the outline of a small Yale lock key at one side. At the top I wrote, "The Christian's Magic Key—Do you have it? Come to the Missionary Volunteer meeting and get in on the secret." I did not say anything about the subject, prayer, at all. This was enough to arouse the curiosity of people.

Another week we had for our subject "Hobbies." I took a piece of light paper about nine by eleven inches, put a margin around it, and put the picture of a hobbyhorse on one side. At the side toward the top I wrote, "Have You a Hobbyhorse?" Then below, "If not, you need to get one right away. For ideas: Attend the Brookfield M. V. Society. If so, we want you to come anyway."

For the subject "The Rule of the Golden Rule" a small ruler was gilded and attractively pasted to a poster.

You must read your GAZETTE ahead of time and then ideas will come to you from time to time for advertising and for additions to the GAZETTE programs.

IRMA LEE HEWETT.

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It is not the length of time we labor, but our willingness and fidelity in the work, that makes it acceptable to God. In all our service a full surrender of self is demanded. The smallest duty done in sincerity and self-forgetfulness, is more pleasing to God than the greatest work when marred with self-seeking. He looks to see how much of the spirit of Christ we cherish, and how much of the likeness of Christ our work reveals.—"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 402.

### What the Successful Society Leader Does

#### An Acrostic

Works hard to make his society a success.

Has good, workable plans.

As anxious to use plans of others as his own.

Takes much time for secret prayer.

Takes time to meet his executive committee often.

He keeps in close touch with every working band.

Every day he prays for the society, its members, and its work.

Studies the Gazette faithfully.

Urges all members to observe the Morning Watch.

Counsels often with band leaders about work.

Calls often on church elder for suggestions.

Endeavors to have all in working bands.

Sees that every officer understands his duties.

Sees that every officer does his work thoroughly.

Finds time to do much personal work.

Urges regular attendance.

Lets the Review keep him posted.

Secures Reading Course books for library.

Opens and closes every meeting on time.

Cordially greets every member and visitor.

Insists tactfully upon thorough preparation.

Ever keeps the M. V. goals before society.

Too busy to become discouraged. Yearns, prays, and works for the unconverted.

Looks after Study and Service League interests.

Ever preserves good order in meetings.

Arranges for some one to call on absent members.

Does not forget to arrange for details.

Encourages Bible Year members to keep up.

Reports faithfully, and urges all others to do so.

Does many other things no one else dreams of.

Of course, he attends all church services.

Ever and always puts forth his best efforts.

Succeeds because he works too hard to fail.

—Inter-American Division Messenger.

### Sabbath School With Branches

[This would be a most commendable work for Missionary Volunteers to do. The summer months are the time to gain an entrance. The first Sabbath school could be conducted out in the open, if necessary. Then as favor is won, doors will open. One "branch" from your society may mean souls won and stars in your crown.—Ed.]

TREES with branches are common to all the world, but Sabbath schools with branches are not so well known. In Chile some six years ago a Sabbath school in the central south, after having their own service in the morning, divided into eleven groups to go in as many different directions and to hold as many branch Sabbath schools. They covered an area of twenty-five miles' diameter and were a wonderful blessing to that part of the country. At the time the idea originated, the church numbered twenty-five or thirty members, and now it numbers nearly a hundred. Many others are in the isolated list of the conference.

Recently we have discovered another school which has branched out. It carries on its work in a different way. The school appoints six persons each Sabbath to attend the six branches they have. Different persons are appointed each Sabbath, so that those who were out the previous Sabbath will be in attendance at the main school and be able to report on the work of the branches. The secretary of the main school reads her report, and without announcement the various leaders of the branches arise, each giving a short report of the interest in the group he visited.

Besides the good done in the places visited, the work involved seems to have vitalized the members of the main school to such a degree that they are enthusiastic church workers in their own neighborhood, as well as in the places assigned them to visit. They are poor country people who have never had an opportunity to obtain more than the most meager education; but by means of the equipment provided by the Sabbath School Department they are able to be a light to others.

JOHN M. HOWELL.

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### "Signs of the Times"

MANY people know the *Signs of the Times* as a paper that explains the meaning of current events in the light of Scripture. Every number contains articles and features of interest. The regular issues can be purchased for three cents a copy in small lots, or \$2.50 a hundred, and sold for five cents each. Color numbers cost four cents a copy, and are sold for ten cents each.

Place your order through your church missionary secretary. If you are isolated, write to your Book and Bible House.

Routes for delivery of the *Signs* each week can be worked up by energetic boys and girls.

J. R. FERREN.

Are you doing your best for the Upper and Lower Amazon Missions?



## Senior M. V. Meetings

### "S"—What Does It Mean in Our Society?"

(Program for July 7)

BY LOUISE C. KLEUSER

OPENING SONG: "Because He First Loved Me," No. 17 in "Gospel in Song."

PRAYER.

SCRIPTURE LESSON.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

REPORTS.

OFFERING.

SONG: "Just the Same," No. 28, in "Gospel in Song."

TALK: "Summer for the Missionary Volunteer."

REPORT: "Hartford M. V.'s Enjoy an Outdoor Meeting." This report was submitted by the secretary of the Hartford, Connecticut, Missionary Volunteer Society. It is an actual account of the type of meeting which makes the society immune to the dreadful germ Summer Slump.

TALK: "Summer, Song, and Service." Here we have missionary activities in the summer setting. This talk is alive with suggestions that mean success to a society during the summer months of the Harvest Ingathering.

SOLO OR DUET: "If You Love Him," No. 34 in "Gospel in Song."

TALK: "No Summer Slump."

POEM: "That Awful Summer Slump."

BLACKBOARD STUDY: "'S'—Which Will It Be?"

#### SUMMER SUCCESS OR SUMMER SLUMP

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. Song         | 1. Silence     |
| 2. Scripture    | 2. Shallowness |
| 3. Study        | 3. Stagnation  |
| 4. Sacrifice    | 4. Self        |
| 5. Soul winning | 5. Stupor      |
| 6. Service      | 6. Standstill  |
| 7. Success      | 7. Slump       |

CLOSING SONG: "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," No. 44 in "Gospel in Song."

BENEDICTION.

#### Notes to Leaders

Today we are giving, along with suggestions as to how to avoid the summer slump so often found in church work, examples of what has been done in some societies. If service and success have taken the place of any slump in certain societies, they may also in yours.

Suggestions for successful summer meetings:

1. Officers plan in detail each meeting.
2. Plan to fill in when vacation emergencies occur.
3. Hold meetings regularly, begin promptly, and close on time.

4. Vary with occasional well-planned outdoor meetings.

5. Arrange intensely interesting programs.

6. Bring nature study into your meetings.

7. Provide goal check ups that stimulate enthusiasm.

8. Remember regularly the band reports and society offering.

9. Place missionary activities in summer setting.

10. Refrain from hot-weather suggestions.

11. Stress and vary methods of advertising your summer meetings.

12. Plan for special musical features. Histories of songs always add interest. (See "My Jesus, I Love Thee," p. 18.)

*Outline for Talk: "Summer for the Missionary Volunteer."*

1. Season when nature is at her best:

The fields, woods, lakes, and hills invite us.

Everything suggests height of life and beauty.

The religious life seeks a high level.

2. Sunshine brings health and vigor: These blessings may be used for self and for others.

Spiritual sunshine is stored in the soul.

3. Long days afford more missionary opportunities:

Outings refresh body and soul. Growth in grace and usefulness stimulated through personal service and band work.

### Report: Hartford M. V.'s Enjoy an Outdoor Meeting

REPORT of the society meeting held July 22, 1933 (a sundown and evening meeting).

"Oh, dear," sighed Grace as she finished the dishes; "will seven o'clock ever come?"

At ten minutes of seven her friend, Ruth, called for her, and the two left for Rocky Hill, where they met thirty-two members of the society who were ready for a short hike to the place where the Missionary Volunteer meeting was to be held. They wound their way along the old trolley tracks, up the hill, and across the brook to the loveliest old spot, where green grass and giant trees invited rest.

All joined enthusiastically in the first song, "My Jesus, I Love Thee." Three members of the society then led in prayer. How near God seemed to us in this peaceful, quiet spot!

Our attention was next called to the beauty of the trees. After the reading, "The Appreciation of Trees," we

were able to regard each tree with new interest.

When one member sang for us Joyce Kilmer's beautiful poem "Trees," each member followed the words with new meaning:

"I think that I shall never see  
A poem lovely as a tree,

"A tree whose hungry mouth is prest  
Against the earth's sweet flowing  
breast;

"A tree that looks at God all day,  
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

"A tree that may in summer wear  
A nest of robins in her hair;

"Upon whose bosom snow has lain;  
Who intimately lives with rain.

"Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree."

Most of us were really surprised to find out how many different trees the Bible speaks of. We read aloud many verses. The tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil are only two of many trees referred to in the Scriptures.

One of our members introduced the trees to us as real, true friends. We must be sturdy and true if we would be like them.

How we enjoyed singing the closing song, "Beautiful Trees!" For convenience and variety, we sang it from a typewritten sheet instead of from the song book. The closing prayer fell as a sweet benediction upon our lives at the close of this Sabbath day.

All hands now helped to build a camp fire. Then followed a half hour of story-telling. Before we parted, Mrs. Wildes, our leader, acquainted us with four constellations and a number of stars. To this climax of the gathering we had long looked forward. Our heavenly Father has made all things beautiful. In His house are many mansions. With this thought in mind we said good night, feeling certain that we shall often reflect the blessings of this occasion.

RUTH FURREY, Secretary.

### Talk: Summer, Song, and Service

CAMP meeting had drawn to a close. Our society planned to try out the singing band plan about which we had heard. We organized and practiced, and then the eventful first evening came. A large group went to the field planned.

On arriving at the town of Orange, Massachusetts, we visited the police commissioner, who smilingly wished us success. We found our first street and began singing and soliciting. The solicitors became more enthusiastic as we continued to sing. What interesting experiences were ours! Our songs stirred up sacred memories, cheered the downcast, and extracted dimes and

**What are you doing to vary your meetings during the warm summer months?**

quarters from pocketbooks long closed to appeals. The time passed by altogether too rapidly. Before we left the town we lingered on the green to sing once again "The Old Rugged Cross." Storekeepers were now not too busy to step into the doorways of their shops to listen. Saturday night shoppers halted to catch the message of our song. Again our solicitors received many offerings. When we sang "Nearer My God to Thee," it seemed that our audience sensed with us the comfort of this sweet hymn. Many a "God bless you" and "Come again" assured us that the efforts put forth had been appreciated.

We continued the work of this singing band two nights a week all summer. It afforded pleasant opportunities for service, giving our society a definite part in the Harvest Ingathering work of the church. We are eager to begin next summer. Surely this is a way to keep "summer slump" out of any society.

### Talk: No Summer Slump

"THERE'S no use trying!" Miss Marvin dropped her pencil on the half-finished report and sat back in her chair, her face the picture of despair. "There's no use trying," she continued. "The officers of our society have worked fearfully hard to keep up our meetings and missionary work through the summer, but just look at these reports. Our attendance has dropped more than 30 per cent, and the reports of work done are not more than half so large as they were last winter."

It was an older friend who received the benefit of that little speech, and here she broke in with, "But, Lillian, don't get discouraged. You must remember that summer is the testing time."

"Testing time! What do you mean?"

"Well, let me ask you a question before I answer yours. Why did you throw into the garbage can the lettuce left over from dinner?"

"Why, it wilts so quickly these hot days that it wouldn't be good for luncheon."

"Exactly, but did you ever draw a lesson from that fact? Have you stopped to think that the same hot days that wilt the vegetables in the market and spoil the fresh fruit on the tray, change the broad acres of grain to gold and ripen the fruit on the trees? The difference lies in being 'rooted.'"

When the hot, testing days come, the superficial Christian yields to the temptation to do nothing, and at once decay of his spiritual life sets in; on the other hand, the earnest young Christian works faithfully, drawing inspiration even from the discouragement about him, and day by day he grows more like his Saviour. I know it is easy to find ten apparently good excuses for leaving our missionary work undone. But after all, we cannot be unfaithful and still expect to succeed.

"Plan your work in harmony with the summer's needs and opportunities," the friend continued, "and work your plan with courage and zeal. If you are asked to cooperate with a big tent effort, you are greatly favored, for that is the very kind of service that will afford great opportunities for the truest kind of Missionary Volunteer work. The very purpose of our organization is to do *organized* missionary work. Rally your forces, and show that your months of organization and training have only put you in good trim for a vigorous soul-winning campaign."

"Remembering that the best way to succeed is to determine not to fail, let us as individuals and as a society firmly resolve that there shall be no summer slump, and then pray, plan, and work to that end."—*Matilda E. Andross.*

### "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

(See No. 299 in "Christ in Song.")

A YOUNG, talented, and tender-hearted actress was passing along the street of a large city. Seeing a pale, sick girl lying upon a couch just within the half-open door of a dwelling, she entered, with the thought that by her vivacity and pleasant conversation she might cheer the young invalid. The sick girl was a devoted Christian, and her words, her patience, her submission and heaven-lit countenance so demonstrated the spirit of her religion that the actress was led to give earnest thought to the claims of Christianity, and was thoroughly converted. She told her father, the leader of the theater troupe, of her conversion, stating that she could not live a consistent, Christian life and follow the life of an actress. Her astonished father told his daughter that their living would be lost to them and their business ruined, if she

persisted in her resolution. Loving her father dearly, she consented to fill the published engagement to be met in a few days. She was the star of the troupe, and a general favorite. Every preparation was made for the play in which she was to appear. The hour arrived; a large audience had assembled. The curtain rose, and the young actress stepped forward firmly, amid the applause of the multitude. But an unwonted light beamed from her beautiful face. Amid the breathless silence of the audience she repeated:

"My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;  
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
My gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art Thou;  
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."

That was all. Through Christ she had conquered, and, leaving her audience in tears, she retired from the stage, never to appear upon it again. Through her influence her father was converted, and through their united evangelistic labors many were led to God.—*Story related by a Protestant minister of Michigan.*

### That Awful Summer Slump

OUR society was booming. The attendance was a joy. For our membership included every girl and every boy in the church. And we were happy as we saw them all at work—Every member was reporting, not a member was a shirk. Then came spring across the mountains with its sunshine and its flowers. Promising abundant pleasures through the long, bright summer hours. And like a traveling peddler, with his burden on his back, Summer Slump called on our members to entice them with his pack. To replace the hour of meeting, he'd a hammock in the shade. With a book, a nice big palm leaf, and a cooling lemonade! He had visits to the seashore, Sabbaths spent on old Mt. Hood—"Surely to commune with nature could be only right and good." But our loyal, faithful members looked him squarely in the eye. While they spurned his tempting offers—not a trinket would they buy. They were loyal to their pledges, and the happy leaders said, As they saw old Slump departing with a sadly drooping head. "Volunteers, we have him running! Now let's keep him on the jump, And nevermore be bothered by that awful Summer Slump!"

—*Author Unknown.*

A BOOK is a friend; a good book is a good friend. It will talk to you when you want it to talk, and it will keep still when you want it to keep still—and there are not many friends who know enough to do that. A library is a collection of friends.—*Lyman Abbott.*

"Sankey's Story of the Gospel Hymns" contains many interesting experiences.

## Road Makers

(Program for July 14)

BY WILBUR HOLBROOK

SONGS FOR TODAY: Nos. 218, 174, 146, 89, 64 in "Gospel in Song."

POEMS: Choose from pages 35, 61, 73, and 110 (upper) in "Choice Poems."

ILLUSTRATIONS: See the stories, "A Boy's Appeal," and "The Chimes," and the experience, "Summertime Religion," on p. 27.

RESPONSE BY SOCIETY MEMBERS: "Besides Christ and His Spirit, what or who has been the greatest influence for good in my life?" It might be well to have two or three prepared to respond first. Others will follow.

DISCUSSION: "Where and how can we repair some old roads or make new ones to improve our influence in the church and community?" Endeavor to arrive at two or three definite and practical solutions, and then crystallize them into resolutions and vote on them.

### Note to Leaders

Today let us liken ourselves to road makers and our influence to roads. Make a poster for the platform, "The Highway of Life," and several trail and danger signs.

### Sermons We See

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day;  
I'd rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way.  
The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear,  
Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear;  
And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds.  
For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.

I soon can learn to do it if you'll let me see it done;  
I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.  
And the lecture you deliver may be very wise and true,  
But I'd rather get my lessons by observing what you do;  
For I might misunderstand you and the high advice you give,  
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

When I see a deed of kindness, I am eager to be kind.  
When a weaker brother stumbles and a strong man stays behind  
Just to see if he can help him, then the wish grows strong in me  
To become as big and thoughtful as I know that friend to be.  
And all travelers can witness that the best of guides today  
Is not the one who tells them, but the one who shows the way.

One good man teaches many, men believe what they behold;  
One deed of kindness noticed is worth forty that are told.  
Who stands with men of honor learns to hold his honor dear,  
For right living speaks a language which to every one is clear.  
Though an able speaker charms me with his eloquence, I say,  
I'd rather see a sermon than to hear one, any day.

—Edgar A. Guest.

## Talk: Road Makers

THERE is something about a well-made road that is interesting. It fascinates us as it climbs the mountains and crosses the rivers. It is even more fascinating as we think of the commerce and traffic it opens between distant places.

We are greatly interested as we read of the wonderful road that conquers the Maritime Alps; of roads which have been built on reclaimed land; of the Lincoln Highway, which touches both the Atlantic and Pacific seacoasts of the United States, conquering mountain, valley, plateau, plain, and desert.

We admire the makers of our great roads. But in a sense we are all road makers. We may be unconscious of the influence of our work, yet we are making roads for some one to travel upon. Every step we take leaves a footprint; it may be only an uncertain trail in the forest, but some one is bound to follow.

There are different types of road builders. Some take pride in leaving monuments to their workmanship; some build because of the need, some for love of mankind, and others for mere monetary remuneration. Why are we building?

### THE BRIDGE BUILDER

An old man traveling a lone highway  
Came at the evening, cold and gray,  
To a chasm vast and deep and wide,  
Through which there flowed a sullen tide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim,  
For the sullen stream held no fear for him;

But he turned when he reached the other side,  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," cried a fellow pilgrim near,  
"You are wasting your strength with building here;

Your journey will end with the ending day,  
And you never again will pass this way.

You have crossed the chasm deep and wide,  
Why build you the bridge at eventide?"

The builder raised his old gray head,  
"Good friend, on the path I have come," he said.

"There followeth after me today  
A youth whose feet will pass this way.  
This stream, which has been naught to me,

To that fair-haired boy may a pitfall be;  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim.  
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

—Will Allen Dromgoole.

Upon the death of his father, who designed and began the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge in New York City, Washington Augustus Roebling took complete charge of the work. The son had studied in America and

Europe and was well fitted for the position. He enjoyed it very much and personally engaged in various tasks. After some time his almost continuous stay in the compressed-air caissons proved too much for his condition; so he had to give up this work and was confined to his room. Roebling, undaunted and devoted to the work he had begun, from this time until the bridge was completed ten years later personally directed the work from his sick room. Are you intensely interested in the bridge you are building? Do you care enough about the influence you are leaving behind you to make it what it should be day by day?

If some one is sure to follow the path we make, let us ask ourselves, What kind of roads are we building? Are they straight or crooked? Do they lead safely by places of danger, or do they end in a swamp? Are they rough and stony, or smooth and pleasant? Some who follow you may be poor travelers. Some may not be able to read the signs. Will the road you have made lead them astray or safely to heaven? Remember, the trail is only a means to an end.

In Volume IX, page 21, of the "Testimonies" we read of a kind of road which may mean the eternal wreck of some lives: "A cheap Christian character works more harm in the world than the character of a worldling." Let us not build cheaply.

Let us build with strength, so that our influence may be for eternal good. "The unstudied, unconscious influence of a holy life is the most convincing sermon that can be given in favor of Christianity."—"The Acts of the Apostles," p. 511. "A kind, courteous Christian is the most powerful argument that can be produced in favor of Christianity."—"Gospel Workers," p. 122.

Road makers, remember the trail of influence.

## Talk: Where Will Your Roads Lead?

(In connection with this talk study pages 339-342 in "Christ's Object Lessons.")

Is it possible to have a neutral influence? We often hear people say, "It doesn't matter what I do. I don't have any influence."

This is not true, for we know from the laws of psychology and physics that every unit or body of matter has

Urge your members to give liberally in the Midsummer Offering.

a certain proportionate influence in the universe. A very positive answer is given in "Testimonies," Volume II, page 133: "Every act of our lives affects others for good or evil. Our influence is tending upward or downward; it is felt, acted upon, and to a greater or less degree reproduced by others."

If you don't think some of the small things you do matter, remember the avalanches in the Alps have been known to start when a climber shouted to his companions across the slope.

Then, *we are making roads for some one else whether we want to or not.*

Upon the table-land of Asia Minor the women may be seen at dawn going outdoors and looking up at their neighbors' chimneys to find the one out of which the smoke is coming. Thither they go to borrow live coals with which to kindle a fire in their own homes. Do men watch thus our lives? If in our hearts the Holy Spirit has kindled a sacred fire, shall they not come to us for warmth and inspiration?

Phillips Brooks once said, "I am my best, not simply for myself, but for the world." Near the end of His life on earth Jesus said, "For their sakes I sanctify Myself." That is a commentary on His entire life. Jesus always lived with the thought of others uppermost in His mind. What has been His influence? What will be yours? What kind of road did He build for His followers?

Henry Drummond tells of a Cambridge undergraduate whose sweet-heart visited his room at college. She found its walls covered with pictures of actresses and race horses. She said nothing, but on his birthday she presented him with a picture of the Thorn-crowned Face. A year later she again visited that room. Her gift picture hung prominently over the fireplace, and the other walls were adorned with charming landscapes and reproductions of famous paintings. He caught her glancing at her gift. "It's made a great difference to the room; and what's more, it's made a great difference in me," he said.

A telephone operator on night service receiving many calls for a certain physician had more than once rung his bell by mistake. Always he answered not only with courtesy but with a voice that showed no trace of

impatience. It was such a contrast to the surly voices of others awakened at midnight, when she called the wrong number by mistake, that she finally became deeply interested and wanted to know the secret of the difference between the doctor and the others she served. Inquiries brought out the fact that he was a devoted Christian; Christ was supreme in his heart and life. What she was admiring in him was simply the Christ living in him. So she determined to make this doctor's Saviour her Master too, and she applied for church membership. Unconsciously the doctor had built a safe road for others to travel.

Even our unconscious influence either gathers for Christ or scatters abroad. Whether by choice or otherwise, we are builders. Where will our roads lead?

### When a Dress Preached a Sermon

A LAYMAN had gone one evening to speak in a mission church attended by many young persons employed in the Lancashire mills. His wife accompanied him, and was shown a seat near the choir, which was composed entirely of young people. After the service a fresh-faced girl of sixteen rushed up impetuously to the speaker's wife and began, "I want to tell you how much I have been helped—"

The visitor smiled appreciatively, and began to frame an appropriate reply, thinking that it was her husband's address that had been so profitable, when the words were frozen on her lips by the rest of the surprising sentence—"by your simple clothes."

"As I watched you during the sermon," she continued, "I thought that if you could dress so plainly and attractively, surely we girls who have to work for our living can do so, too. In any case, you have shown me that simple dressing is the prettiest, after all," and her glance swept meaningfully over the company of rather overdressed young women.

The incident rather took away the visitor's breath. She had not thought of her clothes at all; native good sense and an appreciation of what is proper in the house of worship had determined her apparel.

The remark, however, opened a new field of responsibility. She, as well as

her husband, had sermons to preach. Her influence must be exerted in things feminine on the side of simplicity, appropriateness, and good taste, and if she could help any young girl to keep from the serious blunders of overdressing and extravagance, as well as from the harboring of envious, covetous thoughts, she, too, would not be without her message.—*Christian Age.*

### A Parable in Paper

(This may be told as a parable, or used as an object lesson.)

ONE morning the teacher of the Bible class carried some strange equipment to church. There were a pair of shears, pins, several pieces of paper, and a collar pattern. Facing her class, she said:

"I am fond of preaching sermons to myself, and last week while cutting out several shirts, this one came to me. I wonder if you can interpret my parable."

Folding a piece of paper she pinned the pattern to it very carefully. Carefully she cut around the outline and laid the pattern aside. The next piece of paper was not folded quite so precisely, the new "collar" was used this time instead of the original pattern, and the cutting was a shade less carefully done. This was repeated two or three times. Then laying the original pattern upon the last piece cut, she held them before the class and asked, "What is the matter?"

It was not hard to see that the two were very unlike, but for a moment no one could see why.

Then the little woman said quietly, "Did I use the *same pattern* for all of them?"

"No."

"Then I think it means—"

What does it mean to you?

### Road Makers All

There's never a rose in all the world  
But makes some green spray sweeter;  
There's never a wind in all the sky  
But makes some bird's wing feeter;  
There's never a star but brings to heaven  
Some silver radiance tender,  
And never a rosy cloud but helps  
To crown the sunset splendor;  
No robin but what may thrill some heart,  
His dawn light gladness voicing;  
God gives us all some small, sweet way  
To set the world rejoicing.

—Selected.

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By the atmosphere surrounding us, every person with whom we come in contact is consciously or unconsciously affected.—*"Christ's Object Lessons,"* p. 339.

Is your society well supplied with song books?

## Live for More Than Material Things

(Program for July 21)

BY MRS. S. A. WELLMAN

### OPENING EXERCISES.

TALK: "The Value of an Ideal."

POEM: "Things That Count," p. 109 in "Choice Poems."

TALK: "The Means to an Ideal."

POEM: "Be Strong," p. 29.

TALK: "The Fulfillment of Our Ideal."

POEM: "Gradatim."

DISCUSSION: The sermon on the mount gives many of Jesus' ideals. The week before the meeting ask every one to read this passage of Scripture and make a list of the ideals that are found in it. These lists, brought to the meeting, will serve as a basis for a discussion.

HELPS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION: "What Are the Dangers in Living for Things?" and "Worth Remembering."

### CLOSING EXERCISES.

## Talk: The Value of an Ideal

IN these days of changing conditions, new terms or expressions come into being very rapidly. Among these expressions we frequently find the word "drifters" used to represent the class of people who wander from place to place with no set abode, no ambition in life except to satisfy the pangs of hunger, to get lodging, and to follow the line of least effort to themselves. Should you ask such people what they are going to do or where they are going, they reply, "Oh, just drifting."

The person with an ideal is never in this sad plight. He may not always attain his purpose, but he will never just "drift" through life. Before him always as a bright star is this aim, serving as a beacon to guide him to heights undreamed of. But, you say, what is the use of trying to carry out the impossible—it will only end in failure? A great man has voiced this very thought: "Did you ever hear of a man who had striven all his life faithfully and singly toward an object, and in no measure obtained it? If a man constantly aspires, is he not elevated? Did ever a man try heroism, magnanimity, truth, sincerity, and find that there was no advantage in them—that it was a vain endeavor?" "Tis not what a man does that exalts him," says Browning, "but what a man would do."

Some years ago when in a hill station in India, I was accustomed to visit in the home of a Bengali gentleman. His wife, who was little more than a girl, always seemed to enjoy and look forward to these visits. One day as a special mark of favor she told the servants to bring in two or three tin trunks from an adjoining room. When the trunks were opened my friend began to take out for my inspection the most gorgeous saris I ever saw. (A sari is composed of a straight length of material so draped as to form the lovely, graceful, costume of many Indian women.) These saris were of rich silk in every conceivable shade. Some were lavishly embroidered with gold thread, and some were ornamented with dainty embroidered borders.

Since this lady was confined to the zenana, or women's quarters, because of the purdah system and never went out unless she was heavily veiled, life was very dull and monotonous. Her main form of recreation was to look at these lovely lengths of silk. She had little opportunity to wear them except in the confines of her own home. As she never had had an opportunity to acquire an education, her interests were limited to the little world within her own abode. Some innate love of beauty was satisfied by the splendor of this silken raiment and the sense of possession that was hers when some appreciative visitor came in to whom the material could be displayed.

How thankful we who live in more favored lands should be that we have every opportunity to foster and work toward these aspirations and longings without which life becomes stale and purposeless.

"God has not given the bird an instinct for the south in winter, without a south to match it; nor has He mocked us with ideals, longings, and aspirations which we have no power to attain. The very consciousness that we are capable of performing infinitely more than we ever do accomplish, is an indication that such perfection is possible, and that we shall have time and opportunity somewhere to develop into that perfect model. Man has an ideal in his soul, of the physical man, as well as of the moral man, and He who gave this ideal will give the opportunity for its realization."

## Talk: The Means to an Ideal

MANY people think that the end and aim of everything in this world is money. The acquiring of wealth is the goal of their desires. There is nothing wrong with money. The husiness of the world could hardly be carried on without some form of legal tender. A fortune, large or small, can accomplish much if used to alleviate suffering and to help humanity. The danger comes when men, recognizing the power of wealth, make an idol of money and become so engrossed in the struggle to obtain it that they lose sight of all worth-while things. Paul says, "The love of money is the root of all evil." Riches seldom bring true happiness in their train. Christ said, "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."

One of the happiest, most cheerful people I ever knew was a poor woman who lived in one of the West Indian islands. She worked as a servant for a family of white people. Whenever greetings were exchanged and inquiries made concerning her welfare, her face would light up, and she would invariably say, "Everything is bright." It seemed to the ordinary observer that she had little in the way of material things to cause such a feeling. She lived in a small room, her wardrobe was limited, she suffered from an incurable disease, she was poor and ignorant, but her faith and trust in God were unlimited and everything was bright.

The great apostle to the Gentiles said, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." This text surely does not advise a man to settle down to be content in the midst of conditions that he himself can remedy. The thought is not that the lazy housewife can sit down in a dirty home content to read a book while all is confusion about her—content because she is too indolent to be otherwise.

The real interpretation of this text is that God expects every individual to do his very best along every line, and then to accept from the hand of his Master whatever comes, knowing it is sent by an all-wise Father for his good. "Man's extremity is God's opportunity."

A Burmese boy from a heathen village began attending a mission school.

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He was very much interested and all went well until he began to talk at home of the Christian teachings he had learned at the school. The relatives and friends then decided that the Christian influence was dangerous, and the safest plan was to take the boy away from the school. To insure his staying away they tied him up with a stout string. After two or three days of absence, what was the joy of the teachers at school to see this boy in his usual place at the morning session! When they asked him how he managed to get to school, he replied, "I prayed to God and chewed the string."

Consider some of the qualities that enter into the attaining of an ideal. Near the top of the list we find *resolution*. "Give a youth resolution and the alphabet and who shall place limits to his career?"

Next in line comes *enthusiasm*. "Let us beware of losing our enthusiasm. Let us glory in something and strive to retain our admiration for all that would ennoble, and our interest in all that would enrich and beautify our life."

Last, but far from least, are *concentration* and *perseverance*. Tennyson said:

"No rock so hard but that a little wave  
May beat admission in a thousand years."

### Talk: The Fulfillment of Our Ideal

AMONG my friends was a young man who was extremely fond of music. He desired to express his inmost thoughts in song, but, alas, he could not carry a tune! He spent no time mourning over his inability to sing, but comforted himself with the thought that in heaven he would be able to carry out the desire that was so much a part of his life.

In the book "Education" we read, "There will be music there, and song, such music and song as, save in the visions of God, no mortal ear has heard or mind conceived."

What was in the mind of the patriarch Abraham when he was made heir of the world, and lived in his inheritance as a stranger and sojourner? "He looked for a city . . . whose builder and maker is God." Likewise his descendants realized that they

were heirs of the same promise, but confessed themselves to be pilgrims on this earth and seekers after the heavenly country. Moses, too, gave up the throne of Egypt with all its glory and power to cast his lot with the afflicted people of God, "esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward."

The millions of martyrs who perished during the relentless persecutions of the Dark Ages must have looked forward to the same bright hope of reward. The Waldenses, who were obliged to leave their homes and flee to the mountains for refuge during the time of persecution, must have longed for the day when the saints would receive their reward.

In that fair land we shall realize all our hopes and ambitions. The disappointments and limitations of this world will be forgotten. There, as Browning says,

"All we have willed or hoped or dreamed of good shall exist;  
Not its semblance, but itself."

"There every power will be developed, every capability increased. The grandest enterprises will be carried forward, the loftiest aspirations will be reached, the highest ambitions realized. And still there will arise new heights to surmount, new wonders to admire, new truths to comprehend, fresh objects to call forth the powers of body and mind and soul.

"All the treasures of the universe will be open to the study of God's children. With unutterable delight we shall enter into the joy and the wisdom of unfallen beings. We shall share the treasures gained through ages upon ages spent in contemplation of God's handiwork. And the years of eternity, as they roll, will continue to bring more glorious revelations."—"Education," p. 307.

THE man who seeks one thing in life, and but one  
May hope to achieve it before life be done;  
But he who seeks all things wherever he goes,  
Only reaps from the hopes which around him he sows  
A harvest of barren regrets.  
—Meredith.

### Gradatim

HEAVEN is not gained at a single bound;  
But we build the ladder by which we rise  
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,  
And we mount to its summit round by round.

I count this thing to be grandly true.  
That a noble deed is a step toward God—  
Lifting the soul from the common sod  
To a purer air and a broader view.

We rise by things that are 'neath our feet;  
By what we have mastered of good and gain;  
By the pride deposed and the passion slain,  
And the vanquished ills that we hourly meet.

We hope, we aspire, we resolve, we trust.  
When the morning calls us to life and light,  
But our hearts grow weary, and, ere the night,  
Our lives are trailing the sordid dust.

Wings for the angels, but feet for men!  
We may borrow the wings to find the way,  
We may hope, and resolve, and aspire, and pray,  
But our feet must rise, or we fall again.

Heaven is not reached at a single bound;  
But we build the ladder by which we rise  
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,  
And we mount to its summit round by round.

—J. G. Holland.

### What Are the Dangers in Living for Things?

#### 1. Things Are Transient

Let us admit at once that while we are living in a world of things, things are necessary. "Your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things." Let us remember, however, that these things all must pass, and the danger lies in that we act as though things lasted forever.

"Bubbles we buy with a whole soul's tasking." Isn't it a pity that so many people do this very thing? To save a nickel a person will cheat a dealer, or a transit company, and so sell his soul.

To make a fortune, another will give up all spiritual ideals. The thing is held so close to the mind's eye that heaven is shut from sight, as one may hold a penny so close to the eye that it will shut out the beautiful hills and sky.

#### 2. Things Are Unsatisfying

The danger of putting things first is that our souls will prove to be bankrupt, when most we need the spiritual. When a person has lost a loved one, will money or things fill the vacant place in the heart? When one feels sad and alone, will things

give us cheer? "The soul finds rest only in God," said Augustine long ago, and still in the depth of human need, only the spiritual can satisfy.

### 3. Things Rear False Standards

There is a danger of leaning too heavily on things. The man who has things is very likely to give undue importance to his opinion. He expects his money to talk and, too often, it does talk. But it usually says silly things. A man with a big house is too likely to think he is really somebody, just because of what he has. Possessions loom larger than character.

### 4. Things Often Hide God's Face

A man who has gathered things is likely to feel more or less independent of God's care. You have seen men who swagger along because they have money and houses and lands and belong to clubs. Have you seen them sick and in trouble? I have. Their swagger leaves them. Greater than all possessions of things is the possession of faith in God's Fatherly care. "Provide yourselves bags which wax not old!"

Faith in God is always new and fresh and lovely—as new as the newest need, as fresh as the freshest sorrow, as lovely as the depth of our need in the last disappointment; "a treasure . . . that faileth not."

### 5. Things Often Hinder Spiritual Progress

The possession of things often stifles the effort to be. "How hardly shall a rich man enter the kingdom of heaven!" Why? We need to take care of the things. We are afraid of losing them. We can't go to church because some one may break into our house and steal. We can't go to church because we will spoil our dress if it rains. We must keep up with the society into which our things have brought us. Things often blunt the edge of our spiritual sword and render us impotent. Beware of things! Use them carefully! Be careful you do not get under them! Things are useful, but they are dangerous.—*Howard K. Williams.*



LET your religion be seen. Lamps do not talk, but they do shine. A lighthouse sounds no drum, it beats no gong, yet far over the waters its friendly light is seen by the mariner.—*C. H. Spurgeon.*

## Worth Remembering

"I AM glad that there is a national product more valuable than gold or silver; more valuable than cotton or wheat or corn or iron—an ideal."—*William Jennings Bryan.*

"Our ideals are our better selves."—*A. Bronson Alcott.*

"Every man has at times in his mind the ideal of what he should be, but is not. This ideal may be high and complete, or it may be quite low and insufficient; yet, in all men that really seek to improve, it is better than the actual character. Perhaps no one is so satisfied with himself that he never wishes to be wiser, better, and more holy."—*Theodore Parker.*

"God hides some ideal in every human soul. At some time in our life we felt a trembling, fearful longing to do some good thing. Life finds its noblest spring of excellence in this hidden impulse to do our best."—*Robert Collyer.*

## My Resolution

To keep my standards always high,  
To find my task and always do it;  
This is my creed, I wish that I  
Could learn to shape my action to it.  
—*S. E. Kiser.*



## Why We Are Seventh-day Adventists

(Program for July 28)

BY EMMA E. HOWELL

### OPENING EXERCISES.

SONGS FOR TODAY (Theme: Jesus' soon return): "Look for the Waymarks," "We're Marching to Zion," "My Saviour First of All," "Jesus Is Coming Again," in "Christ in Song;" "Traveling Home" and "The Homeland" in the "Junior Song Book;" and "If the Christ Should Come" in "Jubilate." If possible have one or more given as a duet or quartet.

BLACKBOARD TALK: "Listening to the Ring of Certainty." See p. 30.

FOUR TEXTS to be read by Missionary Volunteers; Luke 1:1-4; 1 Corinthians 9:26; 14:8; Proverbs 22:20, 21.

READING: "The Exodus Movement and the Advent Movement."

MEMORY TEXT: Revelation 14:6-12. It is important that every Missionary Volunteer know this text. Ask them in advance to memorize it, and give it now in unison, or have one quote it.

TALK: "Identifying Marks of the Advent Movement." To be introduced by the M. V. leader, referring to Revelation 14:12.

RECITATION: "His Second Coming."

TALK: "No Change." See p. 30.

SENTENCE SYMPOSIUM: "Why I Belong to the Seventh-day Adventist Family."

CLOSE with a direct question to your young people: Do you know your family background? From this point make definite arrangements for a denominational history class.

## Note to Leaders

When the pioneer leaders in this movement came to choose a name, they said, "We must have a name that embodies the features of our beliefs, a name that will continually proclaim that we keep the Bible Sabbath, and that we are looking for the second advent of Jesus." So we have the name Seventh-day Adventist. How many young people in our midst actually know why they are Seventh-day Adventists? This meeting can give only a glimpse of the things we should know in order to be true members of our church. We need to know—each one for his very own self. We need to know both our doctrines and our history. The Spirit of prophecy tells us that "we have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history." This day's study should lead up to the organization of your Study and Service League class in denominational history. This will be a logical sequence if you have been studying Bible doctrines the first half of the year. If you have not had such a class, it would be better to take that up first. The two are so inseparably linked that either studied first should create a desire for the other.

## Reading: The Exodus Movement and the Advent Movement

"THE leadership of the living God was manifest in the exodus movement, and was a testimony to His power before all the world. The Lord told Pharaoh why He had so mightily stretched forth His hand in Egypt: 'That My name may be declared throughout all the earth.' Ex. 9:16."

"The nations had never seen or heard of a work like that. The living God had visited His people. He had delivered them from bondage. By signs and wonders He had led them through the wilderness. He had preserved them, men, women, and children, guiding them by springs of water and bringing forth water in the desert when natural sources failed. By manna rained from heaven He had sustained them. The nations round

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about, looking on, beheld the people of God marching, marching on to the Land of Promise. . . . The exodus movement was a wonderful movement, led by the living God. . . . [Read Jer. 16:14, 15.]

"The living God was to call His people, not out of one land, but from all the lands. The same living God who brought a people out of Egypt and led them to the earthly Canaan, is to bring a people out of all the lands of earth, and lead them this time into the heavenly Canaan.

"And this work will be so much wider in its scope—a world-wide movement—and so much more enduring and final and eternal in its results, that instead of recounting the marvels wrought in that movement when God brought Israel out of Egypt, men would be talking of another movement in which the living God brings His people from all the lands, preparing them to enter the heavenly Canaan when Christ shall come to lead them in. . . .

"Indeed, this deliverance is beyond all comparison with the ancient deliverance from the land of Egypt. For really, as a climax to this final work of God, the Lord Jesus comes in glory and calls forth from their graves the faithful of all past ages, who are raised to immortality to join the last generation of believers in the glad march into the eternal kingdom. God's closing work under the world-wide advent movement climaxes in the grand event for which all heaven and all humanity have been waiting since Adam lost Paradise."—*W. A. Spicer, in "Certainties of the Advent Movement."*

### His Second Coming

Not a doctrine or a theory  
That we've held and cherished long,  
Not a tenet is it merely,  
Nor a fair and lovely song;  
Not a tale it is, grown ancient  
By repeating o'er and o'er,  
But a fact: our King is coming,  
And is even at the door.

Nay, thank God, 'tis not a theory,  
It is nearing day by day,—  
That glad time when earthly shadows  
Shall forever pass away;  
When our King Himself in glory  
We shall see in clouds descend.  
Dreadful day?—Ah, no; but glorious;  
For we'll know Him as our Friend.

Not a creed it is or doctrine  
That we through the Scriptures  
To sustain; 'tis more and better:  
'Tis a living, blessed hope.  
Deep within the heart it cheers us,  
O'er earth's tumults lifts us high,  
Bidding us, "Look up! Be patient!"  
For redemption draweth nigh.

—*Pearl Waggoner Howard.*

## Talk: Identifying Marks of the Advent Movement

(Introduced by M. V. Leader. See note.)

### I. SABBATH:

"There is a power in the Sabbath institution to lead men to the living God. Missionaries of the advent movement in all the non-Christian lands thank God especially for this Sabbath truth. The Lord who made the Sabbath in the beginning and gave it to man as an everlasting memorial, still makes it a witness to the unbeliever as well as to the believer. The Lord blessed the Sabbath day. Wherever men lay hold upon it in faith, they find the blessing in it and put themselves in touch with actual creative power. The life is changed. As God created the earth in the beginning and man upright upon it, so sinful men must be re-created by the same power of the living God.

"In the non-Christian lands it is remarkable to see how the original purpose of the Sabbath is fulfilled in actual experience. Here is an illustrative example:

"A young man of Northern India was taking the law course in Calcutta University. As a means of support he taught the vernacular to foreign missionaries in the city. Coming to our mission to teach, he was struck with the fact that we were worshipping on the seventh day, Saturday, instead of on Sunday, as is the common practice in the churches. The difference awakened his interest. He asked, 'Why is this? Why are you keeping another day?'

"He was directed to the Scripture narrative of creation, telling how God made the world in six days, and how He rested on the seventh day from the work of creation, and then blessed that day and made it holy, setting it apart for mankind as the great memorial of the living and the true God. The inspired narrative sent conviction into the heart of this non-Christian man. The reasonableness of it all appealed to his sense of the fitness of things. The Sabbath as the sign of creative power brought the man into direct contact with God. It became to him a sign by which he might know God. Giving his heart to the study of the Scriptures, it was not long before he announced his purpose of accepting the Christian faith. It was the Sabbath that first pointed the way."

### II. SPIRIT OF PROPHECY:

"In the development of all phases of this advent movement, from the days of its rise onward, the gift of the Spirit of prophecy has been a blessed agency by which counsels and instruction have ever come with an unvarying sureness and timeliness at every step of the way. Verily, 'as in the ancient days, in the generations of old,' the living God has led and guided in the movement. . . .

"This gift has truly been more than an agency of Scriptural exposition and spiritual instruction. It is a living voice in the movement. Its coming was a token that the living God was actually to lead and guide in the organizing and development of the movement.

"The prophetic gift to Israel of old was a token to that people that God was with them to lead them out. When the prophet spoke the message to the people in Egypt, the conviction that God was in it came into their hearts. We are told how Moses and Aaron gathered the elders of all Israel, and related to them the message that God had given at the burning bush. . . . [Read Ex. 4:31.]

"When the first message by the Spirit of prophecy came to that group of believers in Maine, in December, 1844, the conviction came with it that God was actually visiting the Adventist people. We read in 'Early Writings,' page 20:

"I told the view to our little band in Portland, who then fully believed it to be of God. That was a powerful time. The solemnity of eternity rested upon us."

"So began to come messages through the Spirit of prophecy into the midst of the people who were to form the remnant church of the prophecy."—*W. A. Spicer, in "Certainties of the Advent Movement."*

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"We are not to conceal the fact that we are Seventh-day Adventists. The truth may be ashamed of us, because our course of action is not in harmony with its pure principles; but we need never be ashamed of the truth. As you have opportunity, confess your faith. When any one asks you, give him a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear."—*"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 81.*

Every Seventh-day Adventist should memorize Revelation 14:6-12.



# I Have Given My Heart All to Jesus

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1. I have giv - en my heart all to Je - sus, Then prayed Him to  
 2. I have giv - en my mind all to Je - sus. He fills it with  
 3. I have giv - en my life all to Je - sus, My ser - vice, my

give in re - turn A heart that will love and a - dore Him—That  
 thoughts that are pure, With thoughts that are kind - ly and ten - der, With  
 time, and my love, For He's prom - ised me some - thing far bet - ter, A

CHORUS

nev - er His good - ness would spurn. } O Je - sus, Je - sus, my  
 hopes that are true and sin - cere. }  
 life filled with glo - ry a - bove. }

Je - sus, A Sav - iour with grace un - told. I give naught but

worth - less trea - sure, And He gives a crown of gold.

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## Junior M. V. Meetings

### "S"—What Does It Mean in Your Society

(Program for July 7)

BY LOUISE C. KLEUSER

SONGS FOR TODAY: "Keep the Trail," "In the Service of the King," "Day by Day," "Stand Up for Jesus," and "Steady and True," in "Junior Song Book."

POEM: "Summertime."

TALKS: "Which Shall It Be?" These two experiences are characteristic of our Junior Societies during the summer. Which will be representative of your society?

BLACKBOARD STUDY. See the Senior program, p. 17.

POEM: "That Awful Summer Slump," p. 18.

#### Note to Superintendents

"S"—What does it mean in your society? It need not mean Slump nor Stagnation in your society this summer. Instead, it may mean Success. Success is brought about by steadfastness in service. Remember, your Juniors will follow as far as you go this summer.

#### Summertime

SUMMERTIME is joyful time,  
Flowers, song, and cheer.  
Summertime is training time,  
Best time of the year!

Summertime is busy time;  
Juniors, do your part.  
Summertime is just the time  
Happiness to start!

Summertime is not the time,  
To sit back and shirk.  
Summertime is useful time;  
So, Juniors, to work!

L. C. KLEUSER.

#### Talks: Which Shall It Be?

##### I

It was about the end of May. Church school would close the following week. The teacher would be leaving for summer school. Since she would not be with them during the summer months, it was thought best to have no Junior Missionary Volunteer meetings until school should open again in September. Somehow, the officers thought it would be just as well to give the Juniors a "rest" for the summer.

Now what did these Juniors do during the warm weather? Most of them decided that their regular missionary duties had better wait until the

teacher should return. So they postponed mailing their literature and dropped their *Present Truth* distribution in a near-by town. Since there was no one to call for reports, and nothing was mentioned about the Morning Watch or the Standard of Attainment, these two interests had a vacation. To make certain that books would not wander away during the summer, they locked the bookcase containing the Reading Course books.

While all the activities of the society were having a rest, these Juniors were not asleep. As long as the church had no meetings, the Juniors of this society had to find their associates elsewhere. And what a great time some of them had! There were swimming parties and picnics of all kinds. Of course, some of the Juniors were not able to take part in the many things that happened that summer, and they were really very lonely. They missed the Junior Society, oh so much!

"What has happened to the Juniors at Wollville?" asked the conference Missionary Volunteer secretary as she chanced to meet one of its officers at another church. "I have greatly missed their inspiring report each month."

"We thought it best to give our Juniors a rest during the summertime," was the reply. "We'll begin the meetings again after the warm weather."

##### II

Once again it was the end of May and church school had just closed. It was the first Friday evening in June, and twenty-five Juniors were enthusiastically taking part in a song service. How they did enjoy those songs in their own "Junior Song Book"! They believed in being prompt. Another good thing to be seen about these Juniors at Newton was their behavior in the house of God. They had learned to live the Junior Law and to "walk softly in the sanctuary."

An inspiring meeting took place. The special music was well prepared. The secretary's report was more interesting than ever. The topic on nature

was fitting for this season of the year. What pleasure the suggestion afforded, that the next meeting would be held in Brown's woods next Sabbath afternoon.

Each week the correspondence band met an hour earlier to send out the usual literature. Members of the literature distribution band found time each Sabbath to take out the message-filled papers. Because it was summertime, Juniors found much more time than before to read; and before September rolled around, ten had already completed the current reading course. The librarian was kept busy all summer long. She arranged a regular time for books to be called for or exchanged.

Boys and girls enjoyed a good time in a social way. During that summer the Junior superintendent, appointed in the absence of the teacher, planned for occasional outings. These always brought special cheer to some soul. How Widow White beamed with delight when she saw a whole line of Juniors hiking to her farm. "Bless their young hearts," she said. "Now ain't that some sight! And to think those young things would be interested in coming to see me!" When arrangements for a corn roast were made, in spite of her "rhumatisms" she was as busy and spry as any Junior on the place. And the next day Widow White simply had to call on her neighbors to tell them all about the wonderful time they had. Her eyes fairly danced with delight when she recalled to them the camp fire and the wholesome stories told "right in the pasture" of her farm.

Somehow these Newton Juniors kept their society in such good health all summer that the germ of Summer Slump found no lodging place in their midst. And when the conference secretary checked reports in the office at the end of August, she simply had to dictate a letter of congratulation to the boys and girls of Newton, who indeed belonged to the Success Brigade. She said to herself as she sealed the letter, "What might be accomplished if every Junior Society caught the vision of our noble Newton Juniors!"

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WRITE injuries in the dust; kindness in marble.—*South American Bulletin*.

Has your society reached the halfway mark on its mission offering goal?

## Drill: The Success Brigade

(Improvise seven paper banners, each with a letter spelling out the word "success." Seven Juniors are the standard bearers of the Success Brigade that defeats Summer Slump. Each Junior in turn recites a resolution. Then the Brigade sing together "Happy, Loyal Juniors," No. 57, "Junior Song Book.")

### Seven Resolutions

1. We will hold our Junior meeting regularly and promptly.
2. We will each cheerfully do our part to make the Junior meetings a success during the summer.
3. We will begin each day with God, observing the Morning Watch.
4. We will together study the lessons in God's great book of Nature.
5. We will keep our bodies fit by useful work and exercise.
6. We will read only that which is true and uplifting.
7. We will think less about our own pleasure and more about the happiness of others.



## Road Makers

(Program for July 14)

BY WILBUR HOLBROOK

SONGS FOR TODAY: Nos. 151, 76, 64, 49, 32, 24, in "Junior Song Book."  
 POEMS: Choose from those given here-with or listed in the Senior notes, p. 19, and "Road Makers All," p. 20.  
 TALK: "Road Makers," p. 19. To be given by the superintendent.  
 TALK: "Where Will Your Roads Lead?" p. 19. To be given by an older Junior.  
 STORY: "Keep Moving."  
 STORY: "A Boy's Appeal."  
 STORY: "The Chimes."  
 EXPERIENCE: "Life Sermons."  
 EXPERIENCE: "Summertime Religion."  
 RESPONSE FROM JUNIORS: "One good road I'm going to repair or build new this next week."

### Note to Superintendents

Today let us liken ourselves to road makers and our influence to roads. Several posters on the Highway of Life, and trail and danger signs will help to make the lesson more concrete.

## Story: A Boy's Appeal

A YOUNG man told how he had been influenced to become a missionary. When he was a child he used to walk often through a certain churchyard. One of the gravestones by which he passed bore this inscription to the memory of a little boy eight years old: "Mother, when I grow to be a man, I should like to be a missionary; but if I die while I am still a little

boy, will you put it on my tomb, so that some one passing by may read it and go instead of me?" Through reading this inscription so often, this young man had grown in his mind the thought: "I must go in place of that little boy." And so he was trained for the work.

## Story: The Chimes

COMING up the St. Lawrence River one hears with delight a chime of bells as he approaches Montreal. Naturally enough, he desires to visit the cathedral which could send out such melody from its towers. Upon inquiry for the "chime room," which he expects is in the tower, he is taken to an obscure place on the ground floor. There he finds a small girl sitting before something that looks like the keyboard of a melodeon. She plays thereon, but no sound is heard; but the pressing of the keys lets loose electrical currents which connect with the towers and set in motion silvery bells. As the operator plays in her quiet place, the world outside—toilers in the shops, laborers in the street, folk everywhere—hear the sweet hymn and are glad.

In this same way our influence, conscious or unconscious as we are of it, may have a far-reaching, cheering, and uplifting effect.

## Experience: Summertime Religion

THE first Sabbath morning the three girls settled the question of church-going while they were away on their vacation. "I'm so busy with my Junior Progressive Class work at home that I really need a rest now," Theodora declared. "It's the same with my Sabbath school class," Mary added. "Well, I've been so busy with my Christian Help and Sunshine Band work that I, too, would like a rest," said Esther. "Besides, it helps me more to go down on the rocks when the tide is coming in and read the Psalms."

So the girls decided the matter.

And the next Sabbath one other girl decided it also. She was not on a vacation, but was working here for Mrs. Littlefield during the summer to earn money to pay her way at school in the winter. She was watching the three girls who had come to the resort for their vacation.

"I'm not going, either," she said to herself, as she stepped to the door this bright Sabbath morning. "I've always gone to church on Sabbath at home. And there's a church right here, too, but it is so small. Those girls must be right, and they don't go. Well, I guess there isn't anything in it up here for me either."

A moment later three girls, trim, crisp, and dainty, laden with books and pillows, crossed the garden on the way to the rocks. They all nodded brightly to the one in the doorway as they passed. "She's a nice girl. I'd like to help her out some way if I could," Mary remarked. "So would I," chorused her companions.

And how could they have helped her?

## Four Good Roads to Build

ONE little song of gladness.  
 While passing on your way;  
 Perhaps some soul in sadness  
 May catch the happy lay.  
 And join you in the chorus  
 And swell the joyful sound,  
 Till on and on the echo  
 Shall ring the world around

One little word of kindness  
 May cheer some sorrowing heart.  
 And wake some chords long silent.  
 And heal the bitter smart;  
 And he in turn may speak it  
 To others in distress;  
 Thus one wee word be making  
 A messenger of bliss.

One little deed of helping.  
 To share another's load.  
 'Twill aid so much the weary  
 Along life's toilsome road;  
 Then he in turn may try it,  
 To help a brother on.  
 Till your one kindly action  
 A world of good has done.

One little smile so cheery.  
 When all the world seems blue;  
 'Twas that that made you happy  
 When all looked dark to you.  
 Then pass it on to others.  
 And others yet to more.  
 Till all the world is smiling  
 On every sea and shore.

—J. M. Hopkins.

## Keep Moving

STRANGERS visiting London often loiter along the crowded streets, sometimes even stopping in a busy thoroughfare to gaze at the unfamiliar sights, to watch the surging, hurrying crowds, or to catch more than a passing glimpse of what the guidebook points out as some historical landmark.

"Taking what I supposed to be a tourist's privilege," says a traveler, "I paused just to look, when, lo, I felt a touch upon my shoulder, and a blue-clad servant of the law directed, 'Move on, please, you are blocking the traffic.'"

Are your Bible readers halfway through?

"But I'm not interfering with any one," I protested.

"Your standing still and doing nothing will soon cause an obstruction here," he replied impassively. "You must please move on. And keep moving. You may go this way or that, but you cannot stand still. You must move!"

We cannot stand still in the Christian life. The moment any one of us stops trying to make progress, and assumes the attitude of a merely interested onlooker, he becomes an obstacle. If you stand still, some one else is surely going to follow your example; and when others and still others have stopped in your wake, there is bound to be a serious obstacle to the progress of those who are pressing on their way.

Influence is a mighty power which cannot be neutralized. And the Master says, "He that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad."

### Life Sermons

THE conversation among a group of business men turned to the subject of religion. It soon became apparent that each member of the group was a Christian. Furthermore, each one conducted his business according to Christian principles.

Some one suggested that each tell why he became a Christian.

In one instance, it was a washer-woman who was always singing, "'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus."

Another declared that the compelling factor in his life was a neighbor who drove six miles over rough roads every Sabbath to attend church services.

Nearly half of those present had been won because of a Christian mother's life.

In every case the turning point had been the life of another! These people had been won to Christ by the convincing argument of a life lived for Him.

### The Million Dollar Road

THE thing that goes the farthest toward making life worth while,  
That costs the least and does the most,  
Is just a pleasant smile.  
The smile that bubbles from the heart,  
That loves its fellow men,  
Will drive away the clouds of gloom and  
Coax the sun again.  
It's full of worth and goodness too, with  
Manly kindness bent.  
It's worth a million dollars and doesn't  
Cost a cent.

—Selected.

## Things You Cannot Buy— Ideals

(Program for July 21)

BY MRS. S. A. WELLMAN

### OPENING EXERCISES.

BLACKBOARD GEM: "Our ideals are our better selves."—A. Bronson Alcott.

TALK: "The Value of an Ideal."

POEM: "Things That Count," p. 109 in "Choice Poems."

STORY: "The Shrinkage Rule."

SUPERINTENDENT'S TALK: "The Means to an Ideal." For impressive illustrations, see the Senior talk by this title, p. 21.

TALK: "The Fulfillment of Our Ideal."

POEM: "Be Strong."

### CLOSING EXERCISES.

### Notes to Superintendents

Many boys and girls think that money is the end and aim of everything in this world. Christ said, "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." In illustration of this I think of a boy who grew up in my home town. He was the only child of a doctor, and the only grandchild of one of the wealthiest men in the city. Of course, he had everything that money could buy to make him happy. He had a pony, a bicycle, a kodak, baseball equipment, all sorts of games—briefly, everything, apparently, that heart could wish. One Christmas morning he sat surrounded by packages, some of which he had not even bothered to open, because he was "tired of presents" and did not know what to do with the things he already owned. No, money does not always bring true happiness.

A certain boy of my acquaintance wants an education. This is his ambition. Judging from the way he is going about it, I am sure he will reach his goal. He is always bright and cheerful. He faithfully does any kind of work he can get to do. It is not always the kind of work he likes best to do, but it does help him earn a living. He is always courteous and polite. He is a real boy, but his great desire is to fit himself for a useful career, and he is well on his way toward accomplishing this purpose.

Success has never yet been attained by a person of weak impulses and desires. In short, there is room at the top for only those people who have plenty of "backbone," energy, pluck, and patient determination.

### Talk: The Value of an Ideal

EVERY boy and girl in this world has a place to fill and a part to play in life. Whether that part be large or small depends to some extent on the courage and determination of the person involved and the kindly advice of wise parents.

Two little boys that I know are sure that they are going to be doctors when they grow up. Much of their play centers around this ambition, and they take a lively interest in the ailments of the family pets. They are normal boys, and sometimes they feel that "early to bed and early to rise" does not apply to them. When mother gently suggests that "boys who are going to be doctors have to be very strong," they trot off to bed cheerfully—glad to do anything that will help them toward their goal.

Over in England there lived many years ago a little girl who was determined to be a nurse when she grew up. However, she did not wait until she grew up to begin her helpful work. When her pet dog hurt his leg, Florence, for that was her name, spent a lot of time taking care of her dog. He was her first patient. This little girl grew up to be a nurse, and she took a great interest in wounded soldiers. In fact, she was so kind to them that they called her "The Lady of the Lamp," because she came through the hospital wards at night carrying a small lamp to guide her on her errands of mercy. This girl, Florence Nightingale, is the ideal of every true nurse!

In Washington, D. C., stands a large hospital which is a memorial to a famous doctor. It is known as the Walter Reed Hospital. Dr. Reed was an army surgeon and during the Spanish-American War was sent to Cuba to study the causes of yellow fever. This terrible disease was killing many of the soldiers. By a thorough set of experiments in which some of Reed's coworkers sacrificed their lives for the cause, the doctor proved that yellow fever is carried only by a certain kind of mosquito. Dr. Reed did a great service to all mankind and is worthy of our admiration.

Doctors and nurses are not the only people who have made the world a better place in which to live. Think of some of the more ordinary things we use every day and how they make life more pleasant.

Elias Howe worked in a cotton mill, and as he saw the machinery at work, he conceived the idea of making a machine on which cloth could be sewed. He spent much time and money perfecting his invention, but in the end he worked out the first sewing machine.

The "Junior Song Book" sells for 35 cents in a paper binding.

You may say, "Oh, yes! He wanted to make money." As a matter of fact, many inventors have been extremely poor, and have often sold their inventions for a very low price. Sometimes their inventions have been stolen from them, but in spite of difficulties they have kept on bravely until they have accomplished their purpose and made life much better for human beings.

Perhaps none of us can invent anything to change the unpleasant things in the world, but we can each have a part in making life about us better and happier. To live each day cheerful and consistent Christian lives is the greatest aim our youth can have.

### Talk: The Fulfillment of Our Ideal

IN spite of our best efforts we sometimes fall short of attaining our ideal or purpose in life. Among my friends was a young man who was extremely fond of music. He desired to express his inmost thoughts in song, but, alas, he could not carry a tune! He spent no time mourning over his inability to sing, but comforted himself with the thought that in heaven he would be able to carry out the desire that was so much a part of his life. In the book "Education" we read, "There will be music there, and song, such music and song as, save in the visions of God, no mortal ear has heard or mind conceived."

A little lad who had been injured in early childhood was obliged to spend many of his days in a wheel chair. One day while watching from his window some boys at play in the next yard, he said to his mother, who was sitting near by, "Mother, will I ever be able to run and play as other boys do?" "Yes, my son; some day in the earth made new you will run and play as the other boys do, for the Bible says, 'The streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.'"

In that fair land the blind will see; the deaf will hear; the lame will walk; the dumb will speak. There we shall realize our hopes and ambitions. The disappointments of this world will be forgotten. All tears, all sorrow, all pain will be no more.

"There every power will be developed, every capability increased. The grandest enterprises will be carried forward, the loftiest aspirations will

be reached, the highest ambitions realized. And still there will arise new heights to surmount, new wonders to admire, new truths to comprehend, fresh objects to call forth the powers of body and mind and soul.

"All the treasures of the universe will be open to the study of God's children. With unutterable delight we shall enter into the joy and the wisdom of unfallen beings. We shall share the treasures gained through ages upon ages spent in contemplation of God's handiwork. And the years of eternity, as they roll, will continue to bring more glorious revelations."—"Education," p. 307.

Best of all, Jesus, the true ideal of every Christian, young or old, will be there. Through the ceaseless ages of eternity He, our Friend and Elder Brother, will share with us the joys of the heavenly kingdom. Let us be there!

### Be Strong

Be strong!  
We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;  
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift;  
Shun not the struggle—face it; 'tis God's gift.

Be strong!  
Say not, "The days are evil. Who's to blame?"  
And fold the hands and acquiesce—oh shame!  
Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name.

Be strong!  
It matters not how deep intrenched the wrong,  
How hard the battle goes, the day how long;  
Faint not—fight on! Tomorrow comes the song.

—Maltbie D. Babcock.

### The Shrinkage Rule

My chum was an apprentice in the pattern shop. Sometimes I ate my lunch with him, and then together we roamed about the shop, studying the new machines as well as the old ones.

But one of the things that strongly impressed me was his own set of "shrinkage" rules. I discovered for the first time that every pattern was made larger than the mold was intended to be, because when the pattern was put into the sand and the mold was cast the casting came out smaller than the pattern, because of the shrinkage of the cooling metal. For cast-iron the rule was made an eighth of an inch larger to the foot; for brass, three sixteenths; and for steel, one quarter of an inch.

So our models and our ideals al-

ways suffer in the work of embodiment. The pattern-maker's shrinkage rule taught me that if my life was to square itself with the plans laid out for me by God, so that it would harmonize and fit in with other worthy lives and plans, my ideal as to what I should be and do must be higher and better than the average, for those ideals would suffer grievously when transmuted into practical everyday living. If my ideals were higher than the average, perhaps I would make a pretty good ordinary sort of a fellow.

—Charles Stelzle.



### Why We Are Seventh-day Adventists

(Program for July 28)

BY EMMA E. HOWELL

#### OPENING EXERCISES.

BLACKBOARD TALK: "Listening to the Ring of Certainty." Given by an older Junior.

SUPERINTENDENT'S TALK: "Comparing the Exodus and Advent Movements, and Identification Marks." See reading and talk in Senior program, p. 23.

MEMORY TEXT: Rev. 14:6-12. If the Juniors have not previously memorized this, discuss it now and have them commit it to memory. It should be a part of the knowledge of every Seventh-day Adventist.

RECITATION: "His Second Coming." See p. 24.

TALK: "No Change."

SENTENCE RESPONSES: "Why I Am a Seventh-day Adventist," or "Why I Want to Be a Seventh-day Adventist."

IN CLOSING sing pointed stanzas from two or more songs on Jesus' soon coming.

#### Note to Superintendents

This meeting should help our boys and girls to value more highly their denominational family. If we can impress their young minds with the certainty of this Seventh-day Adventist movement, they will not be quick to wander away from it when older grown. If your society is in connection with a church school, you may, of course, have your definite time arranged for Standard of Attainment study; but if you are not in a church school this meeting should open the way to begin a denominational history class. Make it very real to the Juniors. So often we read the Bible and our history sketches vaguely, not fully realizing that they are real. Ask a Junior how many times he has read Luke 1:1-4. Have it read now. Point out that Luke was writing about things which he knew for a certainty.

"Junior Handbook for Missionary Volunteers" costs 25 cents.

## Blackboard Talk: Listening to the Ring of Certainty

(Have the four "results" listed on the blackboard, and turn it to face the audience at the right moment.)

"I WAS proceeding to one of our missions. Before our boat reached the port, a revolution had broken out. A thousand revolutionists, with red handkerchiefs and all varieties of weapons, boarded our ship. We landed amidst the firing of guns and the shouts of soldiers. A battle was on in the suburbs of the city. The railway leading to the capital and to our mission station had been torn up. Telegraph wires were cut. There was no way of getting in touch with friends. The only thing to do was to get away by boat to our next mission center down the coast. But I had in cash only a single gold piece, having expected to draw funds by letter of credit which I carried. Shops and banks generally were closed. Amidst the disorder and violence filling the streets, would I find some way of securing money?"

"Finally I found a small bank open. They said they would honor my letter of credit. I saw the gold coins slipped into the brown bank envelope, and as I walked out again upon the street, that envelope of coins was inside my breast pocket. I knew it was there, but every now and then I found myself feeling it from the outside of my coat. That lump of coin meant getting passage out on the ship lying off the docks. I knew what was in that envelope beneath the coat, but now and then as I walked down the street I found myself patting it and listening to the ring of the coin. The jingle of that money sounded good to my ear amidst the firing of guns and the passion-filled cries of contestants. Again and again with thankful heart I felt of that envelope of money which meant deliverance and safety.

"Just so, though we may know the great truths of the word of God, it is good to go over them again and again. It is good to sum up the great lines of prophecy, beginning in ancient times and following them down to our own day, then reversing it, beginning with our own day and adding the evidence back to the ancient days. Every time the result is the same. Every great line of prophecy comes out summing up the truth that rings with certain sound in our ears:

1. "The last days have come.
2. "The last message of the 'everlasting gospel' is due to the world.
3. "The advent message of Revelation fourteen, proclaiming the judgment hour, is that last gospel message.
4. "The last, or 'remnant,' church of the prophecy should be abroad in the world proclaiming that advent message.

"And the church of the advent movement, keeping the commandments of God, is that remnant church; and it is proclaiming the gospel message of the judgment hour in the world movement as foretold by the prophecy.

"As the message of the prophecy goes, it is bringing out the people of the prophecy from among 'every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.' They are taking their stand upon the platform of the New Testament,—the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."—*W. A. Spicer, in "Certainties of the Advent Movement."*

## Talk: No Change

"It is worth while being in a movement that is going through. It is like taking a train coach that is marked through to the destination desired. Many years ago I was in Brussels, Belgium, bound on a night journey for Basel, Switzerland. I had never been over the road before. Where might I have to change trains? That was my anxious question. But in the long train making up in the Brussels station I found one carriage marked 'Basel.' 'Good,' my heart said, 'that is the carriage for me. It is marked for Basel, that is where I want to go. I will get into that carriage, and go with it to Basel.'

"On we sped into the night. As the train stopped at this station or that, guards and porters would cry out, 'Change for this, Change for that.' Fellow passengers now and then got up, seized their luggage, and made their way out. 'Well,' I thought to myself, 'they are not going to Basel. This carriage is marked for Basel. I will stay with it until it gets to that fair city on the Rhine.'

"But I recall waking once and hearing voices out in the night, insistent, apparently, that people should change. Not another soul was in my compartment. Everybody had gone. 'Can it be possible that there has been a change in the schedule?' I thought. I leaned out the window and looked down beneath to the place where the destinations of the carriages are marked in Europe. There I saw it still, in plain letters, 'Basel.' My carriage was marked for Basel. 'Good!' I thought. 'I don't care what voices may call out there in the darkness. This carriage is marked for Basel; there is where I want to go. I will stay with it until it reaches Basel.'

"And, sure enough, in the morning I woke up in the very city to which I was journeying.

"Just so the sure word of prophecy marks this advent movement from 1844 to the city of God. There is where I want to go. Then by the

grace of God I will hold to Christ and to the movement which He is leading until it sweeps in through the gates into the city. Voices may cry, 'Lo here!' and, 'Lo there!' Separatist voices may say, 'This is wrong; you must change from the movement.' 'No,' I say, 'I will take another look at the marking.' I turn to the sure word of prophecy, and there I see it. The same movement that came out from the world in 1844 is marked for the heavenly city. . . .

"But this certainty ministers no self-confidence to our hearts. The advent movement is going through as marked by the sure word of prophecy, but we can go through with it only as we keep our sins forgiven and know the way of victory in individual hearts and lives. If I do not cling to Christ and by faith hold His abiding presence, with all His keeping power, something will come along to turn my feet aside from the advent pathway. Some experience will shake me out while the movement sweeps on to victory. No sin can enter heaven. No unsanctified feet can march into the Holy City, or stand on the sea of glass before the throne. . . .

"Every evil thing must be shaken from the movement. So it was in the exodus movement. When there was sin among the people, the Lord did not give up that movement which He had brought out of Egypt and start another one. He did not call the believers out, but he shook unbelief out of the movement. He purified it by setting aside from it every element that did not belong with the movement that He was leading according to His promise. On one pretext or another, unbelief and disorder moved out, while the movement itself marched on. So the surety of the promise ministers to not one heart the slightest measure of self-confidence. . . .

"Now truly as we contemplate it we say not, 'The Lord liveth that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' but rather, 'The Lord liveth who is bringing His people up out of all the lands.'—*Id.*

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No man or woman of the humblest sort can really be strong, gentle, pure, and good without the world's being better for it, without somebody's being helped and comforted by the very existence of that goodness.—*Phillips Brooks.*

Have you read all of the footnotes for this month?

## Our Foreign Missions

These pages provide interesting and helpful material for church elders and conference workers in promoting foreign mission work, and may be used on the second Sabbath of each month when the church offering for missions is taken.

OUR foreign missions task is still unfinished. Much unentered territory awaits the coming of our missionaries. While it is true, through God's blessing, that the sun never sets upon Seventh-day Adventist missions, still it is also true that many dark spots remain to be lighted with the bright jets of truth bound up in the third angel's message. Time is graciously extended that we may continue with our uncompleted task. Shall we in love for God and perishing souls be faithful and true to our commission? The Lord's messenger wrote:

"I feel intensely over the needs of foreign countries, as they have been presented before me. In all parts of the world angels of God are opening doors that a little while ago were closed to the message of truth. From India, from Africa, from China, and from many other places is heard the cry, 'Come over and help us.' " "It is the positive duty of God's people to go into the regions beyond. Let forces be set at work to clear new ground, to establish new centers of influence, . . . to diffuse light and knowledge far and near."

Sabbath, July 21, opportunity is given us for bringing our Midsummer Offering for missions unto the Lord's treasury. Because of God's prospering hand with His people, may this mid-year offering prove to be one of the very best in recent years, that not only all our missionaries may be kept at their posts, but that some sorely needed recruits may also be sent on to waiting fields. On the second Sabbath, July 14, announcement should be made of the Midsummer Offering the next Sabbath, that all may prepare for it.

### A Peep in Among Cannibals

PRINCIPAL G. H. ENGELBRECHT, at the close of our Aore Training School, New Hebrides, in taking home students on our mission boat, "Rani," called on a couple working among cannibals on Malekula. Of this short visit, he writes:

"At Malekula I was particularly in-

terested in the work of a couple who are working for the cannibals. The missionary spirit and love for souls manifested by Masing and his little wife called forth the greatest admiration. The day we visited their station we found them overjoyed because the chief of another warlike tribe had spent the previous night with them talking over the possibility of obtaining a mission teacher for his people. This man, who had never been away from his home before, accompanied us to Aore to become informed about our methods and to see for himself the work we are doing."

Then in passing, to note how the training school at Aore is helping the work on Tanna Island, where John G. Paton pioneered with the gospel, we read:

"Although the majority of our students are now at their own villages, enjoying their vacation period, yet we still have about thirty boys and girls, mostly from Tanna, who have remained with us. We are conducting school daily for these, and although a much smaller family, it is still a happy one."

### These Apostle-Colporteurs

It was out in the Kenya Colony, East Africa. A colporteur institute was on. There were David, Elijah, Mark, Ismael, Zephaniah, Judah, and some others present. "Experiences hour" was pressed full of modern Acts records. "Stripes," "imprisonment," "beatings," bad their part. One told how, while working in Kisumu the police had sent out warnings of a "dangerous thief" carrying a box, wanted. Well, David was at large carrying a box, and—

"Sure enough I was arrested and taken to the police and accused as being 'the dangerous thief.' Soon after arrival at the police station I was forced to open my box and questioned as to my identity, my authority for carrying such books, and what I was doing with the money. I was so nervous I failed to answer satisfactorily, and trembled within me as I was threatened with a beating. Shortly afterward I was taken to the chief of the local native Baraza (government). My heart sank as I saw the chief's face, but I prayed an ear-

nest prayer to God as my heart beat faster and faster. The chief examined my book and then his face changed. I knew my prayer was answered! I told the chief who I was and what I was doing, and he became so interested he gathered all the soldiers and listeners into a circle and then requested that I preach to the people. In some mysterious way I thought of that verse, 'He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.' I tried my best to explain the verse, and I showed them how God was sowing bountifully and that one day He would reap a bountiful harvest. On my appealing to my audience to prepare for that harvest, the chief decided that he must buy a book. His secretary also purchased one and six people in the audience did likewise."

### Ready to Exchange His Religion for Tracts

It was over in Burma. A banana seller had obtained through his wife the year before, some tracts from our missionary while he was up there on the mountain on his hill leave. He had read them, had argued with his village teachers about the truth found in the tracts, and they were now telling him he was becoming an Adventist. Missionary Mrs. H. Baird tells about it a little further:

"It is a cold night and through the cracks of the lone bamboo hut on the mountain side can be seen the welcome blaze of a cheery fire. The banana seller is about to retire, when from without comes the call, 'Uncle, are you asleep?' He recognizes the voice of a near-by neighbor. They are soon enjoying a friendly chat before the glowing coals.

"'Look, I am just fed up with my religion. What are these tracts that you talk about? Here I have to confess to the priest once a month, and tell everything I do, and then have to pay to have my sins forgiven. I tell you I am finished with all this nonsense.' So they talked, not for one hour or two hours, but all night until the next day dawned. The gray streaks of dawn reminded the visitor that he must depart. 'But I must have those tracts to read,' he says. 'I will give you just one, and when you bring that back I will give you a new one,' was the wise answer.

"We were glad to meet the same neighbor a few days later and give him a bundle all for himself, which he accepted with a big 'thank you,' and went away just as proud and as happy as could be."

### Missing Links Become Valued Missionaries

INFUDEL evolution theorists not so long ago sported their claim of hav-

ing found their "missing link" in some aboriginal tribes in certain remote sections of New Zealand and Australia. For several years mission school work has been carried on among a tribe of these people at our Moua-mona Mission in northern New Zealand. Missionary C. M. Lee, in a recent report, says:

"The Australian aboriginal in his environment is known to be degraded, and by many is thought to be incapable of grasping the fundamentals of the gospel or of ever being uplifted by mission efforts. But the story of redeeming love as unfolded in the plan of salvation has acted as leaven, gradually subduing their natural hearts, and today many are rejoicing in the full light and liberty of the blessed hope.

"There are about 190 natives on the mission. A staff of three married couples and a matron makes the place self-supporting by providing two thirds of its finances. As the aboriginal uses English very imperfectly, simple lessons in English grammar are given. These people love music, and for some years a choir of about twelve members has been conducted by a competent music teacher. Some members read music, and have good voices, and two play the organ for services in the church. The aim is to give that training which uplifts spiritually, mentally, and physically, making them Christians in their surroundings, and thus enabling them to be a light to many of their benighted fellow creatures.

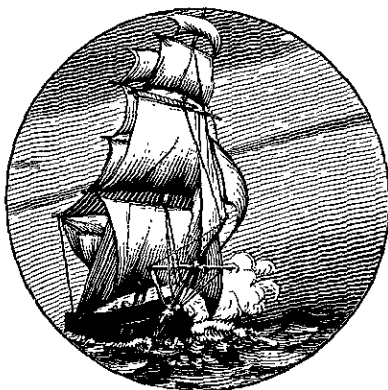
"That these ideals are being realized is evidenced by the fact that the first two married couples of these aboriginals have been sent to Papua, and their services are highly appreciated by both natives and Europeans. These young people rejoice to follow the self-sacrificing example of their Master, and are the first Australian aboriginals to be sent as foreign missionaries."

#### On Mars Hill

ONE of our workers, looking upon scenes viewed by the great apostle Paul while waiting for Silas and Timothy to reach him at Athens, writes:

"It appears to me that no Seventh-day Adventist could walk the streets of this city, could look upon the world-renowned Acropolis, near Mars Hill, which the great apostle must have gazed upon as he delivered that wonderful oration to the curious Athenians, while the altar to the 'unknown god' was in such plain sight beneath him, without feeling his blood flow with increased warmth in his love for this people, while he, too, would long intently for the triumph of the last warning message in this ancient and historic city.

"We have a wide-awake church here, its members holding up the light of truth among the modern Athenians—presenting the same gospel truths taught by the apostle Paul himself of so long ago. There are many deeply interested hearers who visit our meetings and receive Bible readings in their homes. As they are unacquainted with the Scriptures, the work is necessarily slow, in that it requires time for the people to prepare for baptism."



#### "Go"

"Go," is the order given;  
Go to the wide-flung world.  
Go as soldiers going  
To battle with flags unfurled.

Go to the distant nations;  
Go to the isles as well.  
Go where vices flourish;  
Go where sinners dwell.

Go where the snares of evil  
The minds of men enslave.  
Go in the strength of Jesus  
The souls of men to save.

Go though long the journey;  
Go though steep the road;  
Go though tired and footsore  
Under the heavy load.

Go before God's lightnings  
In wrath and fury roll,  
Go while yet probation  
Is offered the sinning soul.

Go while daylight lingers;  
Go, oh, go today.  
Go before night's curtain  
Drops o'er the world for aye.

EDWARD J. URQUHART.  
Soonan, Korea.



"God declares, 'Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters.' A continual imparting of God's gifts wherever the cause of God or the needs of humanity

demand our aid, does not tend to poverty. 'There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.' The sower multiplies his seed by casting it away. So it is with those who are faithful in distributing God's gifts. By imparting they increase their blessings. 'Give, and it shall be given unto you,' God has promised; 'good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom.'—*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 345.

#### The Lord, He Is God!

It was in 1933, and down in South-west Kenya of our East African Union Mission, while Missionary A. F. Bull tells us the story of their experience:

"The old heathen looked at the sky and misgivings entered their hearts. The time of the rains had come, but no welcome showers refreshed the earth. The sun and the Pleiades had reached their usual place in the heavens. The grass had been burnt and gardens dug in anticipation. Streams were running dry and cattle were in distress for lack of food. Still the rain did not come.

"A deputation waits on the rain doctor. There had not been the usual sacrifices. Many of the people had forsaken the old ways and gone to read at the mission. How could they expect rain! Bring in the cattle! So the propitiation of the gods began. Oxen to over 100 gave their lives in vain, while chickens without number were slaughtered. But all to no purpose. The heavens remained as brass, and the earth continued to be seared.

"The plight of the heathen became desperate. Was there no help? Why not try the Christians' God? They had heard about Him from certain ones who had come to their villages and told them the story of creation and redemption. The rain doctor had failed. What about the head teacher at the mission? The deputation waits upon him. He humbly hears their request. 'Is not your God able to help us in our distress?' they ask. 'What shall we bring Him?'

"Word is carried to the church. A day of special prayer is appointed. Earnest supplication ascends to the Giver of all that He will remember the works of His creation. Even while prayer is being offered the sky darkens with clouds and the sound of distant thunder mingles with the 'Amen's' of the praying people. That day the rains broke, and many of the children of darkness confessed in their hearts, 'The Lord, He is God; the Lord, He is God.'"

MISSION BOARD.