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## *The Weekly Pledging Plan*

By S. A. RUSKJER

THE plan of making pledges to God is not a new plan. It is as old as is God's movement. The tithing plan is a pledging plan in which we pledge to God one tenth of our income. Sabbath-keeping involves a pledge on our part to God to keep the Sabbath.

The advantages that come from adopting a pledging plan, are many and important. When we make a pledge to give a certain amount of money to missions during the year, we are simply saying to God that with His blessings we will devote a definite amount of money to the interests of His cause. There may be seasons of the year when money is much more scarce with us than at other seasons. By adopting the General Conference weekly pledge plan, each individual is given the opportunity of keeping track of just what progress he is making in turning over to God the sum of money he has promised to give during the year. It is possible that a brother who promises to give \$100 to missions during the year is not able to give \$2 a week right through the year. It may be that during the spring and summer months all he can give is 25c a week, but he keeps a faithful record of it on his weekly pledge plan card, and he knows at all times just how much he must make up to turn over the promised amount before the year closes. Then in the fall of the year when he enjoys a larger income than he does earlier in the year, he makes his donations through the regular channels large enough to make up what he is behind in his annual pledge to God.

We need not go outside of Western Canada in search of evidence that God blesses His people when they adopt this weekly pledge plan. We have a striking illustration of the results produced both by pledging and by failing to pledge right here in Western Canada. If

we just drift along with a passive attitude towards the matter of giving to missions, the chances are there will be so many demands made on us for giving money to this, that, and the other thing, that the interests of God's cause will be almost crowded out. When we enter on the plan of making a weekly pledge to God, we place before ourselves a goal; and after all, the only things accomplished in this world worth while, are things that a goal was settled upon, and then a continuous effort made to reach that goal.

The plan of having a fixed goal in mind to work to is God's plan. All the way through the Scriptures the principle of adopting goals and doing one's utmost to reach the goal, is clearly set forth. Even in the matter of soul-winning God has a fixed goal. When the goal has been reached, the final fiat goes forth — not before the goal is reached, but just as soon as the goal is reached.

Some of the conferences in Western Canada have followed the weekly pledge plan for years, and know by experience that a real blessing comes to the individual who will enter into a covenant with God by sacrifice. Let us not give in a hit and miss fashion, for that results more often in missing than in hitting, but let us have a definite plan in mind; fix upon a definite goal, and decide by the grace of God that we will keep on sacrificing until somehow we have paid the vow that we have made before God.

As we enter the year 1930, let us as early in the year as possible get hold of the weekly pledge card, and then upon our knees alone before God ask Him what we should adopt as our personal mission goal for 1930, and let us faithfully keep check on ourselves to be sure that we actually turn over to God's cause the amount that we promised to give Him. Being systematic in giving will bring a double blessing from heaven to the giver.



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Make Wills and Legacies to "The Western Canadian Union Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists."

### Foreign Periodical Week

January 18-25

THE long winter evenings afford an opportunity to read, you say, but does it to all people? I visited a Russian family recently and found that the young people spent some time reading the newspaper, but the older people had nothing they could read. So I suggested the *Present Truth* to them in their own language; and of course they were glad to subscribe for it for a year.

There are thousands of families just like that, with this difference, that no one may visit them and secure their subscription. Will you not try to visit your foreign neighbor and see that they receive the message for this time in printed form? January 18-25 has been set aside by the General Conference as Foreign Periodical Week, and it is desired that every church in this country will make up a club of at least five or more yearly subscriptions for the *Present Truth*.

Dear brethren, we are not touching this foreign problem with the tips of our fingers. Jesus has promised to return when this gospel shall have been preached to every nation and people. Does not that include the foreigners in this country? If you have no foreigners living in your neighborhood we will be glad to supply you with names. We hope that the officers of the church will take special notice of this date, January 18 to 25.

If the Home Missionary secretary does not have a list of the languages in which *Present Truth* is printed, it can be secured from your Book and Bible House.

Let us make this the biggest periodical week in our history.

J. J. REISWIG, Secretary,  
Misc. Languages Dept. West. Div.

### The Stranger Within Thy Gates

How may we best reach these thousands of strangers within the territory of the Western Canadian Union, has long been the outstanding problem of our leaders in the work. What are we doing to solve this problem? It

is a problem that each believer in the soon coming of the Lord must help solve. A good suggestion and wholesome plans come to us from the Bureau of Home Missions which if we put in operation will help us in a large measure to solve the problem. Here is the simple plan: January 18 to 25 has been set aside as Foreign Periodical Week. During this week a special effort should be put forth to enlist the interest of every member of the church in his foreign neighbor. Where there are many foreigners in the neighborhood of your church a Home Foreign Band should be organized and put into operation. Where there are few or no foreigner in your neighborhood the General Conference Bureau of Home Missions will furnish names for any language in which we print literature at Brookfield, Illinois. Address, Pacific Press Publishing Association, Brookfield, Illinois.

No one church should order less than a club of five subscriptions.

Your church should take up a collection for foreign periodicals Sabbath, January 25, with which to order literature.

Prices of foreign literature for our field are: Foreign *Present Truth*, in Bohemian, Danish-Norwegian, German, French, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Russian, Slovakian, and Swedish; Single subscription, 45c. Five or more to one address, thirty cents each. Five or more to separate addresses, 40c each. In bulk, \$10 per thousand. *Christlicher Hausfreund*, in clubs of five or more to one address, each per year, \$1.40. Clubs of five or more to separate addresses, each per year, \$1.70.

Order all periodicals through your Bible House.

J. H. ROTH.

### British Columbia Conference

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Make Wills and Legacies to "The Manitoba Conference of Seventh-day Adventists."

### What Did 1929 Do For You?

DID the past year bring you happiness or sorrow? Fulfillment of your wishes, or disappointed hopes? We measure life by what it brings, but a more real measure is by what we bring to life.

What did you do in 1929? Were your duties accomplished? Did you reach your share of the great goals placed before you? Did you lead some soul to Christ? Did you forgive your enemies? Did you rob God or



man? Are souls nearer heaven or farther away because of you? Did you discourage or encourage? What did you do for 1929? H. A. LUKENS.

### Vancouver Church Building

OUR brethren and sisters throughout British Columbia will be interested, I know, in the practical completion of our new church building, situated at the corner of 10th Avenue and Yukon Street, Vancouver.

From the beginning we believe the Lord in a special way has overruled in giving us this splendid monument to our work in this great city. Through His providences we believe that thousands of dollars have been saved in its erection, and we know that this church will have an influence in giving prestige to our work in British Columbia, that souls may be favorably impressed with the truth for these last days.

The General Conference brethren were very liberal to us in the granting of a goodly sum of money toward the erection of this building in this great centre, from which so many of our foreign missionaries sail. In addition to this, the local believers have been endeavoring to raise money toward its erection, but we regret to say that there will be a debt on the building in the neighborhood of seven thousand dollars after its completion. We solicit the prayers of God's people that the Lord will help us to remove this debt.

It is planned to hold a grand opening service, Sabbath, February 1, 11 a.m., at which time it is planned that Elder Ruskjer will be present. Our people everywhere are invited to attend this service.

We are planning to hold a series of evangelistic meetings in the church the first of the year, and we ask all the believers to join us in prayer that the Lord will add many souls to His people here.

H. A. LUKENS.

### Visiting the Churches

I was invited to visit the churches of Salmon Bench, Grandview, Vernon, Rutland, and Penticton during the Week of Prayer. The weather was stormy, making it difficult to get about.

However, I was able to fill every appointment, for which I praise God. We had good meetings in each place. The readings were much enjoyed and also the after services.

This being my first visit to this part of British Columbia, I was surprised to find some old friends of long ago.

I trust our people will continue to pray and work for God as we did during this week. Surely we are

nearing the end. The coming of Jesus is just around the corner.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

### Graham-Carle Wedding

A pretty wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Carle, December 16, when their daughter Marie Orba was united in marriage to Robert James Graham, both parties of Grandview. Many useful and beautiful presents were received. Elder E. M. Chapman performed the ceremony. The bride was attended by Miss Gladys Burman, the church school teacher, and the groom by his brother, George. Many friends and relatives were gathered. Surely our best wishes and prayers go with this happy couple who are both members of the S.D.A. church at Grandview.

### Saskatchewan Conference

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Make Wills and Legacies to "The Saskatchewan Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists."

### The Saskatchewan Institute

OUR Institute was marked by a spirit of determination on the part of each colporteur to do a more efficient work for the Master. Each colporteur expressed the thought of doing everything possible to make the work more like what God would have it to be. The instruction given by our Union man, Brother Gerrard, was much appreciated by all in attendance and the thoughts presented if carried out will make every one of us better salesmen and much better fitted to represent the message as God would have us do.

We have a large field and a great number of people to warn of the soon coming Saviour. The colporteur work is one of the best ways of presenting the message to them. One colporteur here in our field has seen a remarkable blessing following his efforts. While canvassing a certain territory he found many interested so he carried on a correspondence and kept the interest up until a minister was sent to hold an effort there and as a result there is a small company keeping the Sabbath. He is going again from door to door knowing that God will bless him as He has already done.

May God help us all to do something for lost humanity. If we do not do something, we will also be numbered among the unfaithful. Let it not be so.

ALEX CLARK.



### Kerley-Webster Wedding

ON the 24th day of December there occurred at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, the Christian services uniting in the holy bands of matrimony Brother Cecil Frampton Kerley and Sister Evelyn Doris Webster. The many friends of this happy couple will rejoice to know that a new Christian home has been established and will unite in wishing Brother and Sister Kerley the rich blessings of God as they happily meet the responsibilities of life together. May God's blessing rest upon them and make that home a little haven of refuge in which to go to heaven when Jesus comes.

S. A. RUSKJER.

"And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments."—*I John.*

### Home Missionary Calendar Wins Two Garage Men

ALTHOUGH the Home Missionary Calendar is published primarily for the use of our own people, hundreds of copies find their way into the homes of strangers, neighbors, and friends. From year to year these calendars have wielded a silent influence upon their lives, causing many to inquire further into the truths we hold so dear.

On November 6 the General Conference Minority committee at its weekly session, was thrilled by the recital of the following experience, which was passed on by Elder A. F. Harrison, field missionary secretary of the Southwestern Union, to Elder W. W. Eastman.

"I want to tell you a little experience that has come to us here in the Oklahoma Conference. Brother Norman, field secretary of the local conference, got up the

### Tithe and Sixty-Cent-a-Week Statement MANITOBA AND WESTERN ONTARIO CONFERENCE January—November 30, 1929

Church	Mem.	Tithe	Tithe Per Mem.	Harvest Ing.	H. I Per Mem.	Big Week	60¢ a Week	Per Week Per Mem.
<b>A. B. Bellchambers' District:</b>								
Fort William	10	659.58	65.96	283.61	28.36	12.35	459.18	.956
Port Arthur	18	1,069.57	59.20	301.44	16.76	28.70	596.37	.69
Total	28	1,729.15	61.75	585.05	20.89	41.05	1,055.55	.785
<b>Elder Gulbrandson's District:</b>								
Icelandic	26	1,117.86	42.99	598.79	23.03	39.75	926.97	.742
<b>Elder Libby's District:</b>								
Austin	11	180.90	16.36	24.00	2.18		112.51	.213
Bradwardine	14	427.50	30.53	78.50	5.60	2.15	443.62	.66
Winnipeg Eng.	132	3,627.03	27.47	1,044.44	7.91	156.35	2,287.93	.361
Total	157	4,235.43	26.97	1,146.94	7.30	158.50	2,844.06	.377
<b>Elder Reile's District:</b>								
Inglis	25	404.00	16.16	253.50	10.14	30.10	491.24	.409
Morden	8	122.76	15.33	72.21	9.02	3.00	151.76	.395
Pembina	24	276.75	11.53	144.83	6.02	19.15	258.61	.224
Winnipeg Ger.	19	378.67	19.93	115.50	6.07	10.45	341.83	.374
Whitemouth	14	10.00	.70	28.15	2.81		39.60	
Total	76	1,192.18	15.69	614.19	8.08	62.70	1,283.04	.351
<b>Elder Reiner's District:</b>								
Conference	138	1,879.28	13.61	543.11	3.93	279.63	1,577.12	.228
Minitonas	14	106.56	7.61	112.62	8.04	.50	194.94	.29
Total	152	1,985.84	13.06	655.73	4.04	280.13	1,712.06	.234
<b>Elder Solonuk's District:</b>								
Bethel	16	533.96	33.37	36.75	2.29	7.00	196.73	.257
Winnipeg Ukr.	50	953.60	19.07	455.41	9.10	22.60	816.87	.342
Total	66	1,487.56	22.54	492.16	6.45	29.60	1,013.60	.323
Grand totals and averages	505	11,748.02	23.73	4,092.86	8.10	611.73	8,835.28	.372



other day and gave an experience. He visited a church and after speaking gave opportunity for the people to testify. In the back part of the house he noticed two men, fine looking fellows, one of whom got up to testify and said, 'We are brothers and we run a garage shop.' Then followed this story. They found in their shop one of our calendars, with Saturday marked in red. It struck them with full force. They didn't know how the calendar came there, but would sit and look at it, talk about it, and wonder why the seventh instead of the first day showed in red, and what it could mean. Finally they took up their Bibles and found that the seventh day is the Sabbath. They had never heard of Seventh-day Adventists but began to study their Bibles because of the calendar. In a short time they closed their shop and began to keep this new found day. One Sabbath a man called up and wanted them to do some work in the shop. They told him they could not do it, for they were keeping Saturday as the Sabbath. The man replied, 'Well you must be Seventh-day Adventists.' They wanted to know who Seventh-day Adventists were, as they had never heard of them. He said, 'We have a Seventh-day Adventist church right here in this town,' and told them where it was. So they went right down, associated with the church, and are now Seventh-day Adventists."

Do you have a Home Missionary Calendar in your home? You may have other calendars but why not get an Adventist calendar? The one for 1930 is just off the press and thousands of copies are being sold. It is a very beautiful calendar and in every way holds up the high standard we have set for the Home Missionary Calendar. Among its many features are daily scripture texts, daily schedule for reading the Bible through, monthly missionary topic, official list of special days, offerings, etc., sunset table and key, moon's phases, and a number of other interesting items. This year we ordered 40,000 copies and to date (November 6) there are only 9,000 left so you will have to act fast if you get one for no more will be ordered when the present supply is exhausted. Why not purchase one for *your* neighbors? Perhaps it might be the means of bringing the message to them in the same way the two garage men found the light. Who knows?

E. F. HACKMAN, *Associate Secretary,*  
General Conference Home Missionary Dep't.

PARENTS will want to read Professor Arthur W. Spalding's, "Have you introduced your child to God?" which appears in the January color *Signs*. Four cents each in lots of ten or more from your Bible House.



### News From B. A.

Carl Klam is away at Macrorie for a few days.

John Mott and Mike Kozeruba left the last of the week for their homes to spend the holidays.

The past week has been a bit out of the ordinary, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday being our Christmas holidays.

The arrival of a car of coal the other day provided an opportunity for some of the boys to test out the thirty-five below weather.

We were pleased to have as holiday visitors: Mrs. L. Smith of Fort William, Miss Stanwick of Macrorie, and Miss Vinnard from Carlton.

A letter from Stanley Taylor brings this word: "I have been watching the B. A. news in the *TIDINGS* and how the enrollment has been growing. I am planning definitely on making it one more before the winter is over."

In the recent quarterly examinations, C. Buckle, Edward Edstrom, and Juanita Clemenson carry off honors with seven or more A's each not including deportment or domestic work, on their grade cards. From the set of some jaws we should judge we are going to have more A's than we can handle at the end of the semester.

A good letter from Howard Farnsworth, Class of '29, who has gone south for the winter, brings, among other things, these good words: "My mind often goes back to the pleasant days I spent at B.A. A student doesn't seem to appreciate the privilege he has in school until after he leaves. While at B.A., I often thought, 'If I could only get away.' Now I am away and I would give a great deal to be back once more. I also think of the pleasant Friday evening meetings and the Sabbath services as there are no S. D. A. young people near here with whom I can meet. I am still of good courage and plan to be at C. J. C. next fall. I am taking "Daniel and Revelation" this winter so as to not forget how to study.



# The Colporteurs' Page

## Colporteurs' Reports

P. D. Gerrard, *Union Field Secretary*

### Alberta Conference

Guy W. Sharman, *Field Secretary*

One Week Ending December 14, 1929

Name	Bk.	Hrs.	Ords.	Helps	Total	Del.
Corban, P. J. ....P.S.	43	7	\$		\$ 52.00	\$ 47.70
Haggkvist, Ruth ...H.P.	36	3	2.00		26.00	237.15
Wagner, J. B. ....P.S.	25		56.40		56.40	.40
Totals	104	10	\$58.40		\$134.40	\$285.25

### British Columbia Conference

Knowles Astleford *Field Secretary*

One Week Ending December 14, 1929

McLuhan, J. ....H.P.	33	1	\$ .75		\$ 8.75	\$
McLuhan, Mrs. ....H.P.	25	2	1.50		21.50	8.75
Watson, Miss A. ....H.P.	16	1	6.70		18.70	6.90
Milne, Miss* ..H.W.,P.P.	79½					306.40
Oke, Henry ....H.W.	20	6	4.75		25.75	
Pook, Mrs. B. A. ....H.W.	21				7.00	
Totals	173½	31	\$13.70		\$81.70	\$322.05

### Manitoba and Western Ontario Conference

C. E. Wimer, *Field Secretary*

One Week Ending December 14, 1929

Boyko, P. A. ....H.P.	38	6	1.35		51.35	
Buhler J. R. ....H.P.	40	10	15.00		95.00	
Deer, A. ....B.R.	44	5	14.00		48.00	
Sand, A. ....H.P.	30	7	9.00		67.00	
Totals	152	28	39.35		\$261.35	

### Saskatchewan Conference

Alex Clark, *Field Secretary*

One Week Ending December 14, 1929

Casler, L. E. ....H.P.	31	6	\$11.75		\$59.75	
McMillin, J. L. ....B.R.	25	3	13.05		26.05	
Totals	56	9	24.80		\$85.80	

\* Two weeks

## Colporteur Institute Dates

Alberta .....January 16-26  
B. C. ....January 30-February 9

## Keeping On, Keeping On

P. D. GERRARD

ARE there not more young men and women in Western Canada who are willing to let God have all there is of them? Fear makes failure, self-doubt is sure to cripple you. Never allow yourself to get sorry for yourself.

What others have done, you can do, so for that reason I am passing on to you the extract from a letter from one of our regular colporteurs, written under date of December 14, 1929, British Columbia. Note that this colporteur, as well as many others, states that he would not exchange the experience gained in this work for worlds.

"Another week has passed, and it has been even more eventful than the previous one, if that is possible. On Monday I had an interesting and happy day. On Tuesday I tried to get to my territory for three hours. I failed and had to return home. I fixed up the old chains I had in the back of the car and then found that the battery of my car was run down.

Mr. ——— has been unable to get his truck out all week and he put his battery in my car. By running the car I was able to get my battery charged up.

"On Wednesday I started out again but I had to return after three hours of persistent effort. I could not make the hills; it seemed that the gas would not come through into the carburetor. I looked to see if the small vent hole in the gasoline tank cap was plugged. Then I drained the gasoline tank in case of dirt or water in the gasoline. Then I cleaned the pipe from the tank to carburetor. I took out the carburetor and cleaned every part of it. I took off the commutator and cleaned it. Then I adjusted the carburetor. After all this I was ready to start on Thursday morning. My radiator had frozen up on Monday while I was in a house, so I had taken precautions against that happening again.

"I set out for Mr. ———'s place; he was out hunting, but the man in the house higher up took the book for him.

"The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon."—*Psalms*.



The next place they did not have the money, but they phoned the postmaster to give it to me and they would pay him later.

"Toward dark I decided to take a four-mile run to Mt. Lehman to post a letter to Miss Watson to say I would help her with her delivery. In Aldergrove the mail would not go out until the following day. I blazed a trail, following your advice, and looking far into the darkness. It was snowing heavily and I wondered how I could reach my destination. Like a flash an idea struck me. Back in February a young woman in service in ——— ordered a 'Patriarchs and Prophets.' She had been sick since and could not take the book. I remembered that her parents lived in ———. When I was working there taking orders the mother was out. I posted the letter and called on the young woman's mother. I told her all about the book, congratulated her on having a daughter who was interested in ordering such a book. We got into friendly conversation and she paid me for the book. I certainly thanked God for this experience.

"On Friday my poor chains broke in fresh places and were useless. I tried three times to make a hill and failed. I decided that I must give up this false economy and bought new chains. I reached home just before sunset. The week had not yet ended for this evening (Saturday) I again set out as you see by my report, and pushed my way through the hard deep snow. The water in the radiator boiled with the terrible exertion and bubbled away furiously. I had to walk a mile or so in the deep snow with not a footprint in sight, but plodding always wins the race, and I reached home safe and sound.

"I have written all this just to let you know what your colporteurs have to go through. I expect you were thinking of us and may be you anticipated harder experiences for us than we even realized. Anyway, I thank God for my work; not for worlds would I exchange it. Through all its hardships there is a joy which comes from nothing else.

"I have been sending literature to some who ordered 'Patriarchs and Prophets' from me. The other night I had three valuable scraps of paper on which they had signed their names requesting more literature. These are precious to me, but I pray that the signing of them may prove exceedingly precious to those who signed and that they may begin to study and an experience which will lead them to the Kingdom of God.

It seems to me that we have reached the *summum bonum* of our experience when we can humbly let God use us in winning souls. I feel very far away from this ideal, but it is my prayer that God will help me to grow daily in capability and usefulness—pressing on to the place where I shall uplift every soul I meet."

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Eph. 6:13.

"Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me."—*Isaiab.*

## OBITUARIES

*Bosche.*—August Bosche was born in 1857 in Cassel, South Russia, and died on December 15, 1929, at Medicine Hat, Alberta. He leaves his wife, three sons, and five daughters to mourn their loss. Funeral service was conducted by the writer in the Evangelical church at Medicine Hat. A large number of relatives and friends were present. Our brother died in the blessed hope of having a part in the first resurrection. O. ZIPRICK.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

RATES: Per issue—40 words, 50 cents; each additional word 1 cent. Display advertising, \$1.00 per inch. No advertisement will be accepted unless cash accompanies the same.

ALL INDIVIDUALS sending in an advertisement for the first time, must be recommended by a conference worker or local church elder. This rule will be strictly enforced so save time by enclosing letter of recommendation with your advertisement.

WORK WANTED—Seventh-day Adventist German speaking young couple, no children, want a position on farm to work by month or year. Fritz Peterreit, Box 192, Rosethorn, Sask. 1-4t

WANTED—Party with some equipment to cut cord wood and ranch sheep on shares. Three miles from Nora Station. One year free rent. Fred Vester, Nora, Sask.



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## Christian Home Day

ARTHUR W. SPALDING

COME, friends! Once in the year let us all give combined attention to the most vital thing in our lives and the lives of our children, the Christian home. If our homes, every one, were doing what God wants them to do, God's work in the earth would be finished tomorrow and we should all go home to Heaven. For "the restoration and uplifting of humanity begins in the home," and, "the success of the church . . . depends upon home influences." *"Ministry of Healing," page 349.*

February 1, the first Sabbath of the month, is set aside by the General Conference as Christian Home Day. It is a day for all the church to study the importance of the home and how parents may get a training for greater efficiency in their work of training, the training that the Spirit of prophecy declares they must have. Read "Education," by Mrs. E. G. White, pages 275, 6. A program and material are supplied in the *Church Officers' Gazette*. A quantity of the Home Commission's special leaflet, "Will You Come In?" is being sent out through the Home Missionary Department, to supply every church member. Your efficient Home Missionary secretary will certainly see that a supply reaches every church elder. Your church elder or pastor will certainly plan for the church to observe this Christian Home Day, and for every member to get a leaflet. Will you, dear parents, help them to remember? Will you, every one, plan to make this Christian Home Day effective in all our churches?

## After Harvest Ingathering, Then What?

THERE is a tendency on the part of most of us to settle down when the Harvest Ingathering campaign is over. We admit that the campaign is a strenuous one, but in these days of rapid movements, when on every hand we can see the signs of the soon approach of our Saviour, can we afford to relax our efforts? Many of our churches come and go like a door on its hinges, but the time has come for a decided change. New life must come into our midst, or we will neglect to do the great work that should be done at this time. "At this time—a time of overwhelming iniquity—a new life, coming from the source of all life, is to take possession of those who have the love of God in their hearts, and they are to go forth to proclaim with power the message of a crucified and risen Saviour."—Vol. IX, p. 44.

As the new year is approaching, every church will want to lay definite plans to evangelize the territory around its door. It is our great privilege to carry this message to every home. This involves much work and

great expense. But the objective of every Seventh-day Adventist church in the land, whether large or small, should be to place this last message in the hands of every living soul in its mission territory. This will involve also organization, hence the necessity of every church being thoroughly organized for service. "For Christ's sake, my brethren and sisters, make the most of the hours of the new year to place the light of truth before the people."—"Colporteur Evangelist," pp. 41, 42.

It is not necessary, in order to win souls, that our churches lay out high-powered schemes, but rather let their plans be simple. "The very simplest modes of work should be devised and set in operation among the churches. If members will co-operate with such a plan, and perseveringly carry it out, they will reap a rich reward, for their experience will grow brighter, their ability will increase through exercise, and souls will be saved through their efforts."—"Appeal to our Church," pp. 11, 12.

So let our church boards give this matter careful consideration. In fact its importance demands that it be made the first business of the new year. Wouldn't it be a glorious thing if all our church boards in North America would spend the time of their first meeting discussing ways and means of saving souls through the activities of the church and then lay some definite plans towards its accomplishment. I am sure it would rejoice the hearts of the angels and bring consternation to the ranks of the enemy. The following suggestions may prove helpful:

1. Plan a systematic distribution of "Present Truth"
2. Plan a systematic distribution of "Family Bible Teacher"
3. Organize the Home Bible Study League in your church
4. Formulate a Laymen's Bible Training Class
5. Plan definitely to bring the message to the foreigners
6. Plan prison and hospital work
7. Organize a Dorcas Society
8. Form a Home Nurses' Class
9. Organize tract work
10. Plan for house to house work with the "Signs"

If you lack information on any of the above, get in touch with your local conference Home Missionary secretary or write the General Conference Home Missionary Department and information will be sent. "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."—Vol. 6, p. 29.

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