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Let every Seventh-Day Adventist ask himself, "What can I do to proclaim the third angel's message?" Christ came to this world to give this message to His servant to give to the churches. It is to be proclaimed to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. How are we to give it?

The distribution of our literature is one means by which the message is to be proclaimed. Let every believer scatter broadcast tracts and leaflets and books containing the message for this time. Colporteurs are needed, who will go forth to circulate our publications everywhere.

In the miracle of feeding the multitude with a few loaves and fishes, the food was increased as it passed from Christ to those who received it. Thus it will be in the distribution of our literature. God's truth, as it is passed out, will multiply greatly. And as the disciples, by Christ's direction, gathered up the fragments, that nothing might be lost, so we should treasure every fragment of literature containing the truth for this time. None can estimate the influence that even a torn page containing the truths of the third angel's message may have upon the heart of some seeker after truth.

There are many places in which the voice of the minister can not be heard, places which can be reached only by publications,—the books, papers, and tracts, that are filled with the Bible truth that the people need. Our literature is to be distributed everywhere. The truth is to be sown beside all waters; for we know not which shall prosper, this or that. In our erring judgment we may think it unwise to give literature to the very ones who would accept the truth most readily. We know not what may be the good result of giving away a leaflet containing present truth.

Many are sad and discouraged, weak in faith and trust. Let them do something to help some one more needy than themselves, and they will grow strong in the strength of God. Let them engage in the good work

of selling our books. Thus they will help others, and the experience gained will give them the assurance that they are God's helping hand. As they plead with the Lord to help them, He will guide them to those who are seeking for the light. Christ will be close beside them, teaching them what to say and do. By comforting others, they themselves will be comforted.....

Those in darkness of error are the purchase of the blood of Christ, and they are to be labored for. Let our canvassers know that it is for the advancement of Christ's kingdom that they are working. He will teach them as they go forth to their God-appointed work, to warn the world of a soon-coming judgment. Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, the canvasser-evangelist's work will not, can not, be without fruit.

Think of the interest that the Father and the Son have in this work. As the Father loves the Son, so the Son loves those that are His, those who work as he worked to save perishing souls. None need feel that they are powerless; for the power of Christ may be their power. He desires all to enjoy the wealth of His grace, which is beyond all computation. It is limitless, exhaustless. It is ours by eternal covenant, if we will be workers together with God.....

The evangelist who engages in canvassing work is performing a service fully as important as that of preaching before a congregation. God looks upon the faithful, evangelistic canvasser with as much approval as He looks upon the faithful minister.

From forth-coming Testimonies, Volume 8.



Calling.

When you hear a voice calling you, sometimes you discern in it, a tone which impresses you at once that you must drop all and respond for there is great haste called for. And when the father or mother calls, "Come quickly," in a tone that seems to indicate that some one is in distress, how you hasten to present yourself ready for service. Our Great Captain and Leader in the sacred work of rescuing souls from eternal destruction, is now calling in loud and earnest tones, "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city," and "Go into the highways and hedges." Thus the call is to all parts of the world and to all classes.

This call is not only for quick and hasty action, but it is a holy calling. "Who hath saved us and called us with a holy calling... according to His own purpose etc.," 2 Tim. 1:9. The spirit of God through the testimonies has said to us recently, "Make a loud call to

those who have once been in the canvassing work and have left it, to come back and again engage in the sale of our books." Will you now, at once, and in earnest, help to make this loud call? Oh bretheren dear in Jesus Christ, will you pray and ask God to help you to help some one to get into this branch of the work? To what avail is it that we have car loads of books made, if we do not get them placed in the hands of the people? Last Sabbath we were called upon to contribute to assist in the establishment of the International Publishing Association in College View, and this for the purpose of making books in the foreign languages. But we have already on hand nearly two car loads of foreign books ready to go to the people. Now let us turn our attention and our energies to the work of getting these books out among the people. Where are our German and Scandinavian young people, yes and older ones also, who will go out and sell books? Our Conferences would better encourage scores of people to take a drill in canvassing, than to try to raise up preachers and Bible workers who are not book-sellers. A minister or a Bible worker who carries and sells books to all who become interested in the truth through his Bible teaching, will see much more fruit of their work in this world and in the world to come.

Now let us have a collection, not of money, but of men and women, young and old. Let us each see how many we can get to attend the institute at Ellsworth, Kansas, March 16 to April 3. We will pay your R. R. fare or expenses of travel with team, to come, and will furnish board and lodging at \$1.25 per week, if you will go out to work at the close of the institute, and continue till the Camp-meeting.

C. McReynolds.

Judges 6 and 7.

- 1 What did the children of Israel do?
They did evil in the sight of the Lord.
- 2 What did the Lord allow to befall them?
They fell into the hands of the Midianites.
- 3 What became of the increase of their fields?
It was consumed by the Midianites.
- 4 What effect did this have upon Israel?
They were discouraged and impoverished.
- 5 What did they do?
They cried unto the Lord.
- 6 How did the Lord regard their cries?
He sent them a message through his servant.
- 7 What did the Lord through his servant say unto them?
He told them of their past deliverances and admonished them to fear not the gods of their enemies. Their sins were also pointed out.
- 8 What particular work was at this time pointed out?
Deliver Israel and drive the Midianites out of their lands.
- 9 How did Gideon feel about undertaking such a task, and what excuse did he offer?
He felt it was too great an undertaking, and said, "where with shall I save Israel, behold my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least of my father's house."
- 10 What assurance did the Lord give him?
"Surely I shall be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites."

- 11 How did Gibeon raise his army?
By blowing the trumpet and sending messengers through the land calling for volunteers.
- 12 How large an army was thus found?
sand.
- 13 How did the Lord regard this company?
It was too large.
- 14 Why was it too large?
Because of the fearful and unbelieving among them.
- 15 What be came of the fearful and unbelieving?
They returned to the duties and comforts of their homes.
- 16 Was the army thus sufficiently sifted?
No, it was not.
- 17 To what other test was the army put?
The experience at the river side where it was fully manifested whose heart was really set on obtaining deliverance, and who was seeking ease.
- 18 Out of the thirty-two thousand volunteers, how many stood the test?
Only three hundred.
- 19 How did Gideon prepare for attack.
He divided his army into companies, and gave each man a trumpet, a pitcher and a lamp.
- 20 How was the attack made?
By a loud cry of victory through the trumpet, and a sudden flash of bright light as the earthen vessels were broken.
- 21 What was the result?
The enemy destroyed, complete victory gained, and Israel again gained possession of their land.

APPLICATION.

- 1 What did Seventh-day Adventists do?
They built large institutions on borrowed capital and in places which in many respects are not most convenient for the work of the institution.
- 2 What did the Lord allow to befall us?
A large debt which the Institutions were unable to pay.
- 3 What became of the earnings of the Institutions?
They were consumed in paying interest on the borrowed capital, and the running expenses of the institution.
- 4 What effect did this have upon the whole denomination?
It was discouraging and impoverishing to all.
- 5 What did the people do?
They cried unto the Lord.
- 6 How did the Lord regard their cries?
He sent them a message from his servant.
- 7 What was this message?
He told them how God had led and blessed them and admonished them not to become discouraged, but pointed out their mistake in erecting such large buildings and centering so many interests in one place.
- 8 What particular work was pointed out to be done?
Pay every dollar of this indebtedness.
- 9 How did the people feel about undertaking such a task, and what excuse did they offer?
They felt it was too great an undertaking, and said "we are poor, and all our people are poor."
- 10 What assurance did the Lord give?
I will be with you, and if you do your part, money

will come with which to pay all this indebtedness. C. O. L. was donated to the schools and the denomination, through its representatives, volunteered to sell it.

11 How was the number of volunteers obtained?

The trumpet was blown and messengers were sent through all the conferences to obtain the number of church members.

12 How large an army was shown to be enrolled in Kansas?

About three thousand.

How did the Lord regard this company?

It was too large.

13 Why was it too large?

Because many were fearful and unbelieving, and although their names were still on the church records as members they had long since given up the truth.

14 What became of the fearful and unbelieving?

They have gone to the cares and pleasures of home comforts.

15 Was the army thus sufficiently sifted.

It is to be hoped so.

16 To what other test was this army put?

The experience of going out February 2nd and selling Christ's Object Lessons. This will show whose heart is in the work, and who is seeking easy positions.

17 Out of 3,000 membership how many will prove faithful?

All who really have their hearts set on the work.

18 How should we prepare for the attack?

Divide into companies, get your trumpet and be sure you have a message to speak through it. Get your lamp, C. O. L. Ps. 119: 105, 1-- and oil in it. Our stony hearts are the earthen vessels. They must be broken.

19 What will be the result?

Our quota of books will be sold, our institutional debts will be paid, the light from God's word will shine upon the people, the honest will in time accept, and when Jesus comes, the victorious army will go in and possess their land, for they are the heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ.

NOTE:—

Some may not sell any books but they can have the blessing of breaking the earthen vessel and letting the light shine forth in all its beauty. After the enemy was put to flight and the victory was won, Israel followed up their work. So should we. February 2nd is not to end the work with Christ's Object Lessons but is to open up the way for us to follow with other books and papers, and to awaken more interest in the grand truths contained in Christ's Object Lessons.

B. E. Huffman.

I thought a little item with reference to the erection of the church for our colored brethren in Kansas City, Kansas, would be of interest to the readers of the Worker.

The building, which was completed Dec. 31, 1903., and will soon be dedicated, has cost \$604.44 including the lot, the stove and the chairs. Our colored brethren appreciate this very much. After completing this work, I have visited Emporia, Ottawa and Manhattan churches, and the spirit of the Lord came quite near to help in all these meetings, and in most cases, the brethren have been strengthened and feel to press on in the good work.

N. B. Emerson.

Report.

The missionary work one of our new canvassers did outside of his regular working hours, in one quarter.

Distributed	55 Sentinels,
"	81 Tracts.
"	45 Signs(Special No.)
"	20 Tracts (Christian Citizen.)
"	50 Christlicher Hausfreund.
Loaned	1 Thoughts on Rev.
"	1 Steps to Christ.
Sends every week one copy of the Review & Herald.	
Sold	1. C. O. L.
"	55 Signs (Special No.)
Held four Bible readings.	
Teaches two Sunday-school classes every week.	

I say to all our young people, **fall in line**. If all our young people would throw their strength in the direction this young man does, surely the Gospel of Salvation would soon be carried to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, and our Lord could soon come. To be strong in the Lord we must be **active**. This young man with many others has chosen for his **aim** in life, "The Advent message to all the world in this generation." His motto.— "For the love of Christ constraineth us." **Constrain**, we understand, means to **impel with overpowering force**.

If there are any company of young people, or any isolated ones whom I have not written to, I shall be pleased indeed to have you write to me.

Mrs. Belle Emerson.

An Education While You Wait.

Not by any means can an education be obtained with out an effort. What do you read? Think over your reading for the past year and what proportion of it helped to make a Christian worker. We are told in Vol. 7 of the Testimonies for the church, "From a home reading circle in which every member of the family shall lay aside the busy cares of the day and unite in study.....especially will the youth who have been accustomed to reading novels and cheap story books receive benefit from joining in the evening family study."

The Missionary Training School of Correspondence has been started with no other object than to help parents and young men and young women to do this very thing for themselves, for their families, for the members of the church, and for their neighbors who should be interested in Bible study. You may ask, Does the Missionary Training School of Correspondence prepare students to do practical missionary work? The following statements from those who are members of the school will answer the question. "I am very thankful that the Lord has lead me to take up the correspondence course. I have received great benefit from the lessons. I do not think that I ever spent \$6.00 on myself for anything that has done me so much good as this. I wish I could have had the opportunity of studying something like this years ago."

Another writes: "The church voted to take up the correspondence course in their regular Sunday evening meetings. Four have signified their intention of joining the class. In every instance this includes the family. I secured another new student this morning."

Still another writes: "I am using the lessons sent out by the Correspondence School in the church where I am teaching. All that are old enough, join in these studies and enjoy them very much. The first three Sabbaths the children outlined the chapters, but after that I invited all to take part. It would do one good to see how enthusiastic they are."

If you are not able to take a regular training in one of

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our schools and desire to prepare yourself for better work, correspond with the Missionary Training School of Correspondence, Berrien Springs, Mich.

The following extract from a letter just received from Elder C. A. Beeson now president of the Manitoba Conference, will be read with interest.—

"We are all well, and enjoying much of the blessings of God. We are having very cold weather up here, the mercury has registered as low as 43° below. When it gets as cold as this, you had better keep your nose out of the weather's business. We are all standing the cold very well even with the same winter clothing that we wore in Kans.

For those that are able to supply themselves with furs, the winters are delightful; we have the finest kind of sleighing, and have had for about three months, and we will have it for about two months more. We like it very much here, and if we all keep our health, we can see our way clear to get caught up financially.

We are getting along very well with the work, but we have so few workers, that it seems to go slow, to what it did in Kansas. We have been pushing the school work since coming here, and the Lord has blessed us. We have bought a farm of 130 acres for an intermediate school. Since the tenth of November we have succeeded in enclosing a building 24x36, 2½ stories high, with basement. This building will accommodate about 25 students. We are holding a canvassers institute in it now. We are planning for a term of school next year. We have the best of water, and plenty of it, and enough wood on the place to run the school till the Lord comes. We feel that the Lord has gone on before, and prepared the way. Our courage is good, and we hope to keep pace with the message, and in the near future, triumph with it. The good old KANSAS WORKER is a welcome visitor, and we hail its pages with delight. It does my heart good to see the progress that you are making in the work in my old home field. The word Kansas, will always be dear to me, but I am seeking for a "better country, even a Heavenly." May the dear Lord give you all his choicest blessings, and especially that blessing which will turn us away from all iniquity. Remember us all to God, who has his eye over the work and the workers in every field for good.

Your brother in Christian love,
C. A. Beeson.

Bro. Frank Jencks made a good beginning at the canvassing work at Portis last week, as his report shows, but a telegram from home called him from the field. He greatly regrets this, but says in a letter to this office, "It is still possible to take orders for our books in Kansas, and it is no trouble to put in full time if one has a mind to work."

Dont forget the time for the canvasser's institute, the place may be Ellsworth or Minneapolis.

Notice.

TO THE DELEGATES AND THOSE WHO EXPECT TO ATTEND THE CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA, MARCH 4--14: It has been finally decided to hold the Conference at Omaha. The Omaha church and the Nebraska Conference have very cordially arranged for the care and entertainment of the delegates, including free lodging and breakfast for the delegates, and a regular committee has been appointed, consisting of L. B. Johnson, a member of the Omaha church, F. H. Hahn, a representative of the Nebraska Conference, and Arthur Rhoads, a representative of the Iowa Conference. Any one expecting to attend this conference would do well to correspond with the committee through its chairman, L. B. Johnson, 2023 Farnam St., Omaha, Nebraska. Let me bespeak for the committee in order to facilitate their work, that each one send in early a notice of their intention to attend.

L. A. Hoopes. Sec.

The plans for the Sanitarium continue to grow brighter as the days go by. Many of those who pledged for the work are sending in large remittances, and some, all they pledged. If all will do their part the enterprise can be hurried forward without hindrance.

Dr. W. H. Kynett and wife, the parents of Dr. Lydia Parmele, are visiting at Ft. Scott. Having sold out his business interests in Wis. the Dr. may conclude to locate in Kansas.

Dr. Droll of the Wichita Sanitarium, spent a few days in Topeka recently in planning for the Sanitarium, and purchasing bath-room outfits.

Sister Lura Collins Moore, once employed in this office, and her husband will soon start for Cuba to begin work at Havana.

Obituaries.

Burdick,— Sara Norine, the two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Burdick, died Monday evening, Jan. 27, of measles followed by croup. The funeral services were conducted by Bro. John Moore, elder of the Emporia church.

Staton,— Geo. H., died at his home near Columbus, Kansas, Jan. 15, 1904, aged 64 yrs., 1 mo., 22 days. He was a faithful member of the Columbus church. He leaves a wife, one son, and two daughters. We have a bright hope of seeing our brother soon. The funeral services were conducted by the writer.

J. W. Norwood.

Report Of Colporteur Work For Two Weeks Ending Feb. 5 th.

NAME	PLACE	Hours	EX	D of A	P of J	C O S	G. C.	D & R	C K	Her's	Pl. F.	H H B	L Gde	M scl	Ord	value	Del.	value
Frank Jencks,	Woodston.	48	37										10		10	\$58.65	1	\$15.15
J. M. Fletcher,	Glen Elder.	34	45								13				13	56.90		54.00
Lusebia Nott,	Leavenworth.	25	20				3	3							6	11.50	15	17.00
Mrs. Albert Strong,	Minneapolis.	5	5											1	1	.50		
D. & M. Steele.	Preston.	4	13												3	2.00		
C.P. Daily,	Hutchinson	21	12											7	7	2.75	6	10.00
Canvassers 6.		137	132				3	3		13	10		8	40		132.30	22	96.15