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## Beware With What Judgment Ye Judge

SINCE that day when the prince of angels in heaven sought to exalt himself above the Son of God, allowing thoughts of sin to enter his heart, "to dispute the supremacy of the Son of God, thus impeaching the wisdom and love of the Creator," contention and strife for power and the highest place have existed in the Father's once peaceful and happy universe. We are told that God bore long with Lucifer and the angels who sympathized with him after they left their appointed stations of loving service. But a time came when they were cast out of heaven into the earth. With the entrance of sin and revolt into the earth, one of the first recorded promises is given, which reads: "I will put enmity between thee [Satan] and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." That enmity against the church has existed upon earth from that day to this.

### A Stealthy Approach

One of Satan's most successful methods of grieving the hearts of the Father and His beloved Son; yea, of the loyal angels, and of Christ's loyal followers upon earth as well, is that of stealthily working himself in among God's people upon some plausible pretext by which he can bring in dissension, strife, and division among brethren. With love and unity thus weakened, his purposes are more easily accomplished. It is thus that factions are formed, motives of the loyal are maligned, their mistakes and failures are magnified, and apostasies are developed—leading the deceived ones on to ruin and loss of

life. And all the while these deceived ones are obsessed with the belief that they are spiritually correct, and that those whom they are supposedly leaving behind are the ones who are in darkness and deception.

### To Glory in Another's Calamity

The Lord has often had to correct His loyal people, and send them messages of warning and reproof, and judgments as well, to turn them away from their sins and bring them back to Him, but this fact does not give those who have not been corrected license to glory among themselves that they are undeserving of this same correction and punishment of God. Examples of this same spirit may be drawn from the near-by nations, when Israel was sent out of their own land into Babylonian captivity. Even among these Israelite captives were to be found a remnant of true and loyal ones. Through Ezekiel God sent this word to the Ammonites—Lot's posterity:

"Because thou saidst, Aha, against My sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity; . . . because thou hast clapped thine hands, and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced in heart with all thy despite against the land of Israel; . . . therefore I will stretch out Mine hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for a spoil to the heathen; and I will cut thee off from the people, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries: I will destroy thee; and thou shalt know that I am the Lord." Eze. 25:3-7.

And to arrogant Mount Seir, Esau's possession, who lifted up itself in

pride above Israel, whom God had so richly blessed, this word was sent:

"Behold, O Mount Seir, I am against thee, and I will stretch out Mine hand against thee, and I will make thee most desolate. . . . Because thou hast had a perpetual hatred, and hast shed the blood of the children of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time that their iniquity had an end; . . . therefore, as I live, saith the Lord God, . . . I will even do according to thine anger, and according to thine envy which thou hast used out of thy hatred against them. . . . When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make thee desolate." Eze. 35:3-14.

### Pronouncement of One's Own Sentence

Jesus set forth the lesson contained in the above experiences in His sermon on the mount, in these words:

"Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." Matt. 7:1, 2.

David learned this lesson when God led him to pronounce judgment upon himself when Nathan was sent to him with a message of rebuke for his sin. Haman, likewise, found himself caught when he meted out, supposedly for himself, great honor and glory to be bestowed by the Persian king. He was hanged on gallows which he, in deadly hate and revenge, had prepared for Mordecai.

"It is not given to any human being to judge between the different servants of God. The Lord alone is the judge of man's work, and He will give to each his just reward."—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 276.

Paul wrote his Corinthian brethren: "But with me it is a very small

thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but He that judgeth me is the Lord." 1 Cor. 4:3, 4.

### Misdirecting Heaven's Reproof

Recently in church one Sabbath morning a worker brought to us all a very helpful message based upon the words of the True Witness addressed to the Laodicean church. A few Sabbaths later, when we were leaving the church after the service, we were handed a parcel of literature by a man. Later, on examining the contents, it was discovered that the writer had used extracts from the above-mentioned discourse, in an effort to convince the reader that the loyal ones should come out of the remnant church and join a reform movement of which he obviously was a member. He used as proof such statements from the Testimonies as would suit his purpose; but he overlooked other clear statements from the Spirit of prophecy which condemn in strong terms this very thing that he was doing.

Ponder very carefully and thoughtfully these words:

"The light we have received upon the third angel's message is the true light. . . . There is to be no change in the general features of our work. It is to stand as clear and distinct as prophecy has made it. . . . No line of truth that has made the Seventh-day Adventist people what they are, is to be weakened. . . . Men of all ranks and capacities, with their various gifts, are to cooperate harmoniously for a common result. They are to unite in the work of bringing the truth to the people, each worker fulfilling his own special appointment."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VI, p. 17.

"When men arise, claiming to have a message from God, but instead of warring against principalities and powers, and the rulers of the darkness of this world, they form a hollow square, and turn the weapons of warfare against the church militant, be afraid of them. They do not bear the divine credentials. God has not given them any such burden of labor. They would tear down that which God would restore by the Laodicean message."—*Testimonies to Ministers*, pp. 22, 23.

### If We Were to Judge Ourselves

The counsel of the True Witness to each and all of us is:

"I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and

anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent." Rev. 3:18, 19.

And this true repentance is set forth to us in these words:

"Judge not, that ye be not judged.' Do not think yourself better than other men, and set yourself up as their judge. Since you cannot discern motive, you are incapable of judging another. In criticizing him, you are passing sentence upon yourself; for you show that you are a participant with Satan, the accuser of the brethren. The Lord says, 'Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.' This is our work. If we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 314.

T. E. B.

## Special Appointments for May

Home Missionary Day,  
May 3

Foreign Missions Offerings,  
May 10

Missions Extension and Big  
Week, APRIL 12-19; Mis-  
sions Extension Offering,  
April 19

Elementary Schools Offering,  
May 31

### "Around the Corner"

"AROUND the corner I have a friend  
In this great city, that has no end;  
Yet days go by and weeks rush on,  
And ere I know it, a year has gone.  
And I never see my old friend's face;  
For life is a swift and terrible race.  
He knows I like him just as well  
As in the days when I rang his bell,  
And he rang mine.  
We were younger then;  
And now we are busy, tired men—  
Tired with playing a foolish game;  
Tired with trying to make a name.  
'Tomorrow,' I say, 'I'll call on Jim,  
Just to show I'm thinking of him.'  
But tomorrow comes—and tomorrow  
goes,  
And the distance between us grows and  
grows,  
Around the corner! yet miles away—  
'Here's a telegram, sir;  
Jim died today!'  
And that's what we get and deserve in  
the end,  
Around the corner—a vanished friend."  
—Charles Hanson Towne.

In this poem Mr. Towne has keenly reminded us of our own experience in neglecting to carry out past good intentions. Let us do better today and tomorrow.

Let's step around the corner and see that other friend today, this evening—sometime before we retire. Let's go as we are. It isn't the dress,

or the suit, or the hat, you know. It's the friendly spirit that we carry, the cheer that the voice and the smile will give, the kindly word, or the bit of interesting news we take with us.

We could make two calls in half an hour or a little more. We need not stay long. Short visits are really the best, you know. And here is a little admonition: "We are to be sociable for His sake." Yes, that is so; we are to make the social contacts count for the Master and His kingdom.

So let's take along a paper or some bit of good reading to leave with the friends around the corner. We have the *Signs of the Times*, the *Watchman*, or some other attractive and timely reading matter in our homes. It is our duty and our privilege to share these good things with the friends around the corner. Let us not hesitate. We will make a call today, or tonight. And the friends "around the corner" will be thankful for the cheer and the "light" that we bring to them. Our time of opportunity is limited. Let us act! "In season and out of season!" And the blessing will come.

ERNEST LLOYD.

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SAILING orders are generally sealed orders with God, only revealed to us when we have ventured forth upon His deeps.—*Hugh Redwood*.

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## WINNING WAYS FOR WORKING CHURCHES

### Suggestive Program for Sabbath Service, May 3, 1941

OPENING SONG: "What Are You Doing for Jesus?" No. 542 in "Christ in Song."

PRAYER.

BIBLE AND TESTIMONY STUDY: "Use and Misuse of Individual Talent."

SONG: "Wholly Thine," No. 395 in "Christ in Song."

READING: "The Church a Dynamo of Spiritual Power."

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

READING: "Winning Ways for Working Churches."

READING: "The Church Militant."

TALK BY MISSIONARY LEADER: Our Missionary Program.

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CLOSING SONG: "Winning Precious Souls," No. 536 in "Christ in Song."

BENEDICTION.

#### Note to Leaders

The Bible and Testimony study, prepared by Elder R. L. Benton, affords an especially fitting introduction to the service of this hour. In the smaller churches it would be well to arrange for different members to read the scriptures and the quotations from the Spirit of prophecy, in response to the questions set forth. Plan well in advance, and assign parts to readers with clear voices and distinct enunciation. "The Church a Dynamo of Spiritual Power," by Elder Steen Rasmussen, sets forth the groundwork of a true *working* church, and prepares the way for Elder Reischwig's presentation of "Winning Ways for Working Churches." "The Church Militant," by Elder H. M. Burwell, opens to view a rich field of research in Spirit of prophecy writings. The pastor or leader will find interesting experiences in the article entitled, "Glimpses of Marvelous Providences" (see page 11), which he may wish to incorporate in the program for the service, as evidence of results that attend some of the "winning ways" for winning souls. We would also call attention

to the brief article entitled, "Channels or Obstacles," which may serve as a key thought in emphasizing personal responsibility on the part of every Christian. May there come a new vision to thousands of our lay members today, as to their responsibility to become channels instead of obstacles, and may the power of personal testimony in connection with the many "winning ways" of soul-saving endeavor flow out from each church into the lives of friends, acquaintances, employees, into neighborhood communities, and on into ever-widening areas, until every church becomes a "dynamo of spiritual power," a magnet that will attract and hold many whose feet are traveling the dark and slippery places of life.

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### Use and Misuse of Talent

#### Bible and Testimony Study

ARRANGED BY R. L. BENTON, *President, Southwestern Union*

QUESTION: *From whom do we receive our talents, and on what basis are they given?*

ANSWER: "Unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability." Matt. 25:15.

*For what purpose are talents entrusted to us?*

"Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury." Matt. 25:27. "God is testing every soul that claims to believe in Him. All are entrusted with talents. The Lord has given men His goods upon which to trade. He has made them His stewards, and has placed in their possession money, houses, and lands. All these are to be regarded as the Lord's goods, and used to advance His work, to build up His kingdom in the world. In trading with the Lord's goods, we

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### The Church a Dynamo of Spiritual Power

BY STEEN RASMUSSEN, *Secretary,*

*General Conference Home Missionary Department*

WHEN the church shall truly have the spirit of the message, they will throw all their energies into the work of saving the souls for whom Christ has died. They will enter new fields. Some who are not ordained ministers will be laborers together with God. . . . There will be laymen who will move into towns and cities, and into apparently out-of-the-way places, that they may let the light which God has given them, shine forth to others. . . . In places where the truth is not known, brethren who are adapted to the work, might hire a hall, or some other suitable place, to assemble, and gather together all who will come. Then let them instruct the people in the truth. They need not sermonize, but take the Bible, and let God speak directly out of His word. If there is only a small number present, they can read a "Thus saith the Lord," without a great parade or excitement; just read and explain the simple gospel truth, and sing and pray with them."—"Christian Service," pp. 180, 181.

The above statement sets forth in very clear and distinct language the fact that there are marvelous opportunities before every one of our churches. It further emphasizes that the Lord will use humble laymen to be laborers together with Him in the grandest of all tasks given to humanity—that of bringing the light of Jesus Christ, as revealed in His word, to those who grope in darkness. The

promise is attached that if the word of God in all its simplicity is read and briefly explained to the people, it will bring fruitage.

### A Going Church

"A going church is a growing church," is a saying which has demonstrated its truthfulness again and again. But in order to experience the strongest and most healthful growth, a church needs to give attention to training, organization, and careful planning, and must exercise perseverance in the execution of plans.

While the world may be rich in material and temporal things, it is impoverished in matters of spiritual value. While we realize that system or technique will never make a church a soul-winning agency, yet we do believe that when the church has a burden to herald the life-giving message of God she will attain greater results if she will follow system, order, and the proper technique in the extension of the work.

Nowhere in the New Testament do we find any record to the effect that Jesus commanded the people to go to His disciples and learn of them, but He did command His disciples to go to the people and preach. On at least two occasions He organized His disciples into teams of personal workers, and He sent them out into the highways and market places to talk about spiritual matters to the people they met. While prayer is essential, and must precede and accompany the going, it is essential that careful thought be given to *how* and *where* and *when* to go.

### Training and Service Material

We believe that if our church officers and our church boards will give careful study to the very simple program outlines for the enlistment of every church member in some line of missionary endeavor, more winning ways will be found for working churches. A set of the Home Missionary series leaflets (25 numbers) should be found in every church for study and reference. These leaflets contain suggestions and plans relative to the organization as well as the activities of the church as a whole. Further suggestions are contained in the CHURCH OFFICERS' GAZETTE, of which it would be well for each church to keep the yearly volumes on file. Such works as "Christian

Service," "The Lay Preacher and His Work," the "Church Manual," etc., should also be in the church library; and it would be well to keep on file also copies of the *Lay Preacher* and the *Doreas Letter*—two small publications issued by the General Conference Home Missionary Department, and sent free to those who can profitably make use of them. There is also the little volume entitled, "How to Give Bible Readings," which is used in connection with the Bible Service Training School classwork, and should be readily available.

No one individual, no matter how efficient and well trained he may be, is able to do all the work of any church unaided. A good sales manager does not go out and get all the signed orders for the goods he is selling. He instructs his salesmen and inspires them to go out and get business. That minister, pastor, or church elder is the most efficient who trains and organizes the most people in the task of the church, and then puts them to work.

It is our conviction that if a layman is successful in his daily avocation, he can also be trained to do church work and soul-winning work successfully. We believe, in fact, that we have far more talent for successful soul-winning work in our churches than is generally recognized. To put these talents to use, and have them multiplied, should be the study and concern of every church. A church that admits people to membership, and does not plan to give them something to do, will sooner or later find that the loyalty of such individuals will gradually diminish. To be left idle gives the impression of being unappreciated.



If we scan the church records we shall generally find that people who are not employed in some kind of missionary activity will be delinquent in their church attendance and in their support of the program of the church. They will fail to subscribe to our denominational papers. They will be slack in coming to prayer meetings. They will constitute a migrant membership, which brings some concern to those who are primarily responsible for the life and welfare of the church as a whole.

Unemployed church members are an indictment of our leadership. Every member has a right to a voice in the adoption of the program of the church, but the church and the pastor have a right to expect the support of every member after that program has been adopted. We believe the time demands complete unity in the church in order that its activities may result in the greatest good.

### Passion and Love for the Perishing

The managing editor of a great metropolitan newspaper once wrote: "If the churches really believe what they preach, why are they not desperate about it?" A new passion and love for perishing humanity needs to take possession of both church officers and church members. While it is imperative to attend the services of the church, yet such attendance does not involve any great effort or inconvenience. It is when an individual is thrust out on an errand of witnessing for the Lord that his loyalty to the cause and his burden for his fellow men is tested.

Some years ago a newspaper writer in a Southeastern European country wrote: "There must be at least thirty thousand Adventists in this community. Wherever you go you meet an Adventist, who will endeavor to sell you a book, a paper, or a tract. If he cannot sell it to you, he will either lend it to you or give it to you. He will invite you to meetings, or suggest holding Bible studies in your home. Furthermore, he will solicit your gift for missions." As a matter of fact, we had only three hundred members in that particular locality concerning which this newspaperman wrote, but these three hundred believers were so active and so diligent and zealous in their missionary activities that they created the impression of being an

army thirty thousand strong. Needless to say, as a result of the untiring ministry of these three hundred members, our church membership grew rapidly from year to year; and when, on one occasion, the city authorities needed help in a special emergency, they turned to Seventh-day Adventists to assist them in a city-wide canvass for relief. Our members in that city were able, under God, to collect ten times as much clothing, food, and funds as had formerly been collected, and in half the period of time which had been required by a group of people which outnumbered them seven to one.

### The Church Must Evangelize

There is one endeavor which no church can neglect and still survive. Every church must evangelize or perish. Every church faces the sober alternative of extension or extinction. Unless the church reproduces herself she cannot continue to exist. Unless she carries her message to the ends of the earth, she will stultify her own message. And while we talk of local churches, each local church must remember that it is part of a world fellowship. It has a world mission. Its task is of a world-wide nature.

Indeed, lay evangelism is the winning way of a working church in keeping ablaze the true purpose and objective for which the church was organized. Lay evangelism offers a field which can never be overcrowded with workers, and nothing improves the spiritual life of the church and the efficiency of the laity like personal soul-winning endeavors. There are so many avenues of service—Bible work (including lay preaching), literature distribution, Dorcas and welfare endeavor, medical missionary work, missionary correspondence, branch Sabbath school and Sunday school work—and these are all winning ways for working churches.

Here is a program big enough to challenge the most forward-looking and the most active of all our churches anywhere, a challenge to stir the soul of the most courageous and the most active. If the pulpit can stir the laity to this passion for souls, the enlistment of workers will be a simple matter. Spiritual power is not a gift of God miraculously or whimsically conferred, but a quality of life acquired by faithful and patient devotion to certain spiritual ex-

ercises and well-defined principles, and to a distinct program. Just as a gymnasium affords special advantages in the cultivation of physical powers, so the church must be an institution that offers instruction in the development, conservation, and exercise of spiritual health and efficiency.

### The Importance of Counsel

It is essential that every church adopt a plan of work so simple and yet so challenging that it will meet the needs not only of the church, but also of the community. In planning for developing and extending the work, the leadership of the church must meet at the council table with representatives of all the departments and auxiliaries in the church. Together they must make the plans and outline the program, which will have one united purpose and aim in view. The local church is a democracy. The minister, church officers, and people together work out, not their own wills and their own plans, but the will and the program of the Father. Through such sincere cooperation the church prospers.

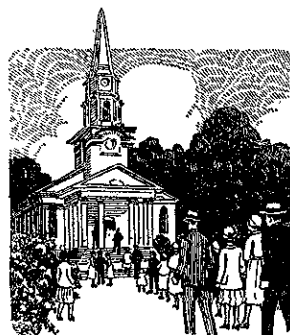
In referring to the model church organization, the Spirit of prophecy has this good counsel: "The organization of the church at Jerusalem was to serve as a model for the organization of churches in every other place where messengers of truth should win converts to the gospel. . . . Later in the history of the early church, when in various parts of the world many groups of believers had been formed into churches, the organization of the church was further perfected, so that order and harmonious action might be maintained. Every member was exhorted to act well his part. Each was to make a wise use of the talents entrusted to him."—*Acts of the Apostles*, pp. 91, 92.

### Responding to the Master's Call

"The Master calls for gospel workers. Who will respond? Not all who enter the army are to be generals, captains, sergeants, or even corporals. Not all have the care and responsibility of leaders. There is hard work of other kinds to be done. Some must dig trenches and build fortifications; some are to stand as sentinels, some to carry messages. While there are but few officers, it requires many soldiers to form the rank and file of the army; yet its success depends

upon the fidelity of every soldier. One man's cowardice or treachery may bring disaster upon the entire army."—*Gospel Workers*, pp. 84, 85.

The most opportune and glorious hour in the history of the advent church has arrived. Let us not fail in sounding the invitation to our friends and neighbors to come to the wedding, for "all things are now ready." Are we ready?



### Winning Ways for Working Churches

BY J. J. REISWIG, *President, Montana Conference*

THEY that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." Dan. 12:3. It requires wisdom to be a successful soul winner. The winning of souls is also the most interesting and fascinating work ever undertaken by man. Much instruction has been given to God's people concerning the work of leading souls to Christ, both in the Scriptures and also through the Spirit of prophecy. In fact, leading souls to Christ is the one object for which the church of God exists. The messenger of the Lord tells us that "every church member should be engaged in some line of service for the Master." (Sec "Ministry of Healing," p. 149.) This statement indicates that there must be various lines of service through which hearts can be reached.

### Medical Missionary Work

We wish to consider a few of the many openings that present themselves to the child of God by which he can make Christ known. We have been admonished to study the methods used by Jesus in His work. Of Him we read that He "went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of

the devil" (Acts 10:38); also that He healed all manner of diseases, and preached the gospel to the poor. So, in following the Saviour's methods, we find that medical missionary work is one of the outstanding methods by which Jesus won the confidence of His hearers. Often when we speak of medical missionary work people have the wrong conception, for they feel that this belongs to the professional class. They seem to think that a person must have an education in medicine, or at least be a trained nurse, in order to do medical missionary work. However, while this training is very desirable, it is not absolutely essential for us in visiting our sick neighbors. There are many opportunities for a housewife to bring great relief to the suffering, and thus open the way for missionary work.

A sister who had tried for months to break down the prejudice that existed in the home of one of her neighbors was informed one day that the mother in the home was sick and that the people were not able financially to hire help to take care of the children. So she visited the neighbor and offered her services. Our sister came in with a smile, straightened up the house, cared for the children, and suggested a few simple treatments. At first this offer of help was accepted rather reluctantly, but kindness and cheer broke down the barriers. The blessing of God attended the treatments given, and brought great relief to the sufferer. When asked where she had received this training, our sister took this opportunity to inform the sick woman of the wonderful health principles that have been entrusted to this people; and in giving further study to these principles the way opened for presenting other points of the message. As the result the whole family was baptized and joined the church.

#### House-to-House Visitation

Another avenue through which we may reach our neighbors is the house-to-house visitation with our literature. This method was followed by the Saviour and also by the apostles. In "Acts of the Apostles," page 364, we read: "The Saviour went from house to house, healing the sick, comforting the mourners, soothing the afflicted, speaking peace to the disconsolate." Of the apostle Paul we read in Acts

20:21 that he taught "publicly, and from house to house." There is no better method, for minister or for lay worker, than the one-person-audience method. In such a relation all questions that may arise in the minds of people can be answered, and an opportunity is afforded of kneeling in prayer and pointing the lost to the Saviour.

The field-evangelism method is proving very successful where it has been employed. In following this method the worker uses lessons which are especially prepared for individual work, and which cover all points of the third angel's message. After the study has been given, the worker leaves a copy of the lesson with the person, or family, with whom he has studied. This gives the people an opportunity to go over the topics carefully by themselves, which is a good way of getting them established in the faith.

Our young people also can use this method with success. We remember one experience in which the young people reported that they had found a family deeply interested in the truth through their literature work. When they were advised by a conference worker to follow up the interest with Bible studies, they replied that they

were not well enough versed in the truth for such work. The conference worker then suggested that he go with them and give one study, to show them how simple it is when the prepared outlines are used. The young people accepted the suggestion, and after the study was over and they were on their way home, they told the conference worker that from henceforth they proposed to follow up the interest by giving the studies. We believe there are great possibilities in this method of missionary work. It is so simple that anyone who can read and is consecrated can be used by the Holy Spirit to give the message.

#### Branch Sabbath Schools

Another "winning way" is through the branch Sabbath school. A lay brother, who had presented all the points of the message, but who was unsuccessful in bringing people to a decision, had become quite discouraged with his work. He appealed to the conference for counsel as to what he should do next. He was advised to start a branch Sabbath school and invite his congregation to this Sabbath school. He did so, and when the conference president visited the place he found nineteen non-Adventist people in attendance, mostly all adults, besides the brother and his wife and one or two other helpers. A deep interest in the study of the Scriptures has been the result, and it is expected that a permanent Sabbath school will be organized in this place. In another place where this method was followed we now have an organized church and a new church building ready for dedication. The final meetings in this last place were conducted by a conference worker who was sent there to bind off the interest created by the branch Sabbath school.

#### Lay Preaching

Lay evangelism affords another opportunity for presenting the message. With the help of the projector and film strips, many of our lay brethren have been successful in developing interests in new places, and many others will find this an opportunity for bringing souls to a decision.



We have been told that "there are many who are reading the Scriptures who cannot understand their true import. All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in."—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 109. That there are really many who are looking for someone to gather them in has been proved again and again through the lay evangelism method. We recall a certain city in which an interest sprang up, but the conference was unable to send a conference worker there. They succeeded, however, in encouraging a lay brother to start an effort in this place. Within a short time a good interest was developed, which resulted in a number of baptisms.

A sister in a small church felt impressed that in their scattered territory it would take a long time for the message to reach every person, either by the preacher or by the colporteur, and so she began to pray that the Lord would reveal to her some method whereby the people in the county in which the church was located could hear the message. She was impressed to send *Present Truth* to every voter in the county, except those living in the town with whom they were working personally. When she first presented the plan to the members of the church, it seemed like such a big undertaking that the other members rather discouraged it. She appealed to the conference officials, and they, too, felt that the undertaking was rather large, and since the church was small and the members poor, it might be more than they ought to attempt. But this sister had unbounded faith that the Lord would provide the means. So, with prayer in her heart she set about to raise the funds. Today the voters of that entire county are receiving the *Present Truth* regularly.

### Dorcas Ministry

We would like to mention just one more method, and that is the work of the Dorcas Societies. There is no town or city or countryside where there are not people who need the help that our Dorcas Societies can give. In a city of about 35,000 people it was found that there was a

large number of children who needed clothing and shoes in order to be able to go to school. The county officials informed our Dorcas Society that the city was unable to supply all the needs. When our sisters offered their service, it was very graciously accepted. Mention was made of it through the newspapers, which stood us well in hand when the Harvest Ingathering time came. We believe that through the Dorcas work, if rightly conducted, we can find an entrance into the homes of the wealthy as well as of the poor. By gathering the goods from the wealthy class, many of our sisters have made good contacts, which, if followed up, will lead to Bible studies.

The Spirit of prophecy tells us that "God calls upon every church member to enter His service. . . . Everyone must learn to work, and to stand in his place as a burden bearer. Every addition to the church should be one more agency for the carrying out of the great plan of redemption."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VIII, p. 47.

### The Church Militant

BY H. M. BURWELL

It would be difficult indeed to study the life of Christ without discovering that His was a program of constant effort for the salvation of souls. As Christ's successor in ministry, the church today must adopt the same program. "God expects personal service from everyone. . . . All can be home missionaries in their families and neighborhoods."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 30. Including as missionaries "all who should believe on His name," He said, "Go ye." That association of two-letter words precludes forever an inactive life for Christians.

Since the cumulative soul-winning responsibility and opportunity of the members constitute the minimum obligation of the church, we well understand why "the church was organized for service," and that to it the Saviour committed the task unfinished at the time of His ascension.

"In all His work, He was training them for individual labor, to be extended as their numbers increased."—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 32. It is only natural to expect that "when ever a church is established, all the members should engage actively in missionary work. They should visit

every family in the neighborhood, and know their spiritual condition."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VI, p. 296. Not a small chore that!

Who is to foster such effort? The church? As it is the business of the division, union, and local conferences to conduct the work in their territory, so it is the inescapable duty of the local churches to proclaim the truth and make disciples in their respective communities. The church will be militant indeed if it accomplishes its work.

What are the opportunities for success? "All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in."—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 109. With these prospects and in view of the tremendous price paid for souls on Calvary, can any be surprised to read that "all heaven is looking with intense interest upon the church, to see what her individual members are doing to enlighten those who are in darkness"?—*Christian Service*, p. 89.

A church militant is God's instrumentality for garnering the ripened harvest. But an indifferent church leadership will never arouse a drowsy membership, and an inactive membership will never minister effectively to a cold world. An inactive church full of soul winners is an absolute impossibility. Likewise, "there is no such thing as a truly converted person living a helpless, useless life. . . . Those who refuse to cooperate with God on earth, would not cooperate with Him in heaven."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 280.

Christ entered the synagogue to worship and teach; He departed to serve. Twixt the mountaintop of communion with God and the plains of service for humanity, He spent His life. Both are vital factors in seeking and saving the lost. This is the normal program of the church.

"The work of Christ was largely made up of personal interviews. He had a faithful regard for the one-soul audience. From that one soul the intelligence received was carried to thousands."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VI, p. 115. The unfinished task still calls for specific methods of work. Outward developments, startling world



occurrences, impending crises—all the present world conditions provide an unobstructed highway to the hearts of men, but the church must unhesitatingly accelerate its pace and travel that highway in service if it would carry the torch of salvation to a generation that is groping in the twilight of a fading day. Again we read, "Brethren and sisters, why hover about the churches? Study the parable of the lost sheep, and go forth as true shepherds."—*"Christian Service,"* p. 178. "Prepare workers to go out into the highways and hedges."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. IX, p. 118. "They might accomplish a good work if, instead of crowding together, they would scatter into places that have

not yet been entered by the truth. Trees that are planted too thickly do not flourish."—*Id.,* Vol. VIII, p. 244. "All the resources of heaven are at the command of those who are seeking to save the lost. Angels will help you to reach the most careless and the most hardened. . . . Seraphs and cherubs touch their golden harps, and sing praises to God and the Lamb for their mercy and loving-kindness to the children of men."—*"Christ's Object Lessons,"* p. 197.

To this program may the church respond! "Our reward for working with Christ in this world is the greater power and wider privilege of working with Him in the world to come."—*Id.,* p. 361.

all absorbed in worldly pursuits, is mockery of God."—*Id.,* Vol. V, pp. 457, 458.

*What will be the result to those who fail to make use of their talent?*

"I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. His lord answered and said unto him, . . . Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. . . . And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matt. 25: 25-30. "My brother, my sister, ponder these things, I beseech you. You have each a work to do. Your unfaithfulness and neglect are registered against you in the ledger of heaven. You have diminished your powers and lessened your capabilities. You lack the experience and the efficiency which you might have had. But before it is forever too late, I urge you to arouse. Delay no longer. The day is almost spent. The westerling sun is about sinking forever from your sight. Yet while the blood of Christ is pleading, you may find pardon. Summon every energy of the soul, employ the few remaining hours in earnest labor for God and for your fellow men."—*Id.,* pp. 463, 464.

## USE AND MISUSE OF TALENT

### Bible and Testimony Study

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are to seek Him for wisdom, that we may not use His sacred trust to glorify ourselves or to indulge selfish impulses."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. IX, p. 245.

*To how many are talents given?*

"To every man." Matt. 25:15. "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." 1 Cor. 12:7. "When the master of the house called his servants, he gave to every man his work. The whole family of God are included in the responsibility of using their Lord's goods. Every individual, from the lowest and most obscure to the greatest and most exalted, is a moral agent endowed with abilities for which he is accountable to God."—*Mrs. E. G. White, Bible Echo, June 10, 1901.*

*How does God look upon those who make right use of their talent?*

"His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." Matt. 25:23.

"Those who have received the five and the two talents return to the Lord the entrusted gifts with their increase. In doing this they claim no merit for themselves. . . . But when the Master receives the talents, He approves and rewards the workers as though the merit were all their own. His countenance is full of joy and satisfaction. He is filled with delight that He can bestow blessings upon them. For every service and every sacrifice He requites them, not because it is a debt He owes, but because His heart is overflowing with

love and tenderness."—*"Christ's Object Lessons,"* pp. 360, 361.

*Does the Lord approve of faithful use of the small talents?*

"Jesus said, Let her alone; . . . she hath wrought a good work on Me. . . . She hath done what she could. . . . Verily I say unto you, Whosoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her." Mark 14:6-9. "The amount entrusted varies, but those who have the smallest gifts must not feel that because their talent of means is small, they can do nothing with it."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. IX, pp. 245, 246.

*Cite an example of the wrong use of the talents.*

"He thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. . . . But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee." Luke 12: 17-20. "Brethren and sisters, many of you excuse yourselves from labor, on the plea of inability to work for others. But did God make you so incapable? Was not this inability produced by your own inactivity, and perpetuated by your own deliberate choice? Did not God give you at least one talent to improve, not for your own convenience and gratification, but for Him? . . . To excuse yourself from working for others on the plea of inability, while you are

*What does God expect of His church?*

"God expects His church to discipline and fit its members for the work of enlightening the world. An education should be given that would result in furnishing hundreds who would put out to the exchangers valuable talents. By the use of these talents, men would be developed who would be prepared to fill positions of trust and influence, and to maintain pure, uncorrupted principles. Thus great good would be accomplished for the Master."—*Id.,* Vol. VI, pp. 431, 432. "Many would be willing to work if they were taught how to begin. They need to be instructed and encouraged."—*"Ministry of Healing,"* p. 149.

### Where Are Your Treasures?

"LAY not up for yourselves . . . on earth."

In selfishness and pleasures,  
Silver, nor gold, nor precious stones,  
Nor lands—worldly treasure.

For here do "thieves break through and steal."

Rust brings disintegration,  
Money takes wings and flies away,  
Or suffers from inflation.

But lay up rather for yourselves  
Wealth in the vaults of heaven,  
Where thieves do not break through  
nor steal,  
Nor rust knows license given.

There will abide, securely placed,  
Your wealth and your possessions,  
Beyond anxieties and fears,  
Fires, floods, and world depressions.  
EDWARD J. URQUHART.



## Missionary Leadership

### An Announcement That Brought Tears of Joy

"I put the telegram in my pocket and said nothing to anyone until that evening when I called a meeting of both students and teachers. After a short study on the subject of God's leading in the exodus, I finally took out the telegram and read that the General Conference had appropriated \$17,000 for our building work, to be raised in the Missions Extension campaign. I am sure, brethren, if you could have seen how eyes were filled with tears of joy and gratitude, you could understand how all these things have deepened our spiritual experience."

So writes Professor J. S. Marshall, principal of the Antillian Union training school. For years this school labored on under trying and difficult conditions in its former location. Finally all the springs of water dried up on the school farm, and it was apparent that something must be done. The school moved on to a new location, into shambles and temporary shacks. Some students were quartered in rented homes two miles from the school farm, and every form of hardship and perplexity was patiently endured.

It was at this juncture that the telegram came with its glorious news that help had been made available. And thus help is possible by what we in America accomplish in the Missions Extension campaign. With grateful hearts the students of the Antillian Union now say, "Thank you." And this is only one of seventeen other projects and institutions to be given substantial help through the Missions Extension offering, April 19.

Although this issue of the GAZETTE is for the month of May, it will be in circulation during April, and we take this means of emphasizing the importance of the Missions Extension effort this year, and urge all leaders to see that every church member discharges his individual responsibility.

Two timely new books, "The Challenge of the Tempest" and "The Blackout of Civilization," have been

prepared for this Missions Extension campaign. These are written by two of our most able writers. From the sale of these books, from the donating of a day's income or salary, it is hoped that every church will reach its Missions Extension goal. This is one of our most important offerings of the year. Eighteen needy projects call for our loyal support. We shall not fail them. W. H. BERGHERM.

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### Channels or Obstacles

THE pastor finished his sermon with this remark: "Every person in this congregation this morning is either a channel of blessing through which the Spirit of God is reaching the lives of other men, or he is an obstacle in the way, preventing the Spirit of God from reaching the lives of other men."

In the congregation that morning was a man who had been a member of the church for a good many years, and of the church board for perhaps twenty years. As he went home that day, he found himself saying, "Am I a channel or an obstacle?" After reaching home, he shut himself in his study and began to think over the matter. He soliloquized somewhat like this: "According to what the pastor said this morning, every man is either a channel or an obstacle. I have been a member of the church for a good many years; I try to support it; I try to be loyal to my pastor; I believe I am a Christian man; but I have never spoken to another man about his soul in all my life. Am I a channel or an obstacle? I do not think I could speak to any man on such a vital matter. I do not think I would know how." But as he talked it over with himself, he finally went down on his knees and promised God that if He would give him courage to speak at the opportune time, he would no longer be an obstacle, but a channel.

The next morning the first man in his private office was a young man who was his secretary. After the usual business had been transacted, the young man was about to retire,

when he was arrested by the words, "Wait a moment, Henry, I want to speak to you. Please close the door, as I don't want to be interrupted." So Henry shut the door and waited. Then said this busy businessman, who never in all his life had directly spoken of eternal things to any person, "Henry, I am a member of the church. I have been a professing Christian for many years. Are you a Christian?" "No, sir, I am not," was the answer. "Well, Henry, I want to ask you if you are not willing to become a Christian and go along with me in the Christian way." Then came the surprising response: "Sir, for about two years I have been waiting for someone to say just that to me. If you will tell me how to be a Christian, I shall be glad." And there in that business office, the manager and the employee knelt in prayer, and under the power of the Holy Spirit another soul was born into the kingdom.

Other similar interviews occurred during that day and succeeding days, and the joy of transformation from an obstacle into a channel became increasingly great. In the course of a year, twenty-one persons united with the church, every one of whom was reached through the spiritual channel of contact on the part of a church member who received a true vision of his personal responsibility as a Christian.—Adapted from *"The Evangelistic Church."*

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### Leadership and Service Groups

"TIME is short, and our forces must be organized to do a larger work."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. IX, p. 27.

When we study the exodus movement we find that the Lord gave instruction to Moses relative to training leaders for various responsibilities. (Ex. 18:21.) We are living in a time when the value of organization is increasingly recognized. Industry has found that success lies in training leaders who, in turn, train employees to carry out their assignments. The training of commissioned and non-commissioned officers greatly facilitates the success of armies.

In the army of God the entire church is to go forth in service, but success depends to a large extent upon educating and training the individual

church members. Therefore, specific instruction has been given, as follows: "Every church member should be engaged in some line of service for the Master. . . . Many would be willing to work if they were taught how to begin. They need to be instructed and encouraged. Every church should be a training school for Christian workers. Its members should be taught how to give Bible readings, how to conduct and teach Sabbath school classes, how best to help the poor and to care for the sick, how to work for the unconverted. There should be schools of health, cooking schools, and classes in various lines of Christian help work. There should not only be teaching, but actual work under experienced instructors. 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.

"God expects His church to discipline and fit its members for the work of enlightening the world. An education should be given that would result in furnishing hundreds who would put out to the exchangers valuable talents."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. VI, pp. 431, 432. Again we read: "There should be no delay in this well-planned effort to educate the church members."—*Id.,* Vol. IX, p. 119. "The church of Christ on earth was organized for missionary purposes, and the Lord desires to see the entire church devising ways and means whereby high and low, rich and poor, may hear the message of truth."—*Id.,* Vol. VI, p. 29.

The remarkable success of Paul and his associates in establishing the work of the early church was due to training leaders who in turn would train the members how to work properly. Concerning this, we read: "When men of promise and ability were converted, as in the case of Timothy, Paul and Barnabas sought earnestly to show them the necessity of laboring in the vineyard. And when the apostles left for another place, the faith of these men did not fail, but rather increased. They had been faithfully instructed in the way of the Lord, and had been taught how to labor unselfishly, earnestly, perseveringly, for the salvation of their fellow men. This careful training of new converts was an im-

portant factor in the remarkable success that attended Paul and Barnabas as they preached the gospel in heathen lands."—*"Acts of the Apostles,"* pp. 186, 187. How grateful we should be that the Lord has provided us with such a blueprint to follow.

We recall the experience referred to in "Gospel Workers" of the foreman who had ten men working with him, but was found doing all the work himself, while the ten helpers stood by watching him. The employer dismissed this foreman, explaining that he had been hired to *keep ten men busy*—not to do the work and allow the other men to be idle. Such a foreman was not profitable to the business. (See "Gospel Workers," pp. 197, 198.)

We must ever bear in mind that before we can have an enlightened, educated, and trained church membership, we must develop and train leaders for this responsibility. We have a wonderful program outlined for us in the soul-winning work of the church. Missionary leaders cannot expect, singlehanded, to enlist the members of the church in service. There should be very definitely associated with the missionary leader a missionary secretary, a Bible evangelism leader, a literature ministry leader, a welfare and Dorcas leader, and class-band leaders.

We are all familiar with the repeated instruction to the church relative to training the members in the work of giving Bible studies. For example: "The plan of holding Bible readings was a heaven-born idea."—*"Gospel Workers,"* p. 192. "Our work has been marked out for us by our heavenly Father. We are to take our Bibles, and go forth to warn the world. We are to be God's helping hands in saving souls,—channels through which His love is day by day to flow to the perishing."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. IX, p. 150. We are approaching that time when hundreds

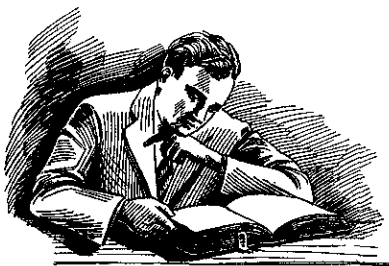
and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God. The training of leaders to assist our members in doing this work is one of the greatest tasks before the church today.

Another important phase of our program is the literature ministry. We are instructed that "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. There is no work in the church that is more important than the carrying out of this program. Efforts spent in training for carrying on the literature ministry will bring large returns. The home missionary offering, which is taken the first Sabbath of each month, provides the literature funds. A well-trained literature-ministry leader, with a vision, will see that literature is in the hands of the class-band leader each Sabbath, and the band leader will see that every member of his band is provided with one or more pieces of literature to be distributed in harmony with the literature program of the church.

#### Leaders of Class Bands

This brings us to a very important feature of the whole program—the class-band leader. The work of the missionary leader, Bible evangelism leader, literature-ministry leader, Dorcas and welfare leader, will fail as far as reaching the entire church is concerned, without properly trained class-band leaders. The success of the great movement that Moses led out from Egypt into Canaan was based upon organization, which involved placing leaders over groups of tens, fifties, and hundreds. The most important phase of our entire church program is the training of class-band leaders to encourage every individual member in service.

There is a fundamental principle of truth in the statement, "Use your religion or lose your religion." There are many contributing causes to our serious loss in membership, but if class-band leaders would take their work seriously and feel responsibility for the members of their bands in a personal way, it would be the means of saving thousands and tens of thousands of our members.



There is no more important work than that of the class-band leader. We find that where pastors and service-group leaders take pains in encouraging and training class-band leaders, greater results are obtained than in any other way. There is no greater help that can come to our members than for a godly, consecrated, praying class-band leader to give personal help and guidance to each member of his band. The class-band leader should encourage other members of the band to pray for those who may be discouraged. The weekly personal contact for encouraging each member to do something for the Lord, in the way of giving out literature, doing Christian help work, or giving Bible readings, cannot be overemphasized.

### The Missionary Leader

The missionary leader should call the various service-group leaders and class-band leaders to meet as a prayer band once each month. We find that the leaders who take their work seriously are having marvelous results, and we are looking forward to the time when greater emphasis will be focused upon the importance of efficient class-band leaders. When these men fulfill their appointed duty in educating each individual member and setting him to work, we shall see the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which will quickly finish the work of God in the earth. But we are told that "the great outpouring of the Spirit of God, which lightens the whole earth with His glory, will not come until we have an enlightened people, that know by experience what it means to be laborers together with God. When we have entire, wholehearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of His Spirit without measure; but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not laborers together with God."—*Id.*, p. 253.

The imperative need is for every church to provide an efficient staff of service-group leaders and class-band leaders. The church was organized for missionary purposes, and when this leadership can be properly trained, and they, in turn, train the members to do their work, we shall see a movement that will quickly finish the gospel work.

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## SOUL WINNING NEWS FROM SOUL WINNERS



### Glimpses of Marvelous Providences

FROM every section of the great harvest field, both at home and abroad, most encouraging reports and experiences are communicated to us, telling of the wonderful way in which God is using the laity as living witnesses for Him in the continued expansion of the truth which must be proclaimed to all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people.

We are presenting herewith a number of most interesting glimpses of God's marvelous providences in some of the overseas fields. Elder Wesley Amundsen, home missionary secretary of the Inter-American Division, writes:

"Recently I met a man who told me an interesting story. He said that when he became a Seventh-day Adventist he had one small farm. The Lord blessed him so that he was able to buy two more. The inspiration of the layman's movement has now gripped his heart, and since his children are all married and have left home, and he and his wife are alone, he stated to me his plan for the future as follows: 'I have three farms. I have men working on these farms. Supervision of this work takes too much time, and I want you to pray that the Lord will help me sell two of the farms, so that I can give more of my time to winning souls.' Then he showed me a picture of six people, one of them a state policeman, all of whom are interested in the message and desire to join the church. I was very much impressed by this man's request and by his desire to dispose of his land so that more of his time might be given to the service of God."

From the great "continent of opportunity," South America, Elder E. M. Davis, our home missionary secretary of that vast section of the world field, passes this good word along:

"The home missionary work is going very well here. I have just made a trip through the field, visiting some places that had not had a visit from a minister for four years. In one place where there are only six bap-

tized believers, they have been working with their neighbors, and when I visited this little company I found a baptismal class of twenty-five candidates. It is but a small village. It seems that the whole village in a short time will become an Adventist village. These six believers have extended their work even beyond their local community to another village about seven miles away, where I found another group of twelve interested persons, making a total of thirty-seven. They have built a church at their own expense. It is a comfortable and beautiful little building. I celebrated the Lord's supper with them while I was there, and held five meetings in one day, preaching three sermons in one evening, one after another, because the people kept coming late. I stopped preaching at ten o'clock, but still the people wanted to hear more. We compromised by singing until eleven o'clock, and then dismissed the people."

During recent years our work has been making much more rapid progress in the Southern Asia Division than in previous years. Special efforts have been put forth to train our laity for soul-winning service, and most heartening results are seen from the endeavors of our believers throughout that great field. Our home missionary secretary for the division, Elder E. D. Thomas, sends this good word in a recent letter:

"I spent ten days at Myaungmya, where we had an institute with the workers in that section. There were also about a dozen lay members present. Three of these are definitely planning to do lay preaching work. The workers in attendance have ordered twenty-five sets of Bible Training Class lessons. There was a lay member present at the institute who had come out from Buddhism about four years ago. I was told that he paid last year one thousand rupees as his tithe. He is a Burmese gentleman, and very earnest. There was also a Burmese woman present at the institute. She is very capable. She was the head of the Baptist Mission Women's Association. She became interested in the truth by reading a copy of 'Our Day' which she bought several years ago during a Big Week campaign. She has now taken her

stand for the truth. She believes she will win her husband and some of her influential relatives. The Spirit of the Lord is working in Burma, and we have reason to believe that before long many more will take a definite stand for the truth."

From the East Nordic Union, which is a part of the Northern European Division, and includes Sweden and Finland, one of our workers gives a most cheering report, notwithstanding all the handicaps and perplexities which have resulted since hostilities broke out in Europe. He refers to the fact that hundreds of our believers in Sweden are enrolled in our Bible Service Training School class, and that an excellent group of lay Bible workers is being developed. He writes:

"Home missionary conventions have been held from the southernmost part of Sweden to the northernmost church in our field. These churches are scattered from north to south, over a distance of approximately 1,200 miles. Plans have been laid whereby not only workers but our lay members will be engaged in a united effort for greater evangelism. Our churches are at work everywhere. We are looking forward to reaping some excellent results from this work in which the laity are linking up their efforts with those of workers and church officers.

"In spite of the increasing perplexities here in Europe, we continue to believe in victory for the cause of God. Our literature sales, as far as our colporteurs are concerned, have increased, on an average, 20 per cent per hour per colporteur, and the weekly reports show an increase in actual sales of 35 per cent. . . . Our believers generally are also increasing their literature circulation considerably, and we expect that the present year will be the best in soul winning, not only in Finland, but in other parts of our union field."

Turning to the Far Eastern Division, where Elder George A. Campbell is not only carrying the responsibilities as home missionary secretary, but also the work as secretary of the publishing department, this clear-sounding echo is passed along:

"Our lay preachers and lay Bible workers are pushing their efforts with great energy. They have audiences of between twenty and one hundred people. I have just received a letter from E. N. Lugenbeal, director of the East Visayan Mission, in which he says: 'While we are talking about lay preachers I might mention a little experience that just came in the other day. Up on the little island of Baccayan just north of Cebu City there are three towns. The town in the center has a church. Some time ago

we sent an evangelist up there to hold an effort in one of the two unentered towns. While his effort was going on, the brethren who lived in the center town of the island decided to go over to the town not yet entered and do some work on their own responsibility. They found a tailor who had 'The Great Controversy' and several other of our books. The brethren began giving him Bible studies and then started a branch Sabbath school. Soon the tailor closed his shop on the Sabbath, and the result of the whole effort is that there are now five families keeping the Sabbath. Now the question is which will have the largest number of converts—the tent pitched in town No. 1 or the lay effort in town No. 3.'"

It does indeed refresh our souls and strengthen our faith when we hear about God's marvelous leadings all through the world, especially when our leaders as well as our believers in so many places meet with obstacles that at times seem insurmountable. It is our conviction that 1941 will prove the most successful soul-winning year which we have ever experienced as a people, and we are persuaded that the laity will have an increasingly larger part in the great task of the church to speedily finish the work of God.

### The House by the Side of the Road

"LAST Sunday evening about eight o'clock, as my husband and I were seated in our home reading, there came a knock at the door. I opened the door, and there stood a young man, who explained that he was stranded because his car had run out of gasoline, and he wondered if we could help him out. We did not own a car; so of course we could not supply him with gas, and the nearest gas station was some distance away. I invited him to come in and use the telephone, and this he seemed glad to do. As soon as he stepped inside, he looked around. He noticed the books and papers scattered about, and then as he picked up a copy of *Life and Health*, he said, 'Why, this must be a Seventh-day Adventist home!' 'You're right,' my husband replied, and then asked, 'Are you a Seventh-day Adventist?' 'Well, I used to be,' he said, 'but not now. I come from a town where there is an Adventist church. My father believes every word of the truth, but he never joined the church, and I just drifted out.'

He appeared very serious, and we talked to him and pleaded with him to return to the fold. But he tried to turn the conversation by saying that he must find some gas and be on his way, as he had a long way to go. He telephoned to several stations, but it seemed he could not get any of them to send a supply out so far. Finally we got in touch with some people whom we know, and after we had told them the circumstances, they said they would bring over two gallons of gasoline. The young man seemed to greatly appreciate our interest, and we urged him to give his heart to the Lord and lead a Christian life. As we bade him good-by, we said we wanted to be sure to meet him in the kingdom. Tears filled his eyes as he drove away. We knew that the Spirit of God was working on his heart. Was it just a happen-so that the gasoline gave out just at our place and thereby brought us in contact with a soul struggling in the conflict of life? We believe that God overrules in the daily affairs of life, and we consider it a special privilege to 'live in a house by the side of the road, and be a friend to man.' Although this interview was unexpected and brief, the influence of a Seventh-day Adventist home recalled sacred memories, and we are following the wanderer by our prayers."

### The Flower Mission

I HAVE a good-sized yard, and one summer I decided to raise flowers. Among other flowers, I planted a row of sweet peas, following specific directions: dug a trench and filled it with cans and trash, covered it with soil, planted the seed, then watered and cared for the plants. I was rewarded with large blossoms of varied colors.

I knew that these blossoms must be gathered, to make room for more. The wise man said: "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Prov. 11:24. I wanted others to enjoy those beautiful blossoms as well as myself. Among those who came to my mind were the busy business people of the little town. So I gathered the flowers and formed them into small bouquets, tying them with bright cord and ribbon, and placed them in a basket. Then I asked two

little girls to distribute them among the business people, with my compliments.

Time passed, and I was fully occupied with many duties until Harvest Ingathering time arrived. When I visited the business people in the interest of our mission work, not one business place refused to give me an offering. Frequently I was greeted by expressions such as this: "We appreciated those beautiful flowers you sent us. You surely have made a great change on that hill. We used to be ashamed of the place when it was all grown up with weeds, but now it is a delightful spot."

So I found that my labor was not in vain, and the text which reads, "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days," came to have a new meaning for me.

MINNIE SYPE ATTEBERRY.

### The Effective Witness of a Doomed Man

ONE of the strangest experiences we have ever heard was related by an eminent Finnish engineer, who, as an officer in General Mannerheim's army during the revolutionary period, took part in the recapture of a town. Among the revolutionary prisoners placed under his care were seven who were to be shot at dawn. They were kept in the basement of the town hall, where his men stood in the passage with their rifles ready.

The victorious soldiers taunted their prisoners, and their reply was to swear and beat the walls with their bleeding fists, or to call for their wives and children, whom they were to leave forever when morning broke. To everyone's astonishment, one of the doomed men began to sing—rather waveringly at first, and then in a stronger voice, which filled out until it became natural and free:

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,  
Safe on His gentle breast,  
There by His love o'ershaded,  
Sweetly my soul doth rest."

When the song was finished, everyone was quiet for a few minutes; then a wild-looking man broke out with: "Where did you get that, you fool?" The singer answered, quietly: "You ask where I got this song? It is from the Salvation Army. I heard it three weeks ago." Then he rose to his feet and continued: "It is cowardly to hide our beliefs. The God in whom

my mother believed has now become my God also. I cannot tell you *how* it happened, but *it has happened*. Last night, as I lay awake, I saw my mother's face before me. It reminded me of the song I had heard, and then I prayed, like the thief on the cross, that Christ would forgive me and make me ready to stand before Him."

The man's face shone as he continued to describe his experience, and the soldiers listened intently to what this Red revolutionist had to say. Presently there were two Red soldiers down on their knees, praying for each other; and before four o'clock in the morning all the doomed men had followed his example and had begun to pray.

The change in the atmosphere was

indescribable. Some of the men sat on the floor, others wept quietly, others talked of spiritual things. Someone remembered those at home, and an hour of intensive letter writing followed. The soldiers on guard began to sing with those who were guarded. The clock struck six. Between two rows of soldiers the condemned men marched to the place of execution, singing their comrade's song; and when the lines had died out, the lieutenant gave the word, "Fire!" And we inclined our heads in silent prayer as the seven Red soldiers, like the thief on the cross, died a triumphant death, in the assurance that "him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out."

—*Religious Digest*.

## Weekly Church Missionary Services

(The suggestions for the missionary services this month are furnished by W. A. Butler, associate secretary of the General Conference Home Missionary Department.)

### May 3—In Behalf of the Aged and Infirm

KEY TEXT: Isaiah 46:4.

A rich legacy of spiritual values is wrapped up in the cases of the aged and infirm members of the human family. But so often those in the morning or noontide of life do not take time to consider what it means to enter the twilight zone of life's experience. They do not stop to consider that they, too, are following on toward the journey's end, and that now is the time to make application of the golden rule by treating the aged as they themselves wish to be treated at any stage of life. We are told that "the presence in our homes of one of these helpless ones is a precious opportunity to cooperate with Christ in His ministry of mercy and to develop traits of character like His. There is a blessing in the association of the old and the young. The young may bring sunshine into the hearts and lives of the aged. Those whose hold on life is weakening need the benefit of contact with the hopefulness and buoyancy of youth. And the young may be helped by the wisdom and experience of the old. Above all, they need to learn the lesson of unselfish ministry. The pres-

ence of one in need of sympathy and forbearance and self-sacrificing love would be to many a household a priceless blessing. It would sweeten and refine the home life, and call forth in old and young those Christlike graces that would make them beautiful with a divine beauty, and rich in heaven's imperishable treasure." "So far as possible let those whose whitening heads and failing steps show that they are drawing near to the grave remain among friends and familiar associations. Let them worship among those whom they have known and loved. Let them be cared for by loving and tender hands."—*Ministry of Healing*, pp. 204, 205.

But think for a moment of the vast throng of aged and infirm who are without friends and home—human derelicts, stranded within the walls of public institutions. The tragedies of these lonely lives rend the heart to contemplate. But our heavenly Father does not forsake these aged pilgrims, and He bids His children minister to them in His name. "All who possess Christ's spirit will have a tender regard for the feeble and the aged."—*Id.*, p. 204. Let us search them out and share the many blessings which life so generously bestows.

"By our love and service for His needy children we prove the genuineness of our love for Him. To neglect them is to declare ourselves false disciples, strangers to Christ and His love."—*Id.*, p. 205.

#### May 10—Echoes From the Missionary Band Leaders

It is essential for the success of the missionary program that the band leaders have opportunity from time to time to make reports or to call upon the members of their bands to tell of their experiences. At this Sabbath missionary hour, let the band leaders report what is being accomplished through the missionary literature band. The Dorcas Society will also have both an interesting and an encouraging report of hearts cheered through kindly deeds done, and of souls blessed and drawn nearer to the kingdom through kindly Christian service. The Bible Training Class, or those giving Bible studies, should show how God is using them. The band or class that is leading out in medical missionary work always has helpful instruction. Call upon the Missionary Volunteers and let their youthful spirits and messages ring out during this missionary meeting.

#### May 17—Missionary Experiences

**KEY THOUGHT:** *"The capacity for receiving is preserved only by imparting. We cannot continue to receive heavenly treasure without communicating to those around us."*—"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 148.

Today we come to the house of God expecting to receive a blessing; but the measure of the blessing imparted to us will depend upon the use we have made of previous blessings received. We receive of the divine bounty, that we may dispense to others; we are channels of blessings—the human channels between the Source of supply and the great need. If we neglect to keep the blessing flowing on to others, if through negligence, love of ease, and self-pleasing the channel becomes clogged, we shall soon cease to receive fresh supplies, and our Christian experience will become lifeless. The blessings we receive each Sabbath, and every day of our lives, must quickly be passed on; and as we come to God for renewed supplies, we must bring to Him empty vessels for receiving these supplies.

How is it today? Have we shared our blessings? Have we been true witnesses for God—in the home, the neighborhood, the community? If so, we shall be glad of an opportunity to tell of our experiences in these few moments of time. Who will be the first to tell us of the great joy which attends communicating the heavenly treasure to others?

(N.B. If the missionary leader or band leader can ascertain during the preceding week some one or more members who have had a good experience, it would be well to arrange in advance for an immediate response to this call, so that not a moment will be wasted.)

#### May 24—Strengthening That Class-Band Organization

THERE are two phases of missionary-band organization in the church. One is the topical or instruction band, such as the Bible Training Class. The other is the class band, developed primarily for the weekly gathering of reports. One of the most successful ways of strengthening the work in these groups is to call all band leaders together for a short period once each month. This meeting may be held half an hour before Sabbath school, or preceding or following the prayer meeting. Occasionally some time may be taken during the missionary meeting for special instruction to band leaders.

Careful plans should be made in order to accomplish the most from such meetings. There should be united prayer, followed by study of the church missionary program. Reports of needs, opportunities, and actual work in operation should be made, and definite and systematic plans outlined for the following weeks. Each leader should be enthusiastic in leading the members of his band in missionary endeavor, and in assigning to each worker the particular line of work for which he is best adapted.

#### May 31—Camp Meeting Privileges and Opportunities

THE annual camp meeting has a very definite place in our church program. It is here that we meet brethren and sisters whose articles in our periodicals have encouraged and inspired us. We meet all the conference workers and become better acquainted with our own field. The various phases of

church work and missionary endeavor are brought vividly to our attention, and with the stirring, heart-searching appeals, we all advance together in a new way in Christian character. We also catch the steady tread of the onward march of the third angel's message. The departmental reports and new ideas are practically and helpfully displayed for our own local church. Furthermore, we have opportunity to see and meet a large number of new Seventh-day Adventists and get acquainted with them.

The camp meeting season affords many blessed privileges in this wonderful association, and we receive larger visions of our own opportunities to do, more in our own home and neighborhood. Plan to attend this year; it may be our last opportunity. Also plan to impart some good blessing or idea and be present to receive many good things to share with others when you return home.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

#### An Important Change in Date

ACCORDING to the topics for the monthly missionary services, as printed in the "Christian Home Calendar" and otherwise generally announced, the first Sabbath in May is dedicated to the Missions Extension Rally. This was in harmony with the action of the Spring Council of 1940, placing the Missions Extension campaign from May 4 to 10. However, at the Fall Council of 1940 a change was made, setting the Missions Extension campaign back to April 12 to 19. This was found necessary on account of the decision to hold the General Conference session May 26 to June 7, thus seriously interfering with Missions Extension effort. Therefore, as Missions Extension Rally and Big Week will be cared for during the middle week in April, the topic for the first Sabbath in May is announced as "Winning Ways for Working Churches." We are fortunate in securing special articles for attention on this occasion, one written by a union conference president, and another by the president of a large conference in the West, and still another by a leader in ministry of the printed page, which appear in this issue of the GAZETTE.

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# Young People's Department of Missionary Volunteers



## OFFICERS' NOTES

May

### The Crusade for Youth in 1941

**T**HE crusade for youth in 1941, outlined by the Missionary Volunteer secretaries in their regional councils, is a mighty rallying call to every officer of the M.V. Society and to every member. We must win for Christ that 52 per cent of the young people above fifteen years of age who are still unbaptized. Years ago when a call to organize the Missionary Volunteer movement was made, the messenger of the Lord said this: "We have an army of youth today who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged. We want our children to believe the truth. We want them to be blessed of God. We want them to act a part in well-organized plans for helping other youth."

The most effective winners of youth are Christian youth, because "the youth, if right, could sway a mighty influence. Preachers or laymen advanced in years, cannot have one half the influence upon the young that the youth, devoted to God, can have upon their associates."—*Messages to Young People*, p. 204.

Leaders, will you not, with your executive committee, lay definite plans and enlist all the forces of the Missionary Volunteer Society and of the church in this great crusade of 1941? Will you not take up correspondence with your conference Missionary Volunteer secretary? Perhaps he may have some suggestions for you. But above everything, organize for effective soul winning.

A. W. P.

### Education

EDUCATION is gleaned from men and books and laboratories, from field and forest and whispering wind; but it is more: it is learning promptness and thoughtfulness, kindness and helpfulness, and every form of purity; it is the mastering of mind and spirit, appetite and passion, thought and word and glance; it is knowing that nothing but service brings worthy living, that selfishness means sin, that courage lies in being right; education is the implanting of good habits, the acquirement of efficiency, the development of a twenty-four-carat character.—*American Education Digest*.



### Keep Building

THE Missionary Volunteer Society that is not continually building a stronger structure and accomplishing greater things is deteriorating and becoming weaker. In order to keep your society building and growing, plans must be laid for thorough, systematic work every week of the year. It will not do to slacken efforts for a single day or week. Individually, God expects us to make progress throughout each year. If we meet His highest expectation as individuals, we surely will meet His ideals as an organization also.

To the youth of the church has been committed one of the most solemn responsibilities ever entrusted to human beings—that of bringing His work to a glorious triumph. By earnest prayer and careful planning, the youth in every Missionary Volunteer Society can be led to carry on definite work.

The summer months are right upon us. This vacation period affords one of the greatest opportunities for successful society endeavor during the year. It is an ideal time to carry on public meetings for those not of our faith, either in public halls or through the medium of cottage meetings in the homes of the people. Also, during the summer many young people have time for the systematic distribution of our truth-filled literature.

One important thing which should not be overlooked during the summer months is the excellent opportunity for nature study and the promotion of the Progressive Class work. Conditions are ideal for fulfilling the requirements in Vocational Honor subjects, such as hiking, bicycling, campcraft, as well as nature study and outdoor industries.

If a positive program is fostered by the society throughout this period of the year, the work for the young people can be made most interesting and successful, and there will be no occasion for any decline in society interest or work.

C. LESTER BOND.

### Back to School in September

THE M.V. Society executive committee can render a splendid service to the young people of the society by keeping before them the need and the opportunities for securing a Christian education. Perhaps never before in the history of the advent movement has it been so important for the youth of the church to secure a thorough-going Christian education, because "never before was there so much at stake; never were there results so mighty depending upon a generation as upon these now coming upon the stage of action." "Today He is calling for young men and women who are strong and active in mind and body. . . . But they must have the needed preparation."—*Counsels to Teachers*, pp. 536, 538.

"The Lord desires us to obtain all the education possible, with the object in view of imparting our knowledge to others. None can know where or how they may be called to labor or to speak for God. Our heavenly Father alone sees what He can make of men."—*Messages to Young People*, p. 173.

In these days when the advent movement is finishing, God is calling the young people in our churches to effective service, but if one is to measure to the opportunities of the hour and find his place in God's work, he must have the needed preparation. Christian schools prepare for Christian service. However, if splendid opportunities for service are opening to the Adventist youth, difficulties also are multiplying, and today as always the attainment of an education requires careful planning, determination, frugality, and self-control.

It would be well if the society executive committee would appoint persons to talk with young people in the church who should be in an Adventist academy or college next year. Time should be taken in the society to read those remarkable statements in "Christ's Object Lessons," pages 331-333. Let study be given to ways of earning money. We need, however, to remember also that it is not the amount of money earned that counts so much, as the amount we save.

The canvassing work presents a wonderful opportunity for our young people to get into our own schools. "In the very handling of these books the youth will meet with many experiences that will teach them how to cope with problems that await them in the regions beyond. During their school life, as they handle these books,



they may learn how to approach people courteously, and how to exercise tact in conversing with them on different points of present truth. And as they meet with a degree of success financially, some will learn lessons of thrift and economy, which will be of great advantage to them when they are sent out as missionaries."—"Counsels to Teachers," p. 525.

Society executive committee, make a careful educational census of the young people of the church, and then send the names and addresses to the principal of the academy and to the president of the college. Suggest to these youth who are prospective students that they themselves write the persons mentioned. Hold constantly before the youth of the church the need of securing a Christian education. Study together section V of "Messages to Young People," in order that you may give greater inspiration and help to the young people of the society.

A. W. F.

### Camp Meeting Suggestions for You

THE 1941 camp meeting season is here. Do you know that the success of this year's gathering of God's people will depend largely upon you, the society leaders? You ask, what can I do?

1. You can urge all your young people to attend the 1941 camp meeting.
2. You can lay plans with your executive committee to reach every young person on the grounds.
3. You can volunteer your services to the conference Missionary Volunteer secretary for prayer and service band work.
4. You can take a prayerful interest in every young person from your church throughout the entire camp meeting season.
5. You can be alert to bring into contact with various workers those young people who are in need of help.
6. You can set a good example, not only by your conduct on the grounds, but also by your regular attendance at all young people's meetings.
7. You can do personal work yourself by inviting young people to attend meetings, by talking with them about the Christian life, and by praying for and with them.
8. You can let your testimony be heard at every opportunity during the morning devotional hours as an encouragement to others.
9. You can contribute to the success of the meeting by your enthusiastic singing and your keen attention to everything that is said.
10. You can, at the close of camp meeting, plan to continue the good work through your society meetings.

D. A. OCHS.

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"THE church that keeps youth husy is the church that keeps youth!"

### Worthiness

THOUGH I am a leader,  
Surging in the van,  
Or a straggling trailer,  
Dubbed an also-ran,  
As I struggle forward  
On the dreamer's quest,  
Lo, it matters little,  
If I do my best!

Though I win the plaudits  
And the laureled prize,  
Or the jeering laughter  
And the scornful eyes,  
As the crowd turns from me,  
Crumpled on the sod,  
Lo, it matters little,  
If I have pleased God!

—Edgar Daniel Kramer.

### Summer Organization for Juniors

JUNIOR boys and girls of the church constitute one of the most productive fields in soul-winning endeavor. It is imperative that the work for them be carried on consistently throughout the year. The majority of Junior Missionary Volunteer Societies are conducted in connection with the church schools, and in order to make it possible to carry on a strong work in the Junior Society during the summer vacation months, the church should make proper provision for competent leadership. This can be done by electing associate superintendents who will work with the church school teacher and assume full responsibility at the close of school.

Every church should also have a hoard of counselors which consists of three to five members. These counselors should be adults or Senior Missionary Volunteers who, by natural interest and conviction, are competent to assist the superintendents in fostering the Progressive Class work, Vocational Honor endeavor, and other features of the Junior organization.

The summer months constitute one of the most opportune seasons of the year to direct the Juniors in nature study and in fulfilling Vocational Honor requirements. Let us endeavor through all these avenues to win and hold the Juniors to the church.

C. LESTER BOND.

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THERE is no load that will break a man down so quickly and so surely as a load of revenge. The man who tries to get even with others has few opportunities of gratifying his hatred, but he is all the time corroding himself.—W. J. Bryan.

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IN heaven we shall never regret any sacrifice, however painful, or labor, however protracted, made or performed here, for the cause of Christ.—Mary Lyon.

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"If you must kill time, why not try working it to death?"

### How a Girl Found a Good Hobby

CATHERINE was a popular school-girl. She loved to study. She could play the piano and sing well. She had many friends, and so, when it became necessary for her to go with her father to a little farmhouse in the mountains of New Hampshire because of his illness, she did not find it an easy thing to do.

But it was springtime, and the mountains were just beginning to grow green. Ladyslippers grew even in the front yard. One by one strange and beautiful birds built their nests in the trees just outside the farmhouse. Catherine loved the out-of-doors; so the beautiful changing springtime kept her happy.

Then came the summer, which brought many visits to the mountains. The neighbors soon heard of the pretty girl in the farmhouse, and Catherine again found herself happy as she played and sang for them.

But soon the summer passed, and then came the autumn. The vacationers had all left the mountainside. The wonderful colors in the trees and the lovely sunsets were gone, too. Only the bleak, cold winter was ahead. As Catherine thought of all this, she recalled what she used to do on winter days. "But what is there to do here?" she thought.

As she was observing the Morning Watch one morning, she came to a verse which read, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."

"Oh," she said, "I need help. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills. Perhaps if I can go into the hills for a day, God will help me. I think I shall try."

After breakfast she told her father, "I feel like having a tramp today," and then started off. She reached a little lake high in the mountains, where she stopped. The lake was very calm, and as she looked at it, she thought, "I wish God could send peace to me as He does to this little lake." Her eyes wandered to the pine trees and then to the high cliffs. Suddenly it seemed as if hy magic there stood out before her the giant face of a man. Then she remembered the story she had heard. This must be the Old Man of the Mountain. This must be the Great Stone Face about which she had read.

As she looked at the strong, kind face, it seemed to speak to her, and she thought again of the winter days ahead. It seemed to tell her that she had much to do in the little cottage. It reminded her of the books she might read, the missionary letters she might write, and the missionary papers she might send to brighten some life.

Her quiet hour had not been in vain. Out of it she found a hobby which was really worth while—that of engaging in missionary work to bless the lives of others.

C. LESTER BOND.



## Senior Meetings

May 3

### Christian Education

BY ROLLIN A. NESMITH

SONGS: Nos. 594, 499, 679, in "Christ in Song."

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Tim. 4:11-16.

PRAYER.

OFFERTORY.

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT BY LEADER.

TALK: "Christian Education Defined."

POEM: "What Constitutes a School?"

TALK: "Come Out of Her, My People."

TALK: "Summary of Objectives of Christian Education."

QUIZ: "Christian Education."

POEM: "The Fool."

BENEDICTION.

### Christian Education Defined

CHRISTIAN education is a balanced training of the mental, physical, and spiritual powers. "The true object of education is to restore the image of God in the soul."—"Christian Education," p. 63. "True education means more than the pursuit of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world, and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come."—"Education," p. 13.

"True education means more than taking a certain course of study. It is broad. It includes the harmonious development of all the physical powers and the mental faculties. It teaches the love and fear of God, and is a preparation for the faithful discharge of life's duties."—"Counsels to Teachers," p. 64.

True education is the education that will endure unto eternal life. "True education is the preparation of the physical, mental, and moral powers for the performance of every duty; it is the training of body, mind, and soul for divine service. This is the education that will endure unto eternal life."—"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 330.

When we keep in mind the purpose and objectives of our schools, workers will be trained to finish God's work in the earth. "One great object of our schools is the training of youth to engage in service in our institutions and in different lines of gospel work."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 133.

"God designs that all our institutions shall become instrumentalities for educating and developing workers of whom He will not be ashamed, workers

who can be sent out as well-qualified missionaries to do service for the Master; but this object has not been kept in view."—*Id.*, p. 135.

We must view again the objectives of our own schools and order them according to the blueprint. We are told in the following statement what the results of such an education will be: "Such an education will renew the mind and transform the character. It will strengthen and fortify the mind against the deceptive whisperings of the adversary of souls, and enable us to understand the voice of God. It will fit the learned to become a co-worker with Christ."—"Fundamentals of Christian Education," p. 543.

### Christian Education

1. Who started the schools of the prophets?
2. What subjects were taught?
3. When did messages begin to come to us through Mrs. E. G. White on Christian education?
4. When and where was our first college established?
5. Approximately how many schools do we now operate?
6. What is the approximate enrollment?
7. How many teachers do we now employ?
8. Who is secretary of the General Conference Department of Education?
9. Who is president of the college in your territory?
10. "In localities where there is a church, schools should be established, if there are no more than — children to attend."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 199.
11. What is the name of our correspondence school?
12. Where is our medical college located?
13. How many millions of dollars do we have invested in schools?
14. Who wrote the book "Education"?
15. What volume of the "Testimonies for the Church" speaks a great deal about Christian education?

### ANSWERS

1. Samuel.
2. The law of God, sacred history, sacred music, and poetry.
3. 1872.
4. March, 1874, Battle Creek, Michigan.
5. 2,763.
6. 116,706.
7. 6,240.
8. H. A. Morrison.
9. Consult Year Book.
10. Six.
11. Home Study Institute.
12. Loma Linda, California.
13. Eleven million. Exact figures—\$11,172,630.97.
14. Mrs. Ellen G. White.
15. Volume VI.

### What Constitutes a School?

WHAT constitutes a school?  
Not ancient halls and ivy-mantled towers,  
Where dull traditions rule  
With heavy hand youth's lightly spring-  
ing powers;

Not spacious pleasure courts  
And lofty temples of athletic fame,  
Where devotees of sports  
Mistake a pastime for life's highest aim;

Not fashion, or renown  
Of wealthy patronage and rich estate;  
No, none of these can crown  
A school with light and make it truly  
great.

But masters, strong and wise,  
Who teach because they love the teacher's  
task,

And find their richest prize  
In eyes that open and in minds that ask.

—Author Unknown.

### "Come Out of Her, My People"

THE three angels' messages of Revelation 14 constitute a message of warning and a mighty appeal for the separation of God's people from the world. "This cup of intoxication which she presents to the world, represents the false doctrines that she has accepted."—"The Great Controversy," p. 388. The message God is sending today is a message of love and mercy inviting men and women everywhere to come out of the churches of the world where false doctrines are taught.

We should also remember that He is calling our youth out of the schools of the world in which some of these same false doctrines are cherished. "When the truth for these last days came to the world in the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages, we were shown that in the education of our children a different order of things must be brought in."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 126. "Satan has used the most ingenious methods to weave his plans and principles into the systems of education, and thus gain a strong hold on the minds of the children and youth."—*Id.*, p. 127.

The church should direct the thinking of its children and youth, for we know that young people travel in the direction of their thinking. If the world directs it, we can only expect them to follow the world, and vice versa. Chapman and Counts put it this way: "If religious instruction is to be effective, the entire life of the school must be penetrated through and through with the religious spirit. This spirit must be reflected in the classroom, on the playground, in the formal curriculum, and in the freer activities of the school. . . . In story,

Christian education educates for eternity!

history, biography, and music, the child should live through and identify himself with the finest religious experiences and aspirations of men. He should be led to see in its fullness the struggle of the race through its prophets and seers for a clearer perception of the meaning of life."

Seventh-day Adventists are not alone in their conviction that "in the education of our children a different order of things must be brought in." We find that the Catholics sense very keenly the dangers of introducing Catholic youth into the public schools. The associate editor of *America*, a prominent Catholic journal, says this: "Catholics are losing their faith in the American secular schools. . . . What is needed is some means of bringing home to them the fact that introducing Catholic children into secular seats of learning is flirtation with spiritual death. The modern secular school is treacherous. It is a spiritual death trap. The deadliest thing about it is that it does not seem deadly at all. . . . If there is a God in heaven, the secular school is spiritual cyanide. Each year the corpses rise higher and higher, as the schools, the colleges, the universities, dump Catholic boys and girls on the ever-mounting heap of souls, souls dead to the faith of their fathers."

These are strong words, and we wonder if the parents and youth of the advent movement are as alert to the dangers as are our Catholic friends. The Spirit of prophecy tells us that this condition is true in such words as these: "Our children should be removed from the evil influences of the public school."—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 204. "In planning for the education of their children outside the home, parents should realize that it is no longer safe to send them to the public school."—*Id.*, p. 205. The alarm has been sounded, and it is high time for parents and young people to sense the dangers of such influences and to plan definitely for education in a Christian school.

Let the university professor speak: "My object is to destroy faith in religion as Socrates and Plato of old destroyed faith in the Greek religion." Again, the author of a science book states as his purpose, "To destroy the last vestige of faith that the high-school pupil may still have in God and the Bible when he enters college."

A student speaks: "We came here with certain religious convictions; you have taken them all away."

We read from a reliable magazine that many high-school and university students are organized into atheistic societies. Some of the organizations have names such as these: "God's Black Sheep," "Legion of the Damned," "Circle of the Godless," "Damned Souls," and the "Devil's Angels."

No wonder that God's message is, "Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Rev. 18:4. This is the doctrine of the third angel's message, a doctrine of complete separation.

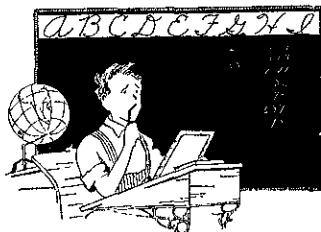
### The Fool

THE rich man sat at his desk alone,  
Alone in the eventide.  
A letter lay before him. "Tone,  
My beautiful lass!" he sighed.  
"Never a wish was she denied—  
Oh, this is a cruel age!  
The hope of her mother, her father's  
pride,  
Gone to act on the stage!  
Had she but gone to a Christian school!  
I was a fool! Oh, I was a fool!"

A letter had come from a farmer lad  
Which was read by the fire's bright  
glow.  
And the parents that night were sad,  
yet glad.  
"We've been called to the field; we'll  
go.  
The words seemed blurred through their  
blinding tears.  
"We've no dread for the deep blue  
sea;  
For the heathen lands we hold no fears,  
For our joy His work shall be.  
We're glad we went to a Christian  
school,  
Though some just laughed and said,  
"You're a fool."—*Pearl Cox.*

### A Good Thought

"If it takes a fifty-thousand-dollar man to  
Guide a client,  
Develop a coal mine,  
Put a corporation on its feet,  
What is the teacher worth, who takes  
that boy of yours,  
Guides him,  
Develops him,  
Puts him on his feet, and  
Makes a man of him?"



### Summary of Objectives of Christian Education

THE educational council held in the summer of 1939, in Washington, D.C., with Professor Harvey A. Morrison as chairman, summarized the objectives of Christian education as follows:

1. Active faith in God and Jesus Christ as Creator and Redeemer of the world.
2. Nobility of character.
3. Physical development and health maintenance.
4. Preparation for fulfillment of one's duty as a member of the Christian home and church.
5. Responsibility to the state and society in all avenues of upbuilding.
6. Mastery of fundamentals and essentials.
7. Highest mental achievement according to individual aptitudes.
8. Vocational training and skill.
9. Appreciation of the true and beautiful in nature and art.
10. Ability to use leisure time for the enrichment of life.

We Recommend, That Seventh-day Adventists reconsider the importance of Christian education as above set forth, and make this education available to all the children and youth of the church.

### Christian Education is

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"OUR world is a college, events are our teachers, happiness is the graduation point, and character is the diploma God gives to man."

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THE men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed.—*Lloyd Jones.*

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HAPPINESS does not consist in getting something; it consists in becoming something.—*Dr. Frank Crane.*

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"IT's not the hours you put in, but what you put into the hours, that counts."

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"EVERY difficulty is either a grindstone or a steppingstone."

Study and Service League examinations may be given this month. Write your conference M.V. secretary.

May 10

## "Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother"

BY OPAL HOOVER YOUNG

**SONG SERVICE:** Let persons in the society give titles of songs that are favorites of their mothers. (One or two members could be spoken to before the meeting, so that there need be no hesitation in getting started.)

**OPENING SONG:** Favorite hymn of the oldest, or in some other way outstanding, mother in the local church.

**PRAYER:** That the young people of the society may be worthy of the love and sacrifices of Christian mothers and fathers.

**OFFERTORY:** The music of some very familiar "mother" song could be used effectively.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT.**

**MISSIONARY REPORTS.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "Songs My Mother Sang," by C. A. White (or other appropriate music).

**INTRODUCTION BY LEADER:** "The Founding of Mother's Day."

**READING:** "Mother's Day."

**TALK:** "The Influence of Mother's Songs."

**SYMPOSIUM:** Personal experiences in which the memory of mother's songs has helped in making right decisions. (Arrange for two or three before the meeting.)

**TALK:** "To Father on Mother's Day."

**POEM:** "Only a Dad." (See p. 26.)

**TABLEAUX:** "Pictures of Mother." (These may be presented as word pictures without the tableaux settings if preferred.)

**BENEDICTION:** Fifth commandment in unison.

### Introductory Remarks

In introducing the topic for this program, the leader may wish to give a brief background of the Mother's Day idea. Miss Anna M. Jarvis, of Philadelphia, founded Mother's Day in 1908. The idea, however, of making the day a permanent one in our national calendar seemed about to fail for lack of organized backing. Finally the movement was sponsored by A. R. Talbot, of Lincoln, Nebraska, head consul of the Modern Woodmen of America. Miss Jarvis wrote of his action later:

"Without solicitation he issued a proclamation to the Modern Woodmen which expressed a chivalry, filial affection, and fraternalism that touched the hearts of members in every part of the country—as has been shown in a very special manner.

"Each recurring year since that first proclamation a similar one has been issued to that organization by its head consul. Now most of the fraternal societies of America are interested in Mother's Day."

## Mother's Day

It was Mother's Day when you and I were brought, helpless and alone, into the world.

Those were Mother's Days—long, long days they were, too—as we were nourished and brought through our infancy into the days of happy childhood. . . .

You toddled off to school. She stood in the doorway and watched you go, waving her apron to you as you passed out of sight. When she went back into the house, the rooms grew larger and stiller without your noise and prattle. Amid her work she often sat down and cried. It was her way.

You grew up, fell in love, and then came your wedding day. Mother was there, her face a shifting landscape of gladness and sadness. She kissed you and your mate, whispering something that sounded like, "God bless you," as she hurried past. That was also Mother's Day.

The miracle of life and birth was reenacted in your home. Who should be there but mother, to receive her honors as grandmother, and sweeten with her presence your joy at parenthood. It was Mother's Day. . . .

Did death come to your home, and claim one of your little flock, filling your house with the black gloom of an unending farewell? She came again. With the old magic by which she soothed your childhood troubles, she silvered the lining of your cloud, and you took heart again. It was Mother's Day.

Did you work hard till some well-earned honor came to you? Be assured that her heart wore your honor with unsullied pride. It was her day.

Or were you weak enough to forget for a moment, for years, perhaps, her pure teaching and example, till some disgrace fell upon you? Well, there was one head that was lower with your shame than any other. Night on night sleep did not come to her brain because of what you did. It was Mother's Day.

Interwoven into the fabric of our lives from birth to death are the golden strands of the love and devotion of our honored mothers. Every day since we were born has been Mother's Day.

"We are not worth, e'en at our best,  
One half we cost of sad unrest.  
Yet in the temple of her breast  
We are enshrined."

—Selected.



## The Influence of Mother's Songs

AS we travel through life, with its many vicissitudes that are incidental to growth and maturity, we meet with many experiences, with many changes. But through all these changes, through all these experiences, through temptations, through sufferings, perhaps, through dark valleys, over plains of dazzling sunshine or deserts of burning heat, through the dangerous and uncertain fog, the songs that mother used to sing have served as faithful guides and stays. When fear has come upon the soul, as fear sometimes does, with sudden and fierce intensity, we have remembered her song as she used to lay us down to sleep:

"Jesus, tender Shepherd, hear me,  
Bless Thy little lamb tonight;  
Through the darkness be Thou near  
me,  
Keep me safe till morning light."

And the faith of our childhood somehow returns in mother's song heard across the years. The magic of those words that dispelled fear of the dark in childhood carries us confidently through nights of gloom in adult life.

Not only for filling childhood's spacious hours did mother patiently teach us the song:

"I washed my hands this morning,  
So very clean and white,  
And lent them both to Jesus,  
To work for Him till night."

No, I believe she looked through the telescope of the years and saw the influence that song would have in the acts and lives of grown young men and young women. I believe that as she sang she prayed in her heart for us the psalm: "Make me to go in the path of Thy commandments." And she knew, too, that years after her own hands were done with serving, her singing would still caution:

"Little feet, be careful,  
Where you take me to;  
Anything for Jesus,  
Only let me do."

How often when depressed by the complexities of life have we looked up for comfort into a starry sky, as the words of mother's song rang in our ears: "Little stars that twinkle in the heavens blue," and we remind ourselves that centuries ago there arose one like them guiding three wise men to the little manger at sleeping Bethlehem. And we resolve that no matter what the test, we also will follow that star to the Saviour of men.

We learned the precious lessons of full living in her songs, "Jesus Bids Us Shine," "Living Is Giving," "Hear the Pennies Dropping," "I'll Be a Sunbeam," "Dare to Do Right."

Advertise the camp meetings, Youth's Congresses, and Summer Camps to be held in your territory.

We were taught, "Jesus loves me," not because we have easy, comfortable lives, but because "the Bible tells me so." Infallible Guidebook, we were first attracted to you through mother's songs.

Mother knew that the Creator must be sought in youth before the evil days come; so she sang to us at morning worship: "I will early seek the Saviour." She taught us the joy of "singing as we journey;" of meeting our responsibilities—"Master, hast Thou work for me?" Finally, she taught us to look forward to the time when He would come to make up His jewels, precious jewels, His loved and His own.

Mother's songs have ever been our guide through life. True, we have suffered; we have turned aside from the truths she taught us by song and precept; but our suffering has been of our own doing, for her songs to us were true.

"Mother dear, mother dear,  
Thy song I never can forget;  
Though many years have pass'd and gone,  
Still I hear thy sweet song singing yet."

### To Father on Mother's Day

ALTHOUGH it is Mother's Day, and our special tribute goes to her at this time, we would not have father stand to one side, like someone not needed, on a particular and great occasion. We pause to pay loving remembrance to him on Mother's Day. It was father who answered many of our cries through those colicky first weeks, and who took turns with mother walking the floor with us. It was father who, tired and worried about business affairs, laughed gaily as he rode us on his back. It was father, an anxious one, who was quarantined out of the home during our contagious illness, and who, like one forbidden entrance to a promised land, talked through the windowpane to us during our convalescence.

It was father who dug into his pockets, deeper than his salary warranted, perhaps, that we might have the pleasure which our hearts craved. It was he, too, who "stayed by the ship" and gave us many a pleasurable excursion, who worked, that we might have a vacation. It was father who pointed out to us that a mother is something to be cherished rather than taken for granted.

Isn't it a lovely thing that God has

planned—this thing called home, in which a mother and a father by precious example and cooperation instill into their children the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.

### Pictures of Mother

SCENE I: Young mother with baby in her arms, hushing it to sleep.

READER: Long before we understood the sacred relationship of mother, we were conscious of the tenderness of her arms and the gentleness of her smile, and in the souls of us something took hold strong and deep—something good that was imparted to us through her touch. As she held us close with tender care, and rocked us with a gentle lullaby, we became gradually conscious of a mother's love and its everlastingness. Being babes, we knew not, and yet we somehow knew. "Mother's arms are made of tenderness, and sweet sleep blesses the child who lies therein," wrote Victor Hugo; and in our more mature years we respond with wider souls and more understanding hearts to the truth of those words. A blessed way to begin life—in the loving embrace of a mother's arms and with the light of her smile on our faces. (Soloist, sing or hum the lullaby, "Sweet and Low.")

SCENE II: Small child sitting on stool by mother, with arm resting on her knee. Mother is reading to the child from the Bible.

READER: Then came the day by and by when we could understand the story of the Christ child. "They laid Him in a manger," mother read us from the Book which we were to learn from her was the Guidebook for life's journey. Since that first enrapturing story, we have learned much from the instruction in that Book, pointed out to us by a faithful mother who, like the men and women she read about in its sacred pages, had put the Scriptures to the test of life and had found them good! It is to her consistent teaching and living that we owe much of the faith in God which is ours today as young men and young women. (Soloist, sing first and last stanzas of "My Mother's Bible," No. 131, "Gospel in Song.")

SCENE III: Mother sitting in chair. Little boy on one side of her with baseball and glove and newly bandaged finger. Little girl leaning on her mother's knee as if crying. She is holding a broken doll.

READER: Broken toys, broken bones, broken hearts—whatever the malady, mother somehow knew the answer. She knew how to heal the childish troubles of every day, ministering to the spiritual and the physical together. "Never mind," she would soothe, and with bandages, comfort, and a treat from the cookie jar, she would send us on our way. (Read or have soloist

sing "A Life Lesson," by James Whitecomb Riley.)

SCENE IV: Young man with suitcase in hand pauses for a last word with middle-aged mother, who stands near him, her hand resting on his arm.

READER: And so we turn the pages in the albums of our minds until we find the picture of the day we went away to college. Mother's hand on our arm, we stood with packed suitcase on the doorstep of that place called home, about to step over the threshold into a new life. Packed in that bag were the sacrifices of a mother's love: new clothing that had made a large dent in the little sum saved for needed medical care; a collegiato-looking sweater. Well, she could wear her old clothes still another winter, and go to bed early to save on electricity and heat. She remembered how much it would have meant to her to have some of these things at school. . . . But these are material things. Packed into that bag in every nook and corner were also prayers that we might return to that home with a clean record, and with a growth in spiritual, physical, and mental stature. And mother's prayers have a way of following us. (Soloist, sing first and last stanzas of "Mother's Prayers Have Followed Me," No. 102, "Gospel in Song.")

SCENE V: Old woman sitting in rocker working on a quilt, preferably "Rose of Sharon" pattern.

READER: Busy days, a mother has, but the time comes when her heavy duties of household work and rearing a family are for the most part done, and she sits quietly all the day in her rocker with her quilting and her dreams. Is she satisfied? Does she smile to herself as she nods over her work, her hand perhaps faltering slightly with the needle? What those days will be for her, depends upon the kind of men and women you and I turn out to be. She herself has been the creative artist in the other pictures, but you and I are responsible for this last piece, the crowning picture of her life.

"The Rose of Sharon"—mother's quilt—  
A bit of June's imprisoned there—  
And every branch of bud and flower  
Brings back to me her love and care.

"Across each block a leafy branch  
On which bright pink-chintz roses  
          bloom—  
The dainty pieces deftly sewed  
By patient fingers long ago.

"I wonder after many years  
What were my mother's thoughts  
          those days.  
Did joy and gladness fill her heart  
While quilting scrolls and feather  
          sprays?"

"And then comes back the candle light  
Down through the hazy, vanished  
          years—  
And mother's happy, glowing face  
Shines through my sudden mist of  
          tears.

"Like fragrant petals, mother's quilt,  
'The Rose of Sharon' pink and white,  
So fraught with loving memories—  
I'll spread it on my bed tonight."

## A Life Lesson

THERE! little girl, don't cry!  
They have broken your doll, I know;  
And your tea set blue,  
And your playhouse, too,  
Are things of the long ago;  
But childish troubles will soon pass  
by.

There! little girl, don't cry!

There! little girl, don't cry!  
They have broken your slate, I know;  
And the glad, wild ways  
Of your schoolgirl days  
Are things of the long ago;  
But life and love will soon come by.  
There! little girl, don't cry!

There! little girl, don't cry!  
They have broken your heart, I know;  
And the rainbow gleams  
Of your youthful dreams  
Are things of the long ago;  
But heaven holds all for which you  
sigh.

There! little girl, don't cry!

—James Whitcomb Riley



May 17

## The Missionary's Responsibility to the Denominational Organization

BY M. A. HOLLISTER

### OPENING EXERCISES.

TALK: "Our Denominational Organization." (See Notes to Leaders.)

TALK: "The Missionary's Responsibility to the Denominational Organization."

### CLOSING EXERCISES.

### Notes to Leaders

It is hoped that today's lesson will help to acquaint the young people with the organization and administration of the denomination to which we belong, and that as a result they will resolve to prepare themselves to serve the cause of their Master, and come to realize their definite responsibility to the organization during such service.

TALK: "Our Denominational Organization."—See the chapter, "Organization and Administration," p. 49 in "The Great Advent Movement," by Emma E. Howell, and Section I, "Plan of Organization," p. 7, in the "Church Manual." Both of these books should be in your church or society library.

## The Missionary's Responsibility to the Denominational Organization

THE call to the missionary is similar to that which Abraham received to go out into a strange land; and the Scripture says, "He went out, not knowing whither he went." This is true of missionary recruits. And again, wherever Abraham journeyed, he always erected an altar to the Lord, seeking His guidance in everything. True, he failed sometimes, and at other times he succeeded wonderfully. Like-

wise the first work of the missionary is to set up an altar to the Lord.

Abraham was to bring the message of God to the heathen and uninformed people. He was to make known the everlasting God. He was to evangelize, organize, and order his own household after him. His household, in reality, was his church, of which he was the patriarch, priest, ruler, teacher, judge, peacemaker—"all things to all men." He must know God's will. He must become informed by revelation, experience, or other means. He must never lose the vision of the ultimate, the unnumbered saved, and "a city which hath foundations."

The missionary must be all these in some degree. How necessary it is that he fulfill the obligation by obtaining all the information possible before he enters upon his task.

Beginning in his home, especially with his conversion and church fellowship, the missionary should take lessons for his future life from the divine order of the home, the place of prayer, the Sabbath school, the day school, and the church. As a child he should learn the place and some of the functions of organization and their necessity. As he goes to school and to church, he should learn additional ideas of organization and relationship to his fellows. He should learn early the why of these organizations and the methods of procedure, etc.

In his church relationship he should likewise discover for himself the procedure and method in the selection and nomination of officers for any organization in the church, their duties and responsibilities. He should be aware of the fact that the church of Christ is a democratic institution, that authority reposes in the united voice of the church, sponsored by the Holy Spirit.

He should know that the officers have been delegated to them authority by virtue of their election, that the body which delegates the authority can withdraw it if necessary, and that this delegated authority does not establish autocratic or dictatorial powers, but is always subject to investigation and correction and withdrawal when it is deemed necessary by the delegation of the church, conference, or mission constituency that granted the authority.

These same principles obtain in all organization in the church, as a single body of believers, or as a united group constituting a conference or mission—local or union, division, or general. The denomination has established certain regulations through the years which serve as a guide in determining policies. These may be found in the actions of the church board, in those taken by the vote of the entire church, in those of a conference session, or of a mission, union, division, or of the General Conference in session.

The constituents of these various organizations, who are delegated from

their respective bodies, always retain the representative method of delegation, whether found in the church or elsewhere. Information may be had in the "Church Manual" on the working policies of the various church organizations.

It would be well for a young person to study the young people's organization and every other church organization, so as to understand the work of each officer in his respective place. This information will add to his fund of knowledge as he advances into responsibilities laid upon him by members of the church. If he is called to serve in some capacity such as a young people's secretary or leader, or as a Sabbath school teacher, secretary, or superintendent, he obtains firsthand information which will serve him well in later years. When attending camp meetings or conference sessions, listen and observe, for someday you may be called to a mission field and be asked to occupy a responsible place of leadership in some department of our work.

Make use of every opportunity to observe how others do—what is right or wrong in the steps taken. Ask questions; read, study, learn. A willingness to learn may mean an opportunity to try. If it does not, at any rate you are adding to your education, experience, and good judgment.

As a missionary, you may be suddenly precipitated into strange situations. If you have improved your opportunities at home, you will find a way through. True, the Lord may let you make mistakes to teach you an unforgettable lesson.

Seek counsel—no man is sufficient in himself, except to fall. Much gratuitous advice may be offered. Here you will need to be a good judge. Keen observation developed through the years may save you from putting into action that which may not be wise.

Basic to all the foregoing is a thorough knowledge of the doctrines of the Bible, of the organization of the church by Christ, of the requirements for deacons, elders, and ministers, and of the goal—the gospel to every creature.

Sensing the need and accepting a call bring an acceptance of responsibility. Your adaptability in meeting conditions at home determines your ability to adapt yourself to emergencies abroad. The demand to use every form of knowledge obtained at home may be laid upon you in the mission field. You will then find a demand for wider knowledge, upon which you build by experience—else experience may be a severe teacher.

For information regarding the organization and operation of the church of which you are a member, note the procedure which the pastor uses. You may be called upon to pastor or direct or become a mission director in a wider capacity. You will need to understand the ordinances of the Lord's house, particularly the bap-

Every Missionary Volunteer a reader of the youth's own paper—the "Youth's Instructor"!

tismal service and the ordination of deacons and ministers.

It would be well for you to read reports in the *Review and Herald* and articles on organization in the *CHURCH OFFICERS' GAZETTE*. The careful reader will obtain many a point that will be of value to him in future years, whether he is called upon to be a conference executive or not. Further reading of the history of our church development, its organization, the mistakes that may be recorded, the experiences through which the early believers passed will add to the fund of information and will serve as a guide in future years.

Workers in the early Christian church held councils with the brethren in authority when questions of policy arose. (See Acts 15.) Here, though Paul and Barnabas were ordained by command of the Holy Spirit, and were recognized as leading evangelists, according to Acts 13, yet they did not hold their opinions as supreme, but sought wider counsel from the brethren at Jerusalem, the headquarters.

Counsel in the matter of independence is given us in the book "Acts of the Apostles," pages 163, 164: "There have ever been in the church those who are constantly inclined toward individual independence. They seem unable to realize that independence of spirit is liable to lead the human agent to have too much confidence in himself, and to trust in his own judgment rather than to respect the counsel and highly esteem the judgment of his brethren, especially of those in the offices that God has appointed for the leadership of His people. God has invested His church with special authority and power, which no one can be justified in disregarding and despising; for he who does this despises the voice of God."

"Those who are inclined to regard their individual judgment as supreme, are in grave peril."

Principle is always to be considered, and no man is asked to surrender principle, but he should be sure that it is principle he is holding to and not an opinion. No man, either in authority or under authority, who acts independently, can meet God's mind. There is too much danger in so doing, whether in matter of faith or policy.

1 Peter 5:3 states: "Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock." And verse 5 says: "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility."

Many a well-meaning man has gone down to defeat because of his independent attitude toward those who had been placed in authority by the church; yet the Scripture sustains the fact that a man in authority may be wrong, as in the instance when Paul expostulated with Peter because of his defection from duty. (Gal. 2:11.) Here principle was involved, and though Peter was the chief spokesman at Pentecost, the one recognized

by the brethren, and Paul as an authority in Jerusalem, yet Paul did not hesitate to call his attention to his error when he stepped aside from the proper position. However, we must always be sure that we are right in the position which we assume. Hence, counsel is desirable.

In conclusion, we are to remember that One is our master, even Christ, who said, "All ye are brethren." If we do this we shall find ourselves working in harmony with Christ and with our brethren, and, with the Holy Spirit as our counselor, we will be kept in paths of duty.

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May 24

## My Part in Making Christ Real

BY ALFRED W. PETERSON

SONGS: Nos. 597, 609, 541, in "Christ in Song."

OPENING EXERCISES.

INTRODUCTORY TALK: "Why Cultivate the Sense of Christ's Presence?"

POEM: "My Saviour."

SYMPOSIUM: "How Can I Cultivate the Sense of His Presence?" (See Notes to Leaders.)

DISCUSSION.

SPECIAL MUSIC.

CONSECRATION SERVICE.

BENEDICTION.

### Notes to Leaders

The study today is one of the most important which the Missionary Volunteer Society will ever have under consideration. No Christian with a vivid sense of the presence of Jesus ever apostatizes from the church. Before you undertake the study today, have the society executive committee meet for a few minutes in order that you may pray together that God will make His presence felt. Endeavor to have as many young people as possible share in the program.

*Symposium: "How Can I Cultivate the Sense of His Presence?"*—Let a different person discuss each way of making Christ real. At the conclusion of the symposium perhaps a few minutes could profitably be spent discussing the questions for discussion, tying the discussion in, of course, with the principles brought out in the symposium. Then let the society leader make a call to consecration, and let this be no ordinary call. You may wish to have a testimony meeting, with sentence testimonies, or you may wish to bind off the consecration service with a prayer season, with each one offering a sentence prayer. You may be sure that as you study this subject today, and as you offer yourself in consecration, God will be there to share with you the blessings of this hour's study.

*Consecration Service.*—Our study today of how to make Jesus real is perhaps one of the most important

lessons that the Christian can have under consideration. People apostatize from the church, drift into sin, and even abandon themselves to Satan's power, because they lose the sense of the reality of the presence of Jesus. Every Christian should strive every moment of every day to make Christ real. The culmination of all our efforts to make Him real comes in the action of surrender and consecration of our lives to Him. Today let us surrender our hearts anew to Him, and, deep down in our hearts, promise ourselves and God that we will daily practice those things which will make Jesus real to us and maintain His presence with us.

## Why Cultivate the Sense of Christ's Presence?

(An Outline)

1. MANY people think of God's presence only in a time of storm or distress or when some calamity overtakes them. They lose the joy and satisfaction which the consciousness of Christ's constant presence could bring to them. See Ps. 16:11.

2. Our spiritual exercises will be in accordance with the vividness of our sense of Jesus' companionship. See "Messages," p. 159.

3. "As a shield from temptation and an inspiration to purity and truth, no other influence can equal the sense of God's presence."—"Education," p. 255.

4. The sense of Christ's presence will banish fear. See "Education," p. 255.

5. Through our meditation upon the presence of Christ, "there is awakened in the soul the mysterious power of faith, adoration, and love. Upon the vision of Christ the gaze is fixed, and the beholder grows into the likeness of that which he adores."—*Id.*, p. 192. See also 2 Cor. 3:16-18; Ex. 34:29, 30.

6. May God help us to make real in our experience the promise, "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." Ex. 33:14.

## How Can I Cultivate the Sense of His Presence?

I. *We can cultivate the sense of God's presence by remembering that God's eyes are ever upon us.*

1. The Lord gives strength to be sincere. 2 Chron. 16:9.

2. God sees everything we do. Nothing is hidden from Him. Heb. 4:13. See Jer. 32:17, margin.

*Illustration:* Hagar, conscious of God's presence and grateful for His care in the torrid desert, said: "Thou God seest me." Gen. 16:13.

3. Not only does He watch us, but He is eager to guide us. He can see what we cannot see. Ps. 32:8.

a. Perils which might destroy us.  
b. Opportunities which might escape us.

II. *Jesus will become real to us if*

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*we listen to His voice speak to us through His word.*

1. John the beloved disciple wrote his epistle regarding the Christ whom he had known so intimately in order that we might have a sense of His fellowship and the joy which comes with it. 1 John 1:3, 4.

2. "As the student of the Bible beholds the Redeemer, there is awakened in the soul the mysterious power of faith, adoration, and love."—"Education," p. 192. We can make His presence real to us by reading the Gospels and trying to visualize the scenes and experiences of which Jesus was the center.

III. *We can make Jesus real to us if we study His handiwork in nature.*

1. Just as we become acquainted with people by studying their thoughts and actions, so we may become acquainted with God and have a sense of His presence through studying His book of nature. "Education," pp. 99, 17.

2. It is God's design that we should associate the glories of nature with His character. "Messages," pp. 365, 366.

IV. *We can make Jesus real to us if we will follow the practice of talking with Him in prayer.*

1. We may take to Him in prayer everything which concerns us. "Steps to Christ," p. 100, pocket ed.

2. Regardless of our ignorance and our mistakes, we may come to Him for guidance. "Christ's Object Lessons," p. 173.

3. Prayer makes God real to us by lifting us into His presence. "Steps to Christ," p. 93, pocket ed.

4. Prayer helps us to know that God regards us as His children. "Christ's Object Lessons," p. 142; Psalms 34.

*Illustration:* The necessity of talking with God is illustrated in the experience of a boy who lost his father. This lad and his father were close companions, and in the days immediately following his father's death, the boy was inconsolable. The memory of his father was with him. Months passed, and the boy became engrossed in the activities of daily life and thought less frequently of his father. A few years went by, and he thought of his father only when he saw things to remind him of him. More years went by, and he thought of his father only on the occasion of his birthday or upon the anniversary of his father's death. Why was the memory of his father forgotten? Well, in the years which passed after the father's death, the boy had not talked to his father, nor had the father talked to the boy. On the other hand, in their years of comradeship together, the boy and his father were enjoying each other's company, talking to each other, sharing their experiences, and depending upon each other. So it is with us and Christ. We need to talk with Him.

V. *We can make Jesus real to us by*

*following in His footsteps and sharing in service for Him.*

1. We may find the footsteps of Jesus, and be conscious of His presence, in places of need. "We shall find His footprints beside the sick-bed, in the hovels of poverty, in the crowded alleys of the great city, and in every place where there are human hearts in need of consolation."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 640.

2. Many Christian youth never advance beyond the mere alphabet of Christian experience, because they neglect this work. Ibid. par. 5.

3. We may see Jesus and be conscious of ministering to Him as we minister to others. Matt. 25:35-40.

4. As we seek to win others to Christ, He becomes more real to us. "Christ's Object Lessons," p. 354, par. 2.

"To neglect this work is surely to invite spiritual feebleness and decay. Where there is no active labor for others, love wanes, and faith grows dim."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 825.

*Illustration:* Perhaps someone can tell briefly the parable of "The Other Wise Man," by Henry van Dyke.

VI. *All of us have within our reach the means and the opportunities for making Jesus real.*

If we are to be victorious in warding off the assaults of Satan, we shall need to cultivate the sense of the presence of Christ. Joseph ran from the presence of sin because he was aware that God was with him, and God gave him the strength with which to run. Gen. 39:9. Life instead of being a dark valley of trial and discouragement may become a skyline path, radiant, glorious, happy, because of the presence of Jesus. Christ "is to be with us, not only at the beginning and the end of our course, but at every step of the way."—"Steps to Christ," p. 69, pocket edition.

## My Saviour

Of all the world, there's none like Him,  
My precious Saviour;  
Like music from the twilight hymn  
Is Christ my Saviour.  
He soothes the ache within my heart,  
My healing Saviour;  
And gives me strength to do my part,  
My mighty Saviour.  
He takes my sins each passing day,  
My risen Saviour;  
And gives me courage for the way,  
My fearless Saviour.  
He lifts my burdens every one,  
My helping Saviour;  
Nor leaves me when my work is done,  
My faithful Saviour.  
I cast on Him my trials sore,  
My caring Saviour;  
And see the thorn crown that He wore,  
My suffering Saviour.  
He's more than all the world to me,  
My blessed Saviour;  
And I am His eternally,  
My Lord and Saviour.

—I. H. Evans.

## Questions for Discussion

1. How does the consciousness of God's presence with us affect our attitude of reverence in church? "Education," pp. 242, 243.

2. How may the consciousness of His presence react upon us with transforming power? 2 Cor. 5:17. There is one immutable law of human experience: A man becomes like his gods.

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IF a man does not make new acquaintances as he advances through life, he will soon find himself left alone. A man should keep his friendship in constant repair.—Samuel Johnson.

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## Heard at Senior Camp

"SENIOR camp is one of the greatest programs in the Idaho Conference. I have derived a spiritual blessing from this camp. I hope the camps in the future will do as much for others as this camp has done for me."

"It has meant a great deal of Christian association, and many good times."

"I liked camp because I associated with those who had one thing uppermost; namely, to live a consistent Christian life, and still be happy enjoying clean pleasure. Also in God's created works I have seen written His love. I'm glad for all who are here because they all give me courage to hold fast that which I believe. I have appreciated the effort put forth by the leaders, and the wonderful privileges they gave us."

"I am happy to have this privilege of speaking a word in behalf of our Senior camp. It is a pleasure we have but once in a year. I have been so glad to be able to meet Brother and Sister A. W. Peterson. They give me added courage as we face the uncertain future. May the Lord bless our leaders as they plan for our camps."

"This camp has the highest ideals and standards of all the places I have ever seen, and I think it does a wonderful job of upholding them."

"This camp has been educational to me, as well as recreational, and I have been benefited by the activities and meetings here."

"It was wonderful to be at this camp. It couldn't have been better."

"Senior camp has meant a great deal to me this year. We have a wonderful privilege of meeting to worship under the pines, and God seems so much nearer."

"I have thanked God many times for being able to come to this Senior camp. It has been exceedingly beneficial to me to learn how to live a Christian life. I was baptized on the last Sabbath of the camp, and I can't express with words the feeling of being baptized and letting Jesus come into my heart."

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## Junior Meetings

May 8

### Christian Education

BY ROLLIN A. NESMITH

OPENING SONG: No. 41 in "Missionary Volunteer Songs."

PRAYER.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

OPPERTORY.

SONG: No. 14 or No. 51 in "Missionary Volunteer Songs."

LEADER'S REMARKS.

TALK: "The Perfect Program."

DIALOGUE: "Church School."

READING: "Christian Education, the Need of Our Day."

SYMPOSIUM: "Christian Education."

READING: "Letter of Appreciation."

POEM: "The Fool," p. 18.

CLOSING SONG: No. 40 in "Missionary Volunteer Songs."

BENEDICTION.

### The Perfect Program

THE childhood development of Jesus is told briefly by Luke in these words: "The child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon Him." His development as a Junior is stated thus: "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

We see by these verses that there was a harmonious development of the intellectual, physical, spiritual, and social powers. This balanced education of Jesus makes for us today a perfect educational program.

Every Junior should have a clean, well-trained mind, a mind that recognizes Jesus as the supreme source of all intellectual power. Many of the great Reformers of the sixteenth century, and the pioneers of our own movement, were young men and young women of keen intellects. They permitted the Lord to use their minds so that their consecrated labor brought victory to His cause. The great advent movement of today is in need of youthful minds, well disciplined and trained, through which His Spirit can again work.

The Divine Record states that Jesus increased in stature. God's program of education calls for a sound body. "A sound body is required for a sound intellect."—"Fundamentals of Christian Education," p. 37. Jesus as a Junior and youth labored strenuously at the carpenter's bench, thus elevating labor to a dignity hitherto unknown. We read, "Labor is a blessing. It is impossible for us to enjoy health without labor."—*Id.*, p. 40.

The third phase of the perfect educational program is the spiritual development, for the record says that

Jesus grew in favor with God. Juniors, it is not enough just to have a mind and a body that are well developed; you need also a heart that is made warm by the love of God. All our schools should have a deep spiritual influence radiating from students and teachers alike. "True education is religion."—"Counsels to Teachers," p. 108. "It is the degree of moral power pervading a school that is a test of its prosperity."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 143.

The Christian school helps the Junior to develop socially. Association with Christian schoolmates and Christian teachers is one of the finest things that can come to a Junior.

It is God's plan that every Junior boy and girl should have the opportunity to experience such development, for we read in the Spirit of prophecy that when the way of the older workers for God is stopped, the Lord will put His Spirit upon the Juniors who have experienced this perfect educational program. May each of you be one of those whom He can use in finishing the work of the third angel's message in all the world.

### Church School

CHARACTERS: Two boys on the way home from school. Jack attends church school; Melvin, public school.

MELVIN: Jack, where do you go to school? I see you come along here every day after school.

JACK: I go to the Howard Church School.

MELVIN: Church school! What's that?

JACK: Haven't you ever noticed that little school over there by Central Park?

MELVIN: Yes, my sister and I walked by there last Sunday, and she remarked something about the new play equipment in the yard.

JACK: The Home and School Association got that for us.

MELVIN: I have never heard of such an association.



JACK: You know about the Parent-Teacher's Association, don't you?

MELVIN: Yes; is it something like that?

JACK: You see, the parents, our teacher, and the members of the church have organized themselves into an association to do all they can for the betterment of the school.

MELVIN: What does the church have to do with it?

JACK: You see it is a church school, operated by the church, for all the children of the church.

MELVIN: Who pays the teacher?

JACK: All the members share the expense.

MELVIN: Yes, but is it worth it? My dad doesn't have to pay anything for my schooling.

JACK: Yes, it is. We could go to your Junior High, too, but I'd rather walk across town to our little school.

MELVIN: I can't understand that.

JACK: Well, you see in our school the teacher really loves us, and she treats us with such Christian courtesy that we feel that it is worth walking a mile or more to attend her classes.

MELVIN: Perhaps I'd be tempted to do it myself.

JACK: Our school always opens each morning with song, Scripture reading, and prayer; and the teacher often tells us some true stories.

MELVIN: Was that group I saw out at the park the other day from your school?

JACK: Yes, we take field trips occasionally to study nature—you know, the birds, trees, and flowers.

MELVIN: I always wanted to do something like that.

JACK: We surely enjoy our outings. And you ought to attend one of our J.M.V. meetings.

MELVIN: J.M.V.! What's that?

JACK: Junior Missionary Volunteers.

MELVIN: Do you think I could go with you to school over there?

JACK: Well, you know we study our Bible lessons every day, and maybe your parents would object to that.

MELVIN: Mother was saying just last week that she wished there was a school for us to attend something like yours must be.

JACK: Why don't you visit us once?

MELVIN: I believe I will, and it might be more than just a visit. I might come to stay.

JACK: I'll be looking for you.

### Christian Education, the Need of Our Day

FOR months past the American system of education has been under fire, not only because in some places it has failed to prepare youth for efficient participation in the activities of the nation, but because it has overlooked the importance of developing in them a fine Christian character.

Calling ourselves a Christian peo-

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ple and the United States a Christian nation, we have paid too little attention, as we discover, to Christian education. Boys and girls by the millions go through the public schools and state-supported institutions of higher learning without hearing even a reference made to God or His Son. There is no mention of the ten commandments or of the sermon on the mount.

Now, at the eleventh hour—or is it the twelfth?—we awoken with a sense of shock to our sins of omission.

"Let's see that the youth of this nation are given a sound Christian training," we say. But where may they go for it? Not to tax-supported institutions in which the Bible is never opened and prayer is an unknown quantity.

It is only in a church school that youth may be trained for Christian living and Christian leadership, unless it be in the home. . . .

The right type of church school helps its students to work out for themselves a philosophy of life that will undergird them in the experiences that lie ahead. It prepares them to meet disillusionment and disappointment, to estimate at its proper value the tinsel of the world. It fortifies them with courage to enter into struggle whenever that becomes necessary, to carry through a thing that they have once begun. . . .

Many of the greatest men and women in this country are the products of church schools . . . truly God-given in a time when it seems as if we had almost touched bottom in human affairs.—*Edith Johnson*.

### Letter of Appreciation

"THE last day of school!

"I feel that I simply cannot leave without saying a word of gratitude and appreciation for the school I have attended, and to the teachers who have been so patient.

"Perhaps I, with others, have acted a little indifferent at times, but I can truly say that I have enjoyed this school as never before. Especially worship—singing, reading, and praying each morning. It has kept me from a thousand wrongs; and I'll never forget. I cannot tell you how I feel. You see, I have really been out in the world. I have danced and smoked—and to come to such a school as this is such a contrast.

"This is the first year I have finished in a church school, and the program made a deep impression upon my mind. I want to really live out my part. . . . I want to go to Jesus just

as I am, kneel at the foot of the cross in prayer, and bear my cross each day.

"My heart aches as I think of how my schoolmates are parting and all going different ways. Some perhaps will be missing when the old school bell rings again. I don't suppose we should think about those things, but rather that 'autumn's weather once more for us will tell the hour of glad returning to scenes we love so well.'

"I want to wish you success in your work this summer, and here is a small token of my love."

(Signed by a student.)

### Christian Education

HAVE nine or eighteen Juniors line up, holding cardboard letters which spell "Christian Education." If there are nine children, have each child hold two letters, the top line spelling "Christian," and the bottom, "Education." The children should recite the statements that belong with the letters they hold.

**C**—Character building is the object of all true education.

**H**—Harmonious development of the physical, mental, and spiritual powers is true education.

**R**—Rational thinking will result.

**I**—Intellectual—"Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children."—"Education," p. 18.

**S**—Spiritual-minded is to have a mind through which Christ can work.

**T**—Truth shall make you free.

**I**—"Ideal" means there is no better plan.

**A**—"Aim high, and spare no pains to reach the standard."—"Messages," p. 36.

**N**—Necessary to salvation is character complete in Christ.

**E**—Everlasting—"Heaven is a school."—"Education," p. 301.

**D**—Divine in its origin.

**U**—United in its purpose.

**C**—Comprehensive in its scope.

**A**—Accurate as the stars.

**T**—Thorough in its teachings.

**I**—Impartial are the teachers.

**O**—Operative in every willing heart.

**N**—Needful for Christian character building.



A Crusade for Youth in '41!

May 10

## "Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother"

BY OPAL HOOVER YOUNG

**SONG SERVICE AND OPENING SONG:** Ask the members to name favorite songs which their mothers have taught them.

**PRAYER:** That the young people of the society may do the best they can to make their mothers and fathers happy by developing characters day by day that will honor them.

**OFFERTORY:** Use appropriate music to a familiar "mother" song.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT.**

**MISSIONARY REPORTS.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "My Mother's Bible," "Gospel in Song," No. 131, or some other appropriate Mother's Day song.

**TALK BY LEADER:** "Mother's Day Every Day."

**POEM:** "Mothers."

**STORY:** "Our Grass Rug and—Other Things." (See pages 311-319 in "Stories Worth Rereading." This may be found in your society library or in some church member's home.)

**SYMPOSIUM:** "Pictures of Mothers."

**TALK:** "To Father on Mother's Day." (See p. 20.)

**POEM:** "Only Dad."

**SONG:** "I Would Be True," No. 58 in "Missionary Volunteer Songs." Before singing this song, let the leader call attention to the fact that these words were written by a young man to his mother while he was away at school—to assure her he was living as she would want him to live. Growing up to be men and women of good character is the only way we can make our parents truly happy.

**BENEDICTION:** Fifth commandment, in unison.

### Mother's Day Every Day

TOMORROW is Mother's Day. You will probably give her a pretty card, or perhaps some lovely flowers; or maybe your teacher at school has helped you plan some little surprise for her—just a little remembrance to let mother know you are thinking of her and appreciate all the things she does for you. You may say something especially nice to her, because it is Mother's Day. I hope you have planned to surprise her by doing a little task about the house, something extra, you know, that you don't have to do. And you've probably promised yourself that since tomorrow is Mother's Day you'll do your assigned work without a grumble or without being reminded.

Well, so much for tomorrow. Now what about today and the day after tomorrow? Must mother have only one day a year for these pleasant

things? I've often wondered what would happen to us if mother should decide that just one day, May 12, or say, October 15, or some other selected day, should be Children's Day. On that day she would wrap up cut fingers, cook something extra good for meals, pick up carelessly left clothing and toys, tell us she loves us, kiss us good night, maybe give us a gift of some kind—only on Children's Day. What would the other days be like?

Yes, tomorrow is Mother's Day; but why do we always put off things that are good to do until tomorrow? Did you ever read Barrie's lovely mother story in "Peter Pan"? Mr. Barrie pretends that one night Peter Pan was granted his wish to fly like a bird; so Peter flew away from his home and his mother for a while. He knew she would be missing him; so one night he flew in at her open window and sat on the rail at the foot of her bed. She was crying softly for Peter in her sleep. But Peter hesitated to wake her because he wanted to fly away again. So he just played a little soft, comforting bit of music on his "pipe," and flew out of the window again. "Some other time I'll fly in and stay," thought Peter. "The window will always be open." By and by Peter became lonesome for his mother. He was sorry he had been so unkind to her. He would make it up to her. So he decided to go home. He came to the window which he thought would be always open; but this time it was shut, and there were iron bars across it. Call as he might, he could not make his mother hear, and he could not go to her. The iron bars were up for life.

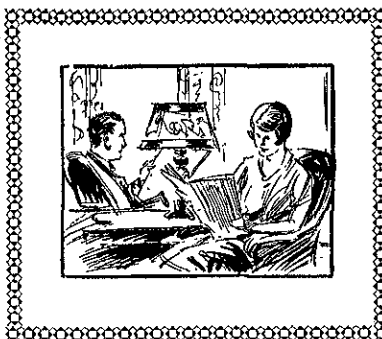
Mr. Barrie said of Peter's experience: "Ah, Peter, we who have made the great mistake, how differently we should all act at the second chance."

But you know, we seldom get a second chance. Suddenly we find that the iron bars are up for life.

An old sea captain one time told some boys how he had been trying for years to straighten out the furrows on his mother's brow. He said when he was a young lad he was a "hard case," and he knew he was changing his mother's pretty face and making it look anxious and old. Later in life he was sorry and tried to make up for it. He had been able, he said, to bring happiness and peace to her face, but never could he erase the lines of worry and anxiety that his early life had put there.

I wonder if we can't today figure out some ways of making every day a happy day for mother, making every day a Mother's Day for her, just as she makes every day a Children's Day for us.

(Ask each member to give one suggestion how he himself can make every day a Mother's Day for his own mother.)



### Mothers

THE world is a marvelous  
Spinning top  
Of great affairs  
That never stop.  
Broad as the nations,  
It narrows down  
To the little streets  
Of a friendly town:  
Uncles and aunts  
And sisters and brothers,  
To the tempered point  
That it spins on—  
Mothers!

—Anne Trumbull.

### Only a Dad

ONLY a dad with a tired face,  
Coming home from the daily race,  
Bringing little of gold or fame,  
To show how well he has played the  
game;  
But glad in his heart that his own  
rejoice  
To see him come and to hear his voice.

Only a dad with a brood of four,  
One of ten million men or more  
Plodding along in the daily strife,  
Bearing the whips and the scorns of life,  
With never a whimper of pain or hate,  
For the sake of those who at home await.

Only a dad, neither rich nor proud,  
Merely one of the surging crowd,  
Toiling, striving from day to day,  
Facing whatever may come his way,  
Silent whenever the harsh condemn,  
And bearing it all for the love of them.

Only a dad, but he gives his all  
To smooth the way for his children small,  
Doing with courage stern and grim  
The deeds that his father did for him.  
This is the line that for him I pen:  
Only a dad, but the best of men.

—Edgar A. Guest.

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A FRIEND is a person with whom I  
can be sincere, before whom I may  
think out loud.—Emerson.

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TRUE friendship is a plant of slow  
growth, and must undergo and with-  
stand the shocks of adversity before  
it is entitled to the appellation.—  
George Washington.

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A FRIEND is one who smiles on our  
fortunes, frowns on our faults, sympa-  
thizes with our sorrows, weeps at our  
bereavements, and is a safe fortress  
at all times of trouble.—Helen Hunt.

### Pictures of Mother

(Leader, suggest that the society members leaf through an imaginary album that contains pictures of different kinds of mothers, and as they look, they try to find the picture of their own mothers.)

1. I AM a mother. My forehead is furrowed with care. My hands are wrinkled and rough. The gaiety and spring of my youth have gone away early. I looked forward to such a happy life with my little family. But my son has grown sullen and obstinate about the home; my daughter is fretful and critical. They will not help willingly with the responsibility of the home, and it is too much to do alone, especially when they are unpleasant and unkind. The disappointment of it all has told on my spirit. I am old beyond my years. Am I your mother?

2. I am a mother. My clothes are shabby and a bit out of date. I'd love to have some new things, but John and Mary have to have so many things to keep them happy. With Mary, it's clothes. She hates to wear the same dress to two parties, and her hats don't seem to stay in style, according to her, one season even. John thinks he has to have the newest cut of clothes each season, and money to spend on the crowd. Of course, I'm glad to have them looking so nice and to see them popular with the young folk, but I wish they could be satisfied with a little less, so that I could look just nice enough so that they wouldn't be ashamed to take me places once in a while. Am I your mother?

3. I am a mother. I do not go out much among people, for I can't help noticing the looks they give me, and I can hear them say to one another, "That's the mother of Polly and Jack. Those youngsters are the worst scalliwags in the neighborhood. The parents are nice folk—but those youngsters! They don't mind at home, are disrespectful and unruly at school, bullies at play, and rude and impolite everywhere." So I don't go places much—to church occasionally, and I slip in during a song and sit in the corner near the aisle, where I can hurry out afterward. I can't bear the looks people give me and the things I know they are thinking in their hearts. Am I your mother?

4. I am a mother. Folk say I'm rather young looking for my age, and that they can always depend on finding me cheerful and full of life. Young folk like to have me go places with them. But why shouldn't I be good company? Do you know my children, Sarah and Bob? They keep me young. They are always bubbling over with cheerfulness and fun. And they do make those tiresome little house chores fly. I never have to wear myself out nagging to get work done, and because of their ready help I always have energy and time for hikes and games with them. They get along well at school, too—get their lessons and cooperate with the teacher. I'm

pretty proud of them and like to tell people I am their mother. They seem to be proud of me, too. Am I your mother?

5. I am a mother. I have two girls who are very popular among their companions. I think it is because of their unselfishness. They are unselfish in the home; so I know they must be in other groups, too. For example, they always want me to have things when they do, clothes to look nice in, and outings and vacations. We have so much fun planning things together. True I have had to work very hard to keep them in school and pay home expenses since their father died, but they are so thoughtful and generous and understanding that I cannot help singing as I work. Am I your mother?

6. I am a mother. The light in my eyes about which so many people speak has been put there by my son. It comes from the way he introduces me to his friends. He takes my wrinkled, stained hands (I have to work hard on the farm) and leads me over to his school friends and says ever so proudly, "This is my mother, fellows!"

It makes my heart shine right out in my eyes. Even though I am a bit stooped from work, a bit shabby from poverty, as long as my son is proud of me and I of him, I can hold my head high and be happy. Am I your mother?

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May 17

## A J.M.V. Is Reliable

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OPENING EXERCISES.

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INTRODUCTION OF TOPIC by Superintendent.

SYMPOSIUM: "Reliability."

1. Reliable Signboards.

2. Reliable Timepieces.

3. Reliable Promises.

4. Reliable Friendships.

TALK: "Are Our Juniors Reliable?"

CLOSING EXERCISES.

### Note to Superintendents

This topic affords an opportunity to emphasize the value of reliability on the part of the members of your Junior M.V. Society. Let there be a friendly debate or informal discussion of the different points. Do not indulge in personal criticisms that will hurt anyone's feelings, but let all face fairly the question of reliability, and try to point out clearly ways in which they may cultivate the habit of being reliable.

## Introduction of Topic

ALMOST every moment of our lives we rely on other people. A great many things we do would be really dangerous were it not for the reliability of countless others of whom we have never heard. In our homes and schools we walk about many feet above the ground and have no fear that at any moment we might fall through the floor. Our trust grows out of our faith in the reliability of the workers who prepared the wood and built the building.

How many times mother opens a can of food and serves it to the family with no fear of poisoning them! Yet if the cannery workers were not reliable, every meal would bring its unseen dangers.

In times of illness we take medicine or follow a course of action suggested by our doctor and thus stake our lives upon his reliability.

As we think about the reliability of others, we must remember that many of these other people also rely upon us. Let us discover the kinds of reliability we should have in order to maintain the confidence and the friendship of others.

## Reliability

### 1. RELIABLE SIGNBOARDS

"OUT in the country at almost every crossroads there is a tall post, and at the top of the post is a signboard that tells people where the road leads and how far it is to the nearest towns. Often strangers are driving through the country. All at once they come to a crossroads. They do not know which way to turn, and there is no one there to tell them. But they look up at the signboard, and there it is. They follow the direction that is given, and very soon they reach their destination.

"But sometimes the signs are wrong. One day a man wanted to go to a town called Charlestown. He did not know the way; so he stopped and looked at a signboard. It read 'Charlestown seven miles,' and pointed toward the south. So he started off in that direction. After he had gone a long way he began to feel that he must be on the wrong road. He stopped at a house to inquire, and was told that Charlestown was miles and miles back the way he had come. So he turned around and went back. When he reached the place where the signboard was, he looked at it again. Sure enough, it pointed the way he had gone. He couldn't understand it; so he asked a man whom he saw why the signboard pointed the wrong way.

"Why," he said, 'you know a few weeks ago a storm blew a tree down across the road here, and as it fell, it broke down that signboard. When the tree was removed, the workmen set up the signboard again, but they were careless, and they put it up pointing the wrong way.'"

Each Junior is a "signpost" for someone, and therefore he must be a reliable one. Long ago the apostle Paul said, "Ye are our epistle, . . . known and read of all men." This is what he meant. People are looking to us for direction as to how they are going to live. If we live the right kind of life and point the right way, they will go that way, too. But if we point the wrong way, then they will go astray, like the man who traveled so many miles in the wrong direction.

### 2. RELIABLE TIMEPIECES

IN one of our Western towns a few years ago a clock in a jeweler's window along the main street stopped for half an hour at fifteen minutes to nine. I couldn't tell you how much trouble that clock caused because it had gone wrong. Children were on the way to school. They looked at the clock and saw that it was fifteen minutes to nine. They thought they had time to play, and so were late to school. Men on their way to catch the eight-fifty-five train saw that clock, thought they had plenty of time, and missed the train. Professional men saw the clock and tarried to talk in the streets and were late for the first time in their lives. The whole town was upset that day because one clock had gone astray.

Once there was a little boy in school whose teacher said, "John, if your father had twenty sheep and one were to jump over the fence, how many would be left in the field?" John answered, "None." "I am surprised, John," said the teacher, "that you do not know your arithmetic better." "I may not know much about arithmetic," replied John, "but I know something about sheep. If one sheep jumps over the fence, all the rest will follow."

Boys and girls are much like sheep. What one does, the rest do. Others are looking to us, watching what we do. If we do well, so will they. If we do wrong, they will follow.—*Selected.*

### 3. RELIABLE PROMISES

EVERY Junior should ask himself the question, Can my friends depend upon my word? If not, I ought to be careful in making promises, and try very hard to keep every promise I make, asking Jesus to help me.

One afternoon, almost a century and a half ago, three young lads were idling along a country lane in Ireland.

"Come on, let's go swimming," said one of the boys.

"O yes!" chimed in the second, tossing his cap into the air. "Come on, Arthur. You haven't any objections, have you?"

The lad called Arthur, a blue-eyed, freckled-faced fellow, with a shock of brown hair that half covered his high forehead, hesitated briefly before he answered:

"No, I haven't any objections, and I think a swim would do us all good; but we promised Master Goodhue that

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we would hoe his garden for him, and we ought to keep our word."

"Oh, come on, Arthur," cried the first lad. "As if you, an earl's son, would hoe a poor man's garden!"

"But we promised," replied Arthur; "and besides, he is an old soldier, and I mean to be a soldier, too; and a soldier must always do his duty."

"Oh, pshaw; as if it were your duty to care for an old man's garden! I am going to the river." This from the second boy.

"And I am going to keep my word," answered Arthur sturdily. "I can have my swim afterwards."

"Well, I wish you joy in your task," shouted the others, as they kept on their course to the swimming hole, where the boys of Dublin School were accustomed to take their weekly swim.

The boy called Arthur turned in at the rustic gate of a poor cottage, where an old man with a crutch and a wooden leg greeted him.

"Well, you have not forgotten the old soldier," he said. "Some boys would."

"I try to keep my word on all occasions, and I could not forget a man who lost his leg at Culloden."

The old man gazed at the proud face and the grave eyes of the boy, and something that he saw there made him say, "My lad, you will be a great man someday."

The boy's face flushed. Praise from an old soldier was very pleasant.

"But I want to be a great soldier like our Marlborough, and like King Frederick of Prussia."

"Well, if you are a soldier, you will be great, too. Determination, hard work, and faithfulness to duty will help anyone to succeed."

With these encouraging words lingering in his ears, the boy stripped off his coat and vest and went to work. It was toil to which he was unaccustomed, and before an hour had elapsed his hands were sore and he was dusty from head to toe. But he worked on with a brave spirit till the task was done.

It was that very afternoon—an eventful day in the career of the young student—as he was returning from his belated swim in the river, that he showed himself to be a hero of another kind. A carriage driven by a coachman in livery was dashing along one of the streets of Dublin. Suddenly, and without apparent cause, the leading horses took fright. In the driver's attempt to hold the frantic steeds, one of the reins snapped in two, and the coachman sat dazed and helpless in his seat. A glimpse of a young girl's face, pale with terror, and that of a middle-aged gentleman, evidently her father, the frightened, tearing horses, and the heavy coach lurching dangerously from side to side, was enough to set young Arthur's feet a-flying. Darting swiftly across an intervening street that ran at right angles to the other, the lad rushed out in front of the galloping horses.

A leap like that of a bloodhound, and he had the frightened animals by the bridle.

He was lifted from his feet, but he clung like grim death. He could not be shaken off. Dragged forcibly along, he did not relinquish his grasp, and at last he succeeded in checking their mad pace. In a few minutes more they came to a halt, and as the coachman and the outriders sprang to the ground, the coach door opened and the gray-haired gentleman and the girl alighted. The gentleman said in surprise:

"Why, if this is not the son of my friend, the Earl of Morington! You have saved our lives, and proved yourself a hero. I am Lord Longford, and this is my daughter, Catherine Pekenham. Young man, I predict great things for you. England will not hold your fame," and as he marked the lad's flashing eyes, he placed his hands upon the boy's head as if pronouncing a benediction, "and dying, you will sleep with England's great men."

These words all came true, for young Arthur became the great Duke of Wellington, field marshal, conqueror of Napoleon, and peer of the realm, who was accorded honors beyond those given to any other of England's heroes. Great victories were to be his, great honors and moments of supreme exaltation, but never, in a life that was destined to touch the summit of earthly glory, did he show greater manhood than he did when he kept his word with Master Goodhue; nor did he perform a braver deed than when he saved the lives of Lord Longford and his daughter at the risk of his own life.—*Adapted.*

#### 4. RELIABLE FRIENDSHIPS

WHAT do we really mean when we say, "John is a real friend. I can always depend on him"?

First of all, we may mean that John does not change. If a person seems very cordial one day but will not speak to you the next, you probably will not go out of your way to choose him as a friend. We like to feel sure of the way our friends will greet us. Consequently, we realize that our friends feel the same way toward us, and we should strive always to be cordial and cheerful even though it requires an effort.

Also, we like to find our friends dependable in keeping confidences. One hears a great many jokes about women who repeat bits of gossip "that Mrs. Brown had said that Mrs. Jones had said that Mrs. Smith had said that Mrs. Taylor had said." Then they add, "And you mustn't tell a soul, because I promised that I wouldn't breathe it to anyone!" However, women are not the only ones who indulge in gossip. Every school has its boys and girls who like to repeat anything they hear, especially if it really is supposed to be a secret.

Then we think of those people who

are willing to be friends as long as they can gain something by this friendship. We are glad most friends are not of this type. George Jackson's father had lost money heavily through no fault of his own, but the loss meant that his family had to do without many things to which they had become accustomed. George found work to do to help out financially, and soon he was so busy that he did not notice that many of his schoolmates were less friendly.

One day he asked Joe Brown to help him move some heavy objects in the yard. He had helped Joe build a hut. But Joe was too busy. Later he saw Joe sitting idle on his porch. Bill Green came by and offered to help George. As they worked together, George said, "What's the matter with Joe? He always used to be glad to do things with me."

"Oh, he's one of those boys who are friends as long as they can get anything out of you—treats and auto rides. But now he thinks it isn't worth while to cater to you."

"Hum," said George, "nice kind of friend to have! Well, I'm glad to find out who are my real friends." And he looked appreciatively at Bill.

Bill replied, "You are just the same boy, just as fine a fellow as you were when you had more money, and perhaps even better. I'm proud to be your friend!"

One of our greatest privileges is that of friendship with our Master, Jesus Christ. There are many ways in which we can show our dependability as Christians. Can the Master count on you?

#### Are Our Juniors Reliable?

"You needn't worry a mite," said Mrs. White, when her niece fretted for fear the boy she had engaged to take a package to the five o'clock train would be late. "John is a reliable boy, and he'll be here."

"But boys of fourteen are so heedless," lamented the young woman. "I wish I had found someone more reliable."

But the words were scarcely out of her mouth when the boy arrived, and the parcel was delivered in time. "I always keep my word," he said in answer to her many questions. "Of course, I might fall and break a limb, but I don't think you need worry at all."

Some of the best and brightest and most trustworthy boys and girls I know are Juniors. Just a few weeks ago a girl I know gave up an automobile trip she had looked forward to with much pleasure in order to look after the home duties and take

care of the baby, because her mother was not well.

One mother used to say to her boys and girls, "Be reliable. Be sure that people can depend on you, and you cannot fail in life. Above all things, be faithful in the little things."

And do you know, the little things are the hard ones? If we do them well, we may rest assured that when the big ones come we shall know all about managing them. A boy who longed to rush into a burning building and rescue a child, almost shed tears when his mother asked him to weed the garden.

The boys and girls who can be depended on now are the ones who will be the successful men and women by and by.—*Adapted.*

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### May 24

## "My Son, Give Me Thine Heart"

BY MELVIN OSS

#### OPENING EXERCISES.

TALK: "God Is My Father."

TALK: "Surrender to God."

TALK: "The Reward of Surrender."

TALK: "The Invitation."

SYMPOSIUM: "Experiences."

POEM: "God Calls to Thee."

CLOSING EXERCISES.

### Note to Superintendents

Today we are going to study one text of the Bible together. It is interesting to know that throughout the many countries of the world our Juniors are today thinking about this wonderful text. The one who wrote this text was Solomon. He was the wisest king who ever lived. God gave him this wisdom. Through the book of Proverbs there is repeated to us the precious invitation to live for God, which is the wisest course to follow at all times. Our key text is Proverbs 23:26. (Read.)

### God Is My Father

WHEN we observe our wonderful world, we recognize that God is great and powerful. He is also kind and good and loves us as a parent loves a child. He calls us sons and daughters. Jesus said we should call God our Father. (Read Matt. 6:9.) Children love their parents, but experience teaches that parents love their children even more. One reason for this is that true love grows, and since the parents are older, they love more. God, who

is the source of all love, loves us even more than our parents do.

That God would think of each of us makes me happy. To know that He has a definite plan for me in His great program is wonderful indeed. We were created to honor and glorify our Maker. (Read Rev. 4:11.) If we learn His plan for us, and follow it, we shall be most successful.

Parents are anxious to give good gifts to their children. (See Matt. 7:9-11.) God is even more anxious to give us the things we need. Why should we be afraid to ask Him? Children generally do not hesitate to ask father or mother for what they need. God does not want us to lack any good thing.

It is a fact that God's fatherly care is exercised over us each day and moment. His watchful eye is ever upon us. If we realized this fully, there would be two things we would not do—(1) we would not go in paths that would bring sorrow to our Father and His angels; (2) neither would we worry about food to eat or clothing to wear. We would cast our cares upon the great Burden Bearer. (Read 1 Peter 5:7; Matt. 11:28-30.) When we love God, we are anxious to do what He expects us to do. (See John 14:15.)

Our Father in heaven is pleased to call us His children. (Read 1 John 3:1, 2.) There is no title or honor in all the universe that can compare with this. Today in our text, Proverbs 23:26, He speaks to us in a most endearing and personal way. Let us commune with Him as we study more about His loving invitation to be wholly His.

### Surrender to God

WHEN God asks for our "hearts," He asks for our very lives—all there is of us, and what we can become by His grace. The heart represents the life and the mind. The entire heart must be offered in service. The surrender must be complete.

There are two masters who seek for our allegiance and service—God and Satan. If we give the devil even a part of our affection, he may soon possess us entirely. He is anxious to gain entrance into even the smallest part of our experience, and he will try hard to get entire control. With God it is different. The only service He can accept is that which is

prompted by complete love and surrender. If we offer Him only a part of our heart, He cannot accept it at all. Let us remember that God has not reserved even a tiny corner in heaven for sin. No one can serve both masters. (Read Matt. 6:24.)

If you feel that you are not walking in the path of right and following the Lord closely, you should decide today to let Him have all there is of you.

To give our lives, our hearts, to God means that we shall be willing to live for Him and, if necessary, even to die for His honor. A religion worth dying for is worth living for. There will be no reservations on our part. We shall be glad to go anywhere, do anything, or be any type of worker, in order that God's message may be given to this perishing world. Our will, instead of being selfish, will be to do His will. It will be a joy to serve our Master because of our love for Him.

The lesson for us to learn today is that our service amounts to little unless our surrender is complete. We do not now know what the Master may ask us to do in the future. We must first give ourselves, and He will show us the duties for each day as it comes.

Those who try to serve both Christ and Satan have a miserable time. Such do not experience the saving and keeping power of the gospel. We are told not to be of a double heart. (See 1 Chron. 12:33.) The Lord wants us to know Him and turn to Him with all our hearts. (See Jer. 24:7.) Then the angels will rejoice in heaven, and we shall be happy on earth. Our joy will be to do and be what our heavenly Father expects us to do and be.

### The Reward of Surrender

JESUS never asks us to give up anything for Him but that He gives us something better in return. It costs to be a Christian; yet to follow Christ is the greatest gain. "I would give the world to have your experience," said a wealthy man to a devoted Christian woman. "That's just what it cost me," she replied; "I gave the world for it."

When we think of what God has done for us, it is unreasonable that we should think of giving Him in return anything less than ourselves and our



service. Because Christ suffered to redeem us, and we are His, we should gladly endure hardship for Him. We love Him because He has manifested His great love for us. 1 John 4:10, 19.

There is a heavenly peace and joy that comes into our hearts when we serve Christ fully. It makes us happy when we do what is right. If we do wrong, we are unhappy. We have a sneaking feeling.

When I was a boy on the farm, we had a dog named Trix. He liked some things to eat better than other things. Often if he were not hungry, he would hide pieces of bread by burying them in the garden. He might even then come and ask for more, perhaps for something different. One day I observed the spot where he buried a piece of bread. A little later I called him to the spot and uncovered it. Trix was much ashamed of himself. He knew he had done wrong. I had seen that he even sneaked away when he buried the food. We keep a level eye when we do what we believe is right.

### The Invitation

LET us think further of our text. (Read again Proverbs 23:26.) God is calling us to be wholly His. Jesus told the fishermen on Galilee to follow Him and He would *make* them to become fishers of men. (See Matt. 4:19.) This Maker of men is calling us today to follow Him closely. He can make us useful in His service.

A decision to surrender all to God will bring a solution to the great problems of life, as the following quotation from "Messages to Young People," page 30, shows: "To have the religion of Christ means that you have absolutely surrendered your all to God, and consented to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit moral power will be given you, and not only will you have your former entrusted talents for the service of God, but their efficiency will be greatly multiplied. The surrender of all our powers to God greatly simplifies the problem of life. It weakens and cuts short a thousand struggles with the passions of the natural heart."

Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart today. (Read Rev. 3:20.) Your decision determines whether you

will experience the blessings in your life. The latch that unlocks the recesses of your heart is on the inside. You alone can unlock it. Will you not open your heart for Him to come in and possess your life?

### Experiences

#### PUTTING OUR BEST INTO OUR WORK

IN order to succeed, our hearts must be in our work. The followers of Bruce were challenged to greater achievement when the heart of their great leader in a silver container was hurled into the ranks of their enemies. His loyal followers worked desperately to win back the treasure, and had great victories.

David Livingstone camped beside new fires night after night as he wore himself out exploring the Dark Continent of Africa. He died on his knees praying that the light of the gospel would soon be shining brightly. When he died, his body was carried to England for burial in Westminster Abbey among the greatest men of earth, but, in recognition of his loving devotion, his heart was buried in Africa where he labored and died.

#### ONE SENTENCE THAT INFLUENCED A GREAT PREACHER

EVANGELIST DWIGHT MOODY was profoundly influenced by a sentence attributed to Henry Verley. The truth expressed in it is still a challenge to each boy and girl: "The world has yet to see what God can do with a man completely consecrated."

If in our youth we dedicate our lives to the service of God, and hold back nothing we have or can be, we shall be able to be used by the Lord to accomplish great things for Him.

#### CONSECRATION OF A WOMAN MISSIONARY

IN India it was my privilege to work in the same territory as Sister Nola McHenry. This willing worker was always doing something for the Indian boys and girls. She passed to her rest unexpectedly several years ago. All loved her because of her unselfishness. Her heart and interests were in her work. She thought more of helping others than of caring for herself.

I copied this quotation written in her Bible: "I am willing to *receive* what Thou givest; to *lack* what Thou withholdest; to *relinquish* what Thou takest; to *suffer* what Thou inflict; to be what Thou requirest; to do what Thou commandest."

#### THE SPIRIT OF GOD CHANGES OUR HEARTS

WE read of Saul's experience in 1 Samuel 10:6, 9, 10, 26. His life was transformed when he opened his heart to be emptied of selfishness and to be filled with the Spirit. We think of

many examples of those who prayed when they went to school. Some of these became foreign missionaries and mighty workers for God.

"When the Spirit of God takes possession of the heart, it transforms the life. Sinful thoughts are put away, evil deeds are renounced; love, humility, and peace take the place of anger, envy, and strife. Joy takes the place of sadness, and the countenance reflects the light of heaven. No one sees the hand that lifts the burden, or beholds the light descend from the courts above. The blessing comes when by faith the soul surrenders itself to God. Then that power which no human eye can see, creates a new being in the image of God."—*The Desire of Ages*, pp. 172, 173.

### God Calls to Thee

God calls to thee. His tender voice  
Would draw thee to Himself,  
His gentle arms entwine thy form,  
And give to thee His wealth.

There is no treasure half so great  
As that He offers thee.  
No glory light that ever shone  
So bright as you may be.

God longs to own thy sweet young heart,  
And through thy molded clay  
Reveal to those who know Him not  
His own true blessed way.

God gives to thee life and its store—  
What will you give to Him?  
He offers grace, and palm, and crown;  
O, haste thy lamp to trim.

Give, give to God—give Him thine all;  
Accept His proffered gift.  
Time soon must end; heed now God's call,  
Thy lamp of truth now lift.

—Thomas E. Hirst.

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EVERY house where love abides and friendship is the guest, is surely home, and home sweet home; for there the heart can rest.—*Henry van Dyke*.

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THE expression in your eye, the lines in your face, the quality of your smile, the tones of your voice, tell the story, without your being conscious of it, whether your soul has faced its Gethsemane with manly courage or with shaming compromise and cowardly surrender.—*F. G. Budlong*.

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Do your work, not just your work and no more, but a little more for the lavishing's sake; that little more which is worth all the rest. And if you suffer, as you must, do your work. Put your heart into it, and the sky will clear. Then out of your very doubt and suffering will be born the supreme joy of life.—*Dean Briggs*.

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## 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.

### A Visit With Missionaries in Fiji

**M**ISSIONARY OLIVE WHITE is itinerating in Fiji among villages where our members live. Let us join the small band, as she leads us with her pen, and see what we can see, and how the journey is made to meet these fellow believers of ours. She writes:

"Mounting our faithful steeds, we left Nadarivatu and set off for Lewa, accompanied by some of the native brethren and Pastor W. G. Ferris, whose association and kindly assistance were greatly appreciated. Our people of Lewa were happy to see us, and enjoyed the meeting held that evening.

"Next morning we started on the trail to Nabutautau, a journey of about twenty miles, the natives told us. Traveling over the mountain-ridges, we looked down many hundreds of feet to the luxuriant growth of the valley, thick with soft, graceful bamboos, and here and there mango groves wearing their rosy-tinted new leaves. Away beyond stood rugged blue peaks which resembled Vandyke trimming. Our journey took us over narrow bridle tracks, up hill and down dale. The natives described some parts of the trail as suitable only for goats, and we agreed with them. Looking back we saw Mount Victoria, which reaches an altitude of 4,341 feet, and is, I believe, the highest point in Fiji. Some of the mountains took on a Grand Canyonlike formation, and were veiled in soft hues of blue, green, and brown, with shadings of mauve. The grandeur and majesty of the mountain scenery we shall not soon forget.

"Leaving the high road we made our way down into the valley, where the trees met in a canopy above us and the paths were bordered with ferns. The mysterious call of the bush pigeon could be heard as it flew from tree to tree. The kaka, or parrot, with its beautiful green-and-red plumage, darted quickly out of sight as we approached its secluded rendezvous, while smaller colorful species of the feathered family fitted merrily in and out of the tree ferns. We were indeed surrounded by the beauties of nature.

"Out in the sunshine once more, we sighted the village of Nabutautau, set on a hill below which runs a cool,

clear stream, with numerous flourishing gardens near by. The chief of this village and king of the district in which he lives, is a member of our church. A large new house had recently been erected for him, and into this we were ushered. A fine tea was served on a mat on the floor, around which we all sat. The meetings were well attended and much appreciated. Here, as in all the other villages, the natives were happy to have us visit them and eager to hear all the news. We saw the spot where Reverend Baker was killed at Nabutautau many years ago. His body was then taken to another village, cooked, and eaten. How thankful we are that the power of the gospel has changed the hearts of these people, and today we see the grandson of the slayer in our church!

"After traversing a rather slippery track, we arrived at Nanoko—a neat little village which seems miles from anywhere. In most of the places visited I was the first European woman they had seen in their village for three years, and such was the ease at Nanoko. We spent a happy Sabbath with our people there. The next morning, after saying farewells, we wended our way up the hillside to the strains of a good-by song, which helped us to realize that our visit had been appreciated.

"Turning back toward home, our next village of call was Nandrau. The chief of this village also is a church member, and his granddaughter, Eleanor, is a nurse employed by the government. She does a fine work in the surrounding district. We were happy to see almost all the inhabitants of the village turn out to the morning meeting, even the resident native Methodist minister.

"About noon we started on the homeward trail, and what an exciting time we had! In many places the horses were wallowing in mud up to their girths; then there were the protruding tree roots over which they must needs step warily. What a struggle they had ascending the slippery slopes! One had to be careful not to slide back over the horse's tail; quite an uncomfortable feeling, this, but not to be compared with the thought of going over its head as it descended a steep grade knee-deep in mud.

"Rejoicing in heart because we had met with our dear native people, and because God had guided and led us all the way, we arrived back at our home on the hilltop. There lay before

us the magnificent view upon which we feast daily. We are 2,700 feet above sea level, and, looking down below, we see pale-green fields of sugar cane contrasted with the darker green of the trees that reach out to the blue waters; while in the background are purple-hued distant islands tipped with fluffy white clouds in a vivid blue sky. At sunset the scene is greatly enhanced, for the indescribably beautiful colors are reflected in the water.

"Let us pray that God will water the seed sown day by day in these picturesque isles of Fiji, and that these dear souls for whom we labor may find a place in that kingdom of which it is written, 'Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.'"

### Found in Prison

NEAR the South Central Luzon Mission office stands the provincial jail. The liberal-minded warden gave permission for services to be held by our workers with the prisoners. As a result, some ten prisoners are preparing for baptism, and their lives present clear evidence of genuine change of heart. These converts are given Sabbathkeeping privileges by the warden. Among them is one young man with a unique background. Missionary J. Y. Yovan tells us concerning him:

"Antonio Esquillo belongs to a high-class family. His mother was a public school teacher, while his father has been serving the government for thirty-one years, and is still a high-ranking officer in one of the bureaus in Manila. This young man was a high-school orator, a scholarship winner, and was looking toward the priesthood.

"But to his disappointment he was caught in the whirlpools of life for accepting bribes while in government employ, and was summoned to face trial. To escape this he stowed away on an Italian liner bound for a home port. After three days without food and water he was found and beaten, locked up in the prison cell of the ship, and allowed only raw potatoes and water for food. It was thought that he would not live to tell the tale. A high Philippine official happened to be on the same boat, and he appealed to the captain for him to receive better treatment. He also gave him clean clothes to wear. At Port Said, Egypt, he was delivered into the custody of the American consul. He was held for six months in Egypt, and was then returned to the Philippines, where he was convicted to serve six months in the provincial jail.

In prison, he had to do all sorts of jobs, under the shadow of gun barrels. However, not until they found out his

abilities, and learned of his family and his commendable past, was he asked to work his last four months in the capitol building. At present he is serving as clerk to the provincial treasurer.

"In this dark, lamentable state of circumstances, the gospel found him within the prison walls. From the time he heard the first sermon, our prisoner brother was stirred, and his dormant religious desire to serve Christ was aroused, this time leading him unmistakably onto the right road. He, therefore, surrendered himself to God and is now keeping the Sabbath, even in his prison state. Surely his goal now is not only freedom from the law of men, but also liberty from the law of sin.

"In addition to Mr. Esquillo's conversion, which we sincerely believe is genuine, he is helping fifteen more in the jail, that they also may understand the meaning of the texts and illustrations. In this personal labor with the inmates he has been a definite help in winning others to Christ."

### A Little Reminiscence

FOLLOWING the 1913 General Conference session, held in Takoma Park, Brother and Sister F. Burton Jewell left the homeland to answer the African call to continue the mission work laid down by C. Lynn Bowen, at his death. In a recent letter Brother Jewell writes:

"Mrs. Jewell and I are still here at Solusi. We have been here now for nearly fourteen years altogether. Twenty-seven years ago this month we arrived with Elder and Mrs. Sturdevant at what was then known as the Tsungwesi Mission. It was about noon on Sabbath when we arrived. We shall never forget the many things that took place that day, and the faces of the native people as they greeted us. Ethel Bowen and Rachel Mulombe, both about nine years of age, were standing out in front of Elder Sturdevant's house. The native teachers, helpers, and church members and students kept coming to greet Elder and Sister Sturdevant and to meet the new teachers whom they had heard were coming.

"Mrs. Jewell is carrying full-time teaching in the training school here at Solusi, and has been chosen again for 1941.

"For many years I have attended to the medical interests of this community. The work has grown to the extent that now I have a full-time assistant in the dispensary, with other assistants in the dormitories. On bicycle I answer the calls that come in from the villages. This past winter [comparable with our summer] I spent a month or two at our Songa Medical Mission in study and work with Dr. O. J. Rouhe."

### Mission Work at Home

A. T. OKOHIRA tells us of work that is being carried on among the Japanese in Los Angeles, California. He writes:

"Under the leadership of Pastor E. T. Seat we are conducting a home-nursing class for the Japanese people. It is held every Thursday night at one of the largest Japanese Christian churches in Los Angeles. More than a hundred young people have registered, and are enjoying the lectures and demonstrations given by our doctors and nurses. There are many older people attending who do not understand English; so it is my privilege to interpret for them.

"This is not an evangelistic meeting, for we are not permitted to speak of our faith, but if we succeed in breaking down prejudice, our efforts will not be in vain. We plan to organize a special home-nursing and Bible class in our church for those who are especially interested.

"We are indeed glad for this little effort for the 'Nisei,' the second generation of Japanese. They are Japanese, yet they are not, for they are Americans by birth, and many of them speak only the English language. This is a new endeavor in the work for the Japanese, and it is a most important one which has been neglected long.

"While conducting this class, many cottage meetings are being held, and Bible studies are being given as a result of the meetings. Recently five persons were baptized and are rejoicing in the truth. It takes more effort, perhaps, and many more Bible studies and prayers to bring these people into this wonderful message, but God is working among this people, and is preparing them for a place in His kingdom."

### She Continued Praying

JOSÉ MACIEL, who works in Lower California, relates this experience, as told him by his mother:

"My mother was probably the strictest Catholic in Santa Rosalia. When she accepted the truth, she invited all her neighbors to attend a meeting which was held by one of our ministers. In our district there were three women whose names were Maria. They, with my mother, were ardent Catholics, and when my mother accepted the Protestant faith, they became bitter enemies. They would throw stones to disturb our meeting, and would turn their radios on as loud as possible, so that people would have difficulty in hearing the minister.



"A child of one of these women became seriously ill. The doctor who was attending the child said that it would not live more than ten or twelve hours. My mother visited the home, not knowing how she would be received. When she offered to pray for the child, the mother did not object. They were praying when the doctor arrived. He said that it was well to pray for the child, because it could not live very long. My mother believes in prayer, and she continued to pray for the child after the doctor left. The doctor said that the child would probably die about midnight. My mother prayed from eleven until twelve. She continued to pray until one o'clock, and until two o'clock, and still the child had not died. The next day the child seemed much better. The doctor called the next day, and when he saw the child, he said, 'This is really a miracle. I thought that she would surely die. God has healed the child.'

"My mother wrote me concerning this experience, and she says that this woman, who was so prejudiced against our faith, is now interested in the message, and is our friend."

### In Nyasaland

PRESIDENT J. F. WRIGHT, of the Southern African Division, recently passed on a brief report of what visiting workers found at Malamulo Mission, the headquarters of our Southeast African Union, in Nyasaland. He writes:

"Malamulo is the largest station in the Southeast African Union, as well as the largest in this division. Really, it cannot help but thrill one's heart to see what is being achieved at this interesting center of light. One day as we took time to observe each department of the station carefully, Elder John Raubenheimer remarked, 'Why, brethren, I never realized we had such a large and well-developed mission as I find here. This is indeed a wonderful place!' Indeed, it was evident that Brother Raubenheimer had caught a new vision of what is being done in the mission fields to the north.

"At Malamulo we always have a large camp meeting. They have a beautiful campground which will accommodate more than 5,000 people. They also have here a new church building, which seats more than 1,000 people.

"Elder W. E. McClure and his staff are carrying a strong program. As a training school, we have nothing of which to be ashamed. A large group of young people are in preparation for service.

"Doctor Morel is kept extremely busy. The leper colony is now recognized by the government as the one colony of the protectorate. It is hoped that before long it can be enlarged to accommodate 500 lepers."

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