

# The Missionary Leader

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## Home Missions Department

### Church Missionary Programme

#### First Week

OPENING EXERCISES and Reports.  
Bible Study: "Life Workers' Society."

LEADER'S NOTE.—This week do not have the minutes read, but instruct the missionary secretary to ask a few questions which will draw out from the members what was done at the previous meeting. This will test the impression that was made on the minds of the members, and is a good thing to do occasionally.

For the lesson, have some one ready to write the points on the blackboard. Let him place the title at the top of the board first. Then the leader should have the first text read, and ask what we are to be. The first line of the study can then be written on the board, and the same plan followed for the remainder of the Bible study. Then have written on the board "Reasons Why Every Member Should Belong to This Society," and ask the members what reasons they would give for being members of this society. Their reasons may be written down as well as those given in the study. It should be followed by plans for all to do something to give the message to others during the coming week.

#### Life Workers' Society

Object	Co-labourers	1 Cor. 3 : 9
Christ	Our Leader	Heb. 2 : 10
Holy Spirit	Our Teacher	John 14 : 26
The Angels	Our Helpers	Heb. 1 : 14
Admission to Society		Isa. 55 : 1
Password	Loyalty	Rev. 2 : 10, last clause
Sign	Ministry	Matt. 20 : 28 ; 1 John 2 : 6
Badge	Daily Life	Matt. 5 : 16

#### Reasons Why Every Members Should Belong to This Society

1. Gratitude.
2. Loving obedience.
3. Zeal for spread of truth.
4. Knowledge of special truths.

#### God Wants You

O MEN and women, God wants you! A mighty conflict is in progress. It is the war of the centuries between truth and falsehood, holiness and sin, God and the devil. This conflict deepens. There is not a soul

on earth who does not bear a part in it. Each and every one of us is for or against; neutral positions in the war, there are none. He that is idle is against God; and to be against Him is to be in peril of irretrievable loss, for Jehovah will at last certainly win. There is so much to do, and so short a time in which to do it, that to do nothing is a crime of the deepest dye. Besides, to sit down and to sit still is personally perilous. All may, and should work. Some can do much, others but little; each can do something; all can do more than they dream.

Mankind is treading the verge of a wonderful age. Mighty foes heave and toss society. Rest or calm there is none. A trumpet-call sounds, "To arms!" Report for active service. You are wanted in the King's grand army. The conflict intensifies as the end of the age approaches.

Enlist, not for a day, not for an hour, but for life. Inquire, "Lord, what more can I do?" To the warriors on time's battle-fields, eternity's day will be long, its throne will be sure, and its rest sweet. The Lord proclaims, "Behold, I come quickly, to give to every man according as his work shall be." Then brother, sister, work for your Lord. He wants you!—*D. T. Taylor.*

### Church Missionary Programme

#### Second Week

OPENING EXERCISES and Reports.  
Study: "The Spiritual Equipment of the Personal Worker."  
"The Power Promised."

NOTE.—Put on the blackboard this motto: "A holy life speaks all languages." Help the members to see that the foundation of all success in soul-winning, and the preparation for the eternal kingdom is in a Spirit-filled life. A Spirit-filled life will manifest itself in doing the works that Christ did, for it cannot be restrained. Lack of desire to help perishing sinners to come to Christ is a danger signal in regard to our own spiritual condition. Are all the church members willing workers?

## The Spiritual Equipment of the Personal Worker

1. WHAT came upon Jesus at His baptism? Luke 3 : 22.
2. Who did Jesus say with Him in His work? Luke 4 : 18.
3. What was the result of this anointing? Acts 10 : 38.
4. In what degree was the Holy Spirit with Jesus? John 3 : 34.
5. May the followers of Jesus have this same power with them? Luke 11 : 13.
6. What will the Holy Spirit do for us? John 14 : 26.
7. What will this lead us to do? John 15 : 26, 27.
8. Before the disciples began their great campaign to proclaim the gospel message to the world, what preparation did they make? Acts 1 : 14.
9. Why did they wait to do this? Luke 24 : 49 ; Acts 1 : 5.
10. What was this power to enable them to do? Acts 1 : 8.
11. When the Holy Spirit came upon them, what was the result? Acts 2 : 1-4, 41-43.
12. Was this gift limited to the first disciples? Acts 8 : 14-17 ; 9 : 17.
13. What does the Holy Spirit put in our hearts? Rom. 5 : 5.
14. What results will be seen in our daily lives? Gal. 5 : 22-26.

#### The Power Promised

GOD does not ask us to do in our own strength the work before us. He has provided divine assistance for all the emergencies to which our human resources are unequal. He gives the Holy Spirit to help in every strait, to strengthen our hope and assurance, to illuminate our minds and purify our hearts.

Christ has made provision that His church shall be a transformed body, illuminated with the light of heaven, possessing the glory of Immanuel. It is His purpose that every Christian shall be surrounded with a spiritual atmosphere of light and peace. There is no limit to the usefulness of the one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly devoted to God.

Zeal for God moved the disciples



to bear witness to the truth with mighty power. Should not this zeal fire our hearts with a determination to tell the story of redeeming love, of Christ and Him crucified? Is not the Spirit of God to come to-day in answer to earnest persevering prayer, and fill men with power for service?—*“Testimonies for the Church,” Vol. VIII.*

### Church Missionary Programme

#### Third Week

OPENING EXERCISES and Reports.  
Bible Study: “The Reward of Faithful Labour.”  
“One Soul for Christ.”

### The Reward of Faithful Labour

1. DO labourers for God receive a portion of their reward in this life? Mark 10: 28-30.
2. Will every man be rewarded exactly according to his own labour? 1 Cor. 3: 8; John 4: 36, 37.
3. Will even a very small act, if done for Jesus, be rewarded? Mark 9: 41.
4. Show that one of the greatest sources of our joy will be in seeing those for whom we have laboured here, saved in the kingdom of God. Phil. 4: 1; 1 Thess. 2: 19.
5. What assurance does the Lord give us that His Word which is sown, will accomplish good? Isa. 55: 10, 11.
6. How much does God promise His labourers? Matt. 20: 7.
7. To what is the glory of their reward compared? Dan. 12: 3.
8. Does Jesus promise even to share His own joy with His faithful labourers? Matt. 25: 19-21.
9. When are we to receive our reward? Matt. 16: 27; Rev. 22: 12.
10. To insure our reward, how long must we continue faithful in our labour? Rev. 2: 10.
11. What assurance is given to those who do not become weary in their work? Gal. 6: 9.
12. What does the Lord say of those who give themselves to the work of winning souls? Prov. 11: 30.

### One Soul for Christ

“It is the privilege of every child of God to experience the joy of winning a soul to Jesus Christ. Whenever the challenge has been presented to individual Christians to do this work, when the name and address of the person to be won is given to them with the request that they make definite effort and prayer for the salvation of that one, the response is in nearly every case favourable. If lists of names were prepared of those in the community who should be won for the king-

dom of God, and these names assigned to those who are willing to undertake the work of personal appeal to them, great results would follow. In some churches the members have been asked to set apart as a minimum one hour a week to be definitely used for personal work to win others for Christ.—*Christian Observer.*

### Church Missionary Programme

#### Fourth Week

OPENING EXERCISES and Reports.  
Scripture Exercise.  
Tract Study: “Benefits of Bible Study.”

LEADER'S NOTE.—For the Scripture exercise select five people the week before, and ask one to come prepared to recite the great commission as given in Matthew, another as in Mark, another as in Luke, another as in John, another as in Acts. Then call attention to the fact that this commission is given to every believer in Christ. Tract Study. The week before the members should be provided with the tract, “Benefits of Bible Study,” and they should read it carefully and come prepared to give the leading points made in the tract as they are called by the one taking the tract study. The outline given in the programme should be placed on the board and shown at the close of the study and the points briefly reviewed. As a result of the study of this tract we should value it much more and pass it on to others.

A steady, systematic work in tract lending should be carried on all the time. The Pocket Envelope Packets should also be in constant use. Only eternity will reveal the large results in souls saved that have come from the circulation of tracts; therefore keep it up.

### Tract Study—“Benefits of Bible Study”

#### Analysis

#### 1. Bible inspired by God

- a. Bible contains all that is necessary for the perfecting of the man of God.
- b. Being inspired by God, it is worthy of our reverent attention.
- c. Its clear value is made manifest only by close research.

#### 2. Should be our rule of life

- a. If its truths are woven into our daily life, its influence is elevating.
- b. Is the best mind strengthener.
- c. Is worthy of our best consideration.

#### 3. Is the best and most reliable scientific record ever written

- a. A study of this book reveals how little is known by our scientific men of to-day.
- b. Christians should exalt this book above every other.

### Questions

1. What does God say concerning His Word? Give text.
2. How should the Book be studied?
3. How often should it be studied?
4. What is the only true interpreter of the Bible? Give text.
5. What should be our guide in life?
6. What kind of influence will those have who are conversant with the Bible?
7. How can we strengthen the mind?
8. Does the Bible aid us in studying history?
9. Name some things which can be studied from the Bible.

## Missionary Volunteer Department

### Missionary Volunteer Programme

#### First Week

OPENING EXERCISES.  
“The Waldenses.” (See “Great Controversy,” pages 64-78.)  
Sister White's Visit to the Piedmont Valleys. (See *Record* of June 18.)  
Our Work in Italy. (See “Outline of Mission Fields,” pages 44, 45.)  
“Youthful Waldensian Workers.”

LEADER'S NOTE.—This programme has been prepared at this time to create an interest in the new Reading Course book, “The History of the Waldenses.” It can be made a most interesting foundation for our study of the new book, which will begin the last week in July. The history of the Waldenses is of special interest to us as a people, because we shall soon be called upon to pass through some of the same experiences. The leader should embrace this opportunity to introduce the book, showing a sample and urging all to join the course. “The Waldenses” Selections from the chapter in “Great Controversy,” should be made and presented by a good reader. We hope none will fail to make use of the account of Sister White's visit to the Piedmont Valleys. Space being too limited to give all the matter in the LEADER, this account is published in the *Record* of June 18. As the scenes enacted by the Waldenses took place in Italy, a little sketch of our work in that country will be of interest, especially as we learn of some embracing the message in the Piedmont Valleys. This paper should make the geographical features plain.

### Youthful Waldensian Workers

WE all have heard how young Waldensian lads were chosen to go with more experienced men to learn the art of combining the business of salesmanship with that of the missionary. It was a perilous vocation, but they esteemed it the highest to which they could be called. Many a young man, while displaying his pack of silks, or case of precious stones, in homes far beyond his valleys, watched eagerly for the



chance to speak of the thing he had most at heart. No doubt he often introduced the suggestion very much after the manner of Whittier's "Vaudois Teacher":

"O lady fair, I have yet a gem which a purer lustre flings,  
Than the diamond flash of the jewelled crown on the lofty brow of kings,  
A wonderful pearl of exceeding price, whose virtue shall not decay,  
Whose light shall be as a spell to thee and a blessing on thy way."  
And then, as the lady asked to be shown this priceless treasure,—  
The cloud went off from the pilgrim's brow, as a small and meagre book, Unchased with gold or gem of cost, from his folding robe he took.  
"Here, lady fair, is the pearl of price, may it prove as such to thee!  
Nay, keep thy gold, I ask it not, for the Word of God is free!"

**Missionary Volunteer Programme**

**Second Week**

**OPENING EXERCISES.**

"Opportunities in the Canvassing Field."

Poem: "The Busy Colporteur." (See *Record*, June 4.)

Notes from Colporteurs' Letters.

"Why Our Young People Should Canvass."

"A Veteran's Appeal."

Plans for Work.

**LEADER'S NOTE.**—It is hoped as a result of this meeting some will be impressed to enter the canvassing field. Others can sell our small books and the publications with which we are specializing. Just now, during the war, is our best opportunity to work. Later there will be less interest and the pinch of hard times more keenly felt. The call of the hour is urgent. Endeavour to lay definite plans, have the young people enlist for service, and give them suggestions how to meet people successfully.

**Notes from Colporteurs' Letters**

A BROTHER writes:

I find there are honest souls in the cities. In one block of four houses, one lady gave me an order, and the other three invited me to come in the evening to see their husbands. I visited them after tea, and obtained an order from every one. I hope and pray that this book will be the means of their salvation.

From another letter we quote:

I met a man in the railway station. I showed him my book, took his order, and soon after delivered the book. Later I saw him again and he asked me to come and study with him. The result is I am now holding Bible readings with two families. In another home a great many questions were asked. They said they never heard the Scriptures explained like that before. When I came to deliver the book they were anxiously waiting for it. Again many more questions were asked, one being, "If we

follow the teachings of that book will we be one of the saints?"

One who has recently entered the work in New South Wales writes:

I really had no idea canvassing would be so nice, and truly the Lord has blessed me. I kept on putting it off. I did not quite like the idea of going out, but on Monday I made a start, and at the third place I called, the Lord gave me a 25s. order. I thought I had done wonders. Then on Tuesday I went out for two and three-quarter hours, and in that time I had taken five orders, and I can tell you I am greatly taken with the work, and I am sure the Lord wanted me here. I am so glad that I have a part in His great work. I trust you will pray for me and the work here.

**Opportunities in the Canvassing Field**

MY mind reverts to many instances where God has opened the way for me to speak to some soul words of comfort. Sometimes it has been to dear old people who have struggled for years in this old sin-cursed world without really knowing the comfort and joy there is in the fact that Jesus is pleading on our behalf, and that He is represented here on this earth now by His Holy Spirit to comfort and sustain us.

Sometimes, too, mothers have given me the privilege of entering their homes and having a simple Bible study with the family. Then again, an old bachelor has opened his door to me, and whilst I have read either the good straight Word of God or one of our books dealing, perhaps, with the return of Jesus, angels have come to us and we have had a beautiful season of prayer. Truly God has blessed my weak efforts; and the greatest help has always come when things on the surface have looked the hardest.

I remember some time ago I was in a small township, feeling very tired. It was mail day and the post office opened after tea, when we could call for our letters. I had been working in the back blocks, had not been home to see my children for nearly four months, and had received letters only occasionally. But this night I had set my heart on hearing from home. I went to the office, but found nothing. I turned away from the post office, feeling very much as Hagar did when she put her child on one side to die. Just then an educated young man stepped up to me and said, "I am going to

keep the Sabbath, and for some weeks I have followed the health reform principles."

This is the second who has accepted the message through God's great mercy in allowing me to distribute the printed page. I had not even had a proper study with the man, but the little shilling book, "Bible Studies," had opened the way for the Spirit of God to lead this seeker after truth to believe this great message, and to step right out and become one of the little throng who in spite of all that Satan can do, are striving to keep the commandments of God.

A few days ago I was stopped in the road by a lady to whom I had given a copy of "Bible Studies." She had been studying quietly each day, usually alone, but on this particular afternoon several of her neighbours had come to see her; she had a study with them from the book, and all had had their minds turned to the true Sabbath.

As he goes from door to door, the colporteur has many opportunities of presenting this great truth before the people in such a way that God's Holy Spirit can impress the hearts of many who would never go to a preaching service. I pray that we as colporteurs may be faithful and that many more may decide to enter this great work.

NOEL F. ATKINSON.

*Opotiki, New Zealand.*

**Why Our Young People Should Canvass**

1. A WORLD is to be warned.
2. Christ is still saying, "Go ye!"
3. He also says, "I am with you always."
4. These are days of opportunity.
5. Canvassing makes better workers.
6. It makes better leaders.
7. It brings man nearer to God.
8. It brings man nearer to man.
9. It offers an education in itself.
10. It teaches men how to persuade men.
11. It makes one less dependent upon others.
12. It gives a much broader vision of life.
13. There is no more important work to do.
14. The gospel work calls for good, tried soldiers.



15. Canvassing makes for sympathy and broad-mindedness.

16. It is a very important part of God's closing message.

17. Jewels must be polished—canvassing polishes.—*Selected.*

### A Veteran's Appeal

I AM wondering how many who read the reports of the colporteurs each month in the *Record*, long to have their names added to the list? and how many think it should be three or four pages instead of one? Sometimes we hear people say, "If I could sell books like Brother B——, I would become a colporteur." Many who have entered this work and had success were no more self-confident than you seem to be, dear brother. It is recorded of prominent men, whom the Lord called to do a great work, that they were timid. Moses said that he could not talk; Jeremiah thought that he was only a child and could not talk; Gideon said that he belonged to a family of no reputation and he was the least of them all; our own beloved Sister White asked the Lord to lay the burden upon some one stronger and more capable; but to all these He had but one reply, "Go, and I will be with thee."

Are we going to sit around this winter and while away our time with things that will soon be consumed by the fires of the last day, or shall we take some territory and arrange to work it with our most timely publications?

"Work as you would if an angel  
Awaits you at the door;  
Work as you would if to-morrow  
Would find you where working is  
o'er."  
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### Missionary Volunteer Programme

#### Third Week

##### OPENING EXERCISES.

"How Marion Knew."

Study: "The New Life."

Poem: "Just to Please Jesus."

### How Marion Knew

"It is seven-thirty, Marion, and we must hurry if we get to church on time."

"Yes, I'm coming," came a little

voice from the sitting-room. "You know, Aunt May, I wouldn't want to miss getting our seat up front, for I can always listen better up there."

By hurrying a little they reached the church in time to take their accustomed seat near the front. The subject that evening was on victory and the new life, and what a good sermon it was! Pastor Gordon seemed to make things so clear and plain. He told how boys and girls as well as older people often make good resolutions, and try ever so hard to keep them. "But," said he, "there isn't a bit of use trying to keep resolutions unless you have Jesus in your heart. You can never do right in your own strength. Go home to-night and ask Him to come into your life, and He will do it. He will live your life for you, and give you daily victory."

Marion walked home that night thinking earnestly. "Jesus in the heart!" kept ringing in her ears. Oh, how wonderful it would be if she could have Him right with her all the time to help! Often she had said to herself, "I will be good to-day," and time and time again night had come with the good resolution broken. But perhaps the trouble was just what Brother Gordon had said—perhaps she had tried so hard herself without asking help from Jesus.

As she lay awake after the house was quiet for the night, a new plan was turning over and over in her mind. She resolved that the next morning she would get up a little earlier than usual and go out into the kitchen where it was quiet, and ask Jesus to come and be her helper all the day. When she had it all decided, she fell asleep with a little smile of contentment on her face.

The next day was a very busy one; for Aunt May was expecting company, and there was so much to be done—ironing, baking, sweeping, and many other things. Marion went about her part of the work with a little song in her heart; for she had not forgotten to pray that morning, and over and over the thought came, "Jesus is helping me to-day."

Several times during the day Aunt May remarked, "I don't know what I should do without you Marion. We'll have the house as neat as a new pin before to-morrow. I never should have been able to get my baking and sweeping all done without you to help

me with the odds and ends, and the straightening up."

That evening Aunt May went to her bedroom to get some linen, and stepping to the mantel-piece, she groped about in the darkness to find a match with which to light the gas. For some moments she felt along the shelf for the little match holder, but all in vain. She was very tired that night, after her hard day's work and this little annoyance was a trial to her.

"Marion," she called out impatiently, "whatever have you done with the match holder?"

"I think it is right on the mantel-piece, Aunt May. I dusted it this morning and put it back in the same place."

"No, you didn't. Why do you always move everything after I have put it where I want it? You make me tired!"

Marion hastened to the bedroom, and going straight to the shelf, she found the Dutch shoe without a moment's hesitation, and taking a match from it, lighted the gas. Then she slipped quickly away to a corner of the kitchen, for the tears were coming now, and she wouldn't have Aunt May know for the world that she was crying. She knelt down by the old green rocker in the shadows. "Dear Saviour," she prayed, "help me not to be so selfish; for it is just self cropping out when I cry at a hasty word spoken to me. And, Jesus, help Aunt May not to feel cross at me."

A few moments later Aunt May came downstairs. Marion had dried the telltale tears from her eyes, and was busying herself about the room.

"Little girl," said Aunt May softly, "I shouldn't have spoken as I did," and putting her arm about the child, she kissed her cheek. How Marion's heart beat for joy! After all, her aunt was not cross with her. She had been so sad just a moment ago, but now it was all so different. How quickly God can change our feelings!

At her bedside that night a little girl knelt and thanked Jesus for helping her all through the day, and for hearing and answering her prayer so soon. "And, oh," she said in a whisper, "I'm going to ask Him for help early every morning, for I know now that Pastor Gordon was right when he said, 'Jesus will be your helper if you'll only let Him into your heart.'" ELLA IDEN.



**The New Life**

1. THE fundamental fact in becoming a Christian is that God takes a penitent sinner and works a miracle within him. This miracle Jesus called being "born again." John 3 : 3.
2. The person so born is called a new creature. Gal. 6 : 15.
3. This new creature lives a new life. 2 Cor. 5 : 17.
4. The miracle of the new birth is wrought by means of the Word of God. 1 Peter 1 : 23 ; 2 Peter 1 : 4.
5. God's life is in His Word. John 6 : 36.
6. The word is therefore the seed of eternal life to men. Luke 8 : 11.
7. It is the Holy Spirit who brings the Word within our reach. 1 Cor. 2 : 11-14.
8. He uses the Word to convict us of sin. John 16 : 8 ; Acts 2 : 37.
9. The miracle wrought in us is of God, but our will makes the choice. Eph. 4 : 20-24 ; Col. 3 : 9, 10.
10. When by our choice this new life begins, we reckon the old life of sin, with all pertaining to it, to be dead. Rom. 6 : 11.
11. The new life, or creature, being born of God, is victorious over sin. Rom. 6 : 17, 18 : 1 John 3 : 7-10.
12. It is maintained as it is begun, by constantly studying the Word and obeying the voice of the Spirit. 1 Peter 2 : 1, 2 ; John 14 : 16, 17.
13. It is a life of joy and satisfaction. Phil. 4 : 4-7.
14. It is a life of earnest service and fruit bearing. John 15 : 4, 5.

**Just to Please Jesus**

- Paying a visit to sorrow's abode,  
Helping a burdened one o'er a rough road,  
This the sweet thought, making duty delight,  
Turning the shadows of gloom into light,—  
Just to please Jesus.
- Staying at home with the children perchance,  
Watching the sick one's oft-wandering glance,  
Sweeping and dusting and tidying home,  
Deeds not recorded 'neath fame's painted dome—  
Just to please Jesus.
- Turning the eye from the vanity show,  
Sparkling and flashing with glittering glow,  
Turning away to the quiet and calm,  
Singing in secret a thanksgiving psalm—  
Just to please Jesus.
- Swinging the hammer, if duty demands ;  
Plying the needle with quick, willing hands ;  
Using the pencil, the pick, or the pen ;  
Serving my Lord and my own fellow-men—  
Just to please Jesus.
- Giving a smile, or taking a hand,  
Leading lost feet to the fair better land,  
Doing, and thinking, and hearing, and seeing,  
Eating, and drinking, and working, and being—  
Just to please Jesus.

—Selected.

**Missionary Volunteer Programme**

**Fourth Week**

OPENING EXERCISES.  
"Malamulo Mission, South Africa."  
(See *Record*, July 2.)  
Talk : "Solusi Mission."  
"Progress of Missionary Volunteer Work on Solusi Mission."  
Prayer for the work in Africa.

LEADER'S NOTE.—From pages 74-76, "Outlines of Mission Fields," some notes of interest may be gleaned concerning the Malamulo Mission in Nyasaland. These should be given by the leader, and compared with the more up-to-date information contained in the other reading for to-day, showing the progress that has been made. In connection with the Solusi Mission some exceptionally interesting notes will be found in "Outline of Mission Fields," page 70, under title of "Native Missions" and "Rhodesian Missions." The map should be used. Show the direction of these places from the Tsungwesi Mission, of which we learned last month.

**Solusi Mission**

A YOUNG man came to us recently, bringing a letter from the native commissioner of his district, asking us, if possible, to admit the bearer into our school. The young man is the son of a native queen. He had been here several times, asking us to take him, but, as the school and dormitories were so crowded, we had refused him. The young man was so anxious to come that his mother went to the native commissioner, asking him to intercede for her son. We admitted him, and he is doing well. We hear of young people all over the country who are waiting to come to the mission.

Jim has recently been out two weeks canvassing. He was sick part of the time, but he sold £7 worth of books and tracts. The natives ask him to their homes nights, and keep him up nearly all night teaching them the truth. One family has begun keeping the Sabbath, and others are much interested.

We are still having a lot of medical work to do. A stream of natives comes to us nearly all day. One of our white neighbours brought his wife, who was suffering from blood poison, to us for treatment. When she returned home she was much improved, and could not express her gratitude.

One of our native teachers has just come in for help. He has about seventy-five students in his school and is unable to teach them alone.

This school is only four miles away, on the Gwaai River. He says there is a call for a school on the other side of the river, about four miles further on.

There is no end to the work that should be done in this country. We are sure the Lord is interested in the work here, and is blessing it and those who are doing their utmost to carry it on to completion.

W. C. WALSTON.

**Progress of Missionary Volunteer Work on Solusi Mission**

THE following quotation is from a letter written by the leader of the Missionary Volunteer Society at Solusi, Brother R. P. Robinson :

"We have had five meetings already, and I am glad to say that each meeting has made the organization a little stronger,—stronger in number and stronger in purpose. We now have a membership of fifty-seven, and three more will be added next Sabbath which will make our number sixty. I think these are about all that are eligible to membership; but when our present baptismal class of fifty are baptized, no doubt there will be more additions to our society.

"They are now getting the idea of what a missionary volunteer society really is. The work is difficult, yet it pays, for the boys are improving every opportunity to do or say something for Christ when they are out among their people. We will have a much better report to send in at the end of this quarter than I expected to have.

"Since the society was organised I have made two outschool trips which necessitated my absence each time; but Mrs. Robinson and Clarence went ahead with the meeting just the same. They spent most of the time on the Standard of Attainment texts, Mrs. Robinson giving them a good, thorough drill. Every one is taking a live interest in committing the texts to memory. When Bible study period comes in the night school, we see a good portion of the students with the leaflets and their Bibles, studying for all they are worth. So we have no reason for discouragement in the least, though the work is a little hard."



## Sabbath-School Missionary Exercises

(July 7)

### Pioneering Experiences in the Solomon Islands—No. 1

OVER three years ago, or on May 16, 1914, the Australasian Union Conference sent us to begin work in the Solomon Islands, known as unexplored lands, the home of fighting savages and head-hunting tribes. Some people looked upon it as a romantic and exciting trip, and so it truly was. But to us it meant much responsibility and care, and some anxiety as to where we should begin, and how. There was no town or anything like one anywhere in the group. So to settle down somewhere and rent a house, or hire a room, or stay at a hotel while looking around, was not to be thought of, for not even a shed could we find in which to unpack our boxes.

However, we were not without a home, for on the steamer's deck was a boat, thirty-two feet long, decked over and with a motor engine. Then there was in the steamer's hold a portable house about eighteen feet long, containing two rooms nine feet square,—a tiny house, but what a luxury as compared with no place at all. We reached the Solomon Islands just in time to witness the breaking of the north-west monsoons for the season. That very day brought the wildest storm, with lightning and thunder and rain, such as only the tropics can produce.

The gloomy, wet, windy weather lasted for several days, and it seemed as if the sun would never shine again. But through it all we kept cheerful, for the assurance, "Thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left. Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed," shone through those gloomy days brighter than the sun and we saw only visions of mission stations, and schools, and converts, and workers, and prosperity, and progress.

G. F. JONES.

(July 14)

### Pioneering Experiences in the Solomon Islands—No. 2

THE Solomon Islands are only 1,800 miles to the north-east of Sydney, and lie from five to twelve

degrees south of the equator, but until recently very little was known about them, and even now exploration has not been pushed through to the interior of the larger islands.

The islands were first discovered by a Spanish navigator, sailing from Peru long before the coasts of Australia were visited by the Dutch explorers.

Between the years 1860 and 1893 a number of daring white traders from Sydney and Queensland, mostly fearless seafaring men, succeeded in establishing regular commerce with small sailing vessels, but from time to time these lost their lives. Some of them, however, are still in the islands, but are now elderly men. Massacres are still carried on, and in some islands it is impossible to land without being instantly killed. The island of Malaita is as savage as ever; to-day the natives are fighting, and killing, and eating their victims.

In 1893 a British protectorate was declared over some parts of the Solomon Islands. This and the establishing of missions have been the means of subduing most of the people of the smaller islands, but they have been loath to give up their head-hunting and savagery.

In the Marovo Lagoon and places near by dwell some of the most daring chiefs and raiders. They have gone long distances in their war canoes, taken scores of heads, and brought back some of their victims as slaves. Others they have eaten. These are the men that are coming to us. They wish their children to belong to our mission. They come, these brave chiefs, to our Sabbath meetings, and have a great regard for the true holy day, and the Holy Book, as they call the Bible. These old raiders and cannibals are fast becoming brave Christians, and what the Sacred Book says settles everything.

G. F. JONES.

(July 21)

### Pioneering Experiences in the Solomon Islands—No. 3

A SMALL beginning has been made, but the isles are still waiting for God's law, and God's people are to carry it to them. To plant a mission in one group of islands, and then

rest satisfied, will never finish the work. There are in the Solomon Islands alone, among a small population of about one hundred thousand, more than one hundred languages and dialects. Many of these differ as greatly one from another as English differs from Russian. Within twenty miles of our Marovo Mission there are no less than six languages.

The natives become much attached to the missionary, and although once very savage, they become equally gentle and thoughtful. Some of these old warriors manifest a nobility that is to be admired. The sons of one of these chiefs attend our Marovo school. They returned home and called together the household for worship morning and evening. The old chief was quite proud to tell us that he now bows with them in worshipping the God of the Holy Book. Never does any one overstep his place in regard to his relation to the chiefs. They are all respected and honoured, and nothing is done without deliberate counselling; and by no means does any one announce the decisions of such counselling except the chief. In our anxiety to know some things we have endeavoured to get the others to tell, but we have always failed. They are very faithful to their ideals of proper order and discipline.

A pleasant incident has always remained fresh and beautiful in my mind. During my first experiences in landing among these people, I rowed my boat alone to a spot on the shore which was swampy, with sharp, cutting corals and dirty black mud. The people looked exceedingly ugly and sullen. I took off my shoes and socks in order to wade ashore, as the boat could not reach it for rocks; but the sharp corals cut my feet, and I was almost falling every step I took. A dear timid little boy, of about ten years, immediately came to my rescue. He gave me his hand, and presented his shoulder for a prop, like a perfect little gentleman and Christian. His face was quite black, but it was beautiful. Since then I have seen several other boys with the same features and the same lovely, gentle disposition.

I feel drawn to these dear people, and believe the Lord wants us to hasten to seek those lost sheep of the house of Israel.

G. F. JONES.



(July 28)

**Pioneering Experiences in the Solomon Islands—No. 4**

WHEN calls to open missions come to us from various tribes, they bring us joy; but they also bring perplexity, for we know not how to supply the workers. Yet we cannot send the petitioners back without giving them some hope. Three young men from the Marovo Lagoon came one day to ask us to start their mission without delay. We had previously visited different places in the lagoon, and among others the place where these young men lived. They were very urgent that we should come soon and wanted us to go back with them. They had already cleared land and chosen sites for our house and for the school.

After a rough trip on the open sea we came into the calm waters of the Marovo Lagoon. This large lagoon cannot be excelled for grandeur of scenery. It is almost one hundred miles long, and is dotted with many beautiful islands. On one side, stretching to the north, is the large island of New Georgia, with its grand mountains and towering peaks. A number of large rivers, swarming with alligators, flow into the lagoon.

The Marovo people were the most savage raiders in all the group. What are they now? The remnants of these tribes are now humble worshippers in our Seventh-day Adventist missions in the lagoon. They sing our advent hymns, pray, and love the truth. One would find it hard to believe that some of these were once daring head-hunters and cannibals. They said, "If you had come here some time ago, we would have had your head and feasted on your limbs." Not many of them are left, but they are true and earnest. Some of the young people are nearly ready to be used as teachers in our outstations, although they have known the truth so short a time.

What a blessing our little "Advent Herald" boat has been, carrying us about in search of these neglected, but waiting people. We need more white workers before we can accomplish the work intrusted to us in these islands, perhaps the darkest in the world. We cannot say "No" to these people when they say "Come," whether they be many or few. We dare not send them away empty.

G. F. JONES.

**Foreign Mission Day****Tarry, Then Go**

1. UPON the morning of His ascension, what counsel did Jesus give to His disciples? Luke 24:49.

2. For what purpose was this power to be given? Acts 1:8.

3. How was the time of tarrying spent? Acts 1:12-14.

4. In response to their earnest seeking, how was the promise fulfilled? Acts 2:1-4.

5. What was the result of this outpouring of the Holy Spirit? Acts 2:41-43.

6. Did the one outpouring suffice for the needs of the work, or were further showers experienced? Acts 4:31.

Note.—This clearly indicates that the apostles found it necessary to seek for fresh supplies of wisdom and power to meet their new needs, although they had received such a wonderful baptism of the Spirit. The same lesson is taught by our Saviour's life of constant prayer after the heavenly dove had descended upon Him at His baptism.

7. Upon whom is the gift of the Holy Spirit bestowed? Acts 5:32.

8. How often should we pray for an infilling of the Holy Spirit? Matt. 6:11.

9. How often did David receive this blessing from God? Ps. 68:18, 19.

Note.—The gifts which Christ received for men are all comprised in the one great gift of the Holy Spirit. (See 1 Cor. 12:4-11.) God dwells in the hearts of His people by His Spirit. Daily the Spirit will fill us if we open our hearts to His entrance.

10. For what purpose did David pray for the gift of the Spirit? Ps. 51:11-13.

11. What encouraging counsel does God send to His people to-day? Zech. 10:1.

12. For what then should we all be praying? "For the baptism of the Spirit every worker should be pleading with God. Companies should be gathered together to ask for special help, for heavenly wisdom. . . . Especially should men pray that God will baptize His missionaries with the Holy Spirit."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. VIII, page 22.

**Convinced of True Sabbath by Private Study of Bible**

BROTHER B. P. Hoffman, one of our workers in Japan, reports the following incident which we feel sure will be of interest. It affords another evidence of how the Spirit of the Lord is working on the hearts of people of all nations and giving to them the light of the Sabbath message which is going to the world to-day. The incident as related by Brother Hoffman is as follows:

"Recently a young lady joined our ranks in Japan who has had a very unusual experience in finding the truth. When very young she was taken into a mission school of another church, and has spent many years now in gaining a Christian

education with the idea of completing it in America, then giving her life to missionary work. While in school her private study of the Bible convinced her that the seventh day of the week and not the first, is the Sabbath, and she resolved to keep it. Without knowing of another person who believed as she did, she continued to observe the Sabbath for thirteen years, spending the day in her room with the Bible, and then on Sunday preparing for Monday's lessons.

"Then she came to Kobe and began studies in a girl's theological school. Before long, in a clearly providential way she learned of our church and of our work. While not allowed to leave the dormitory to go to church on Sabbath, she took every opportunity to come to us and learn more of the truth. She plainly saw what her duty was, but the inducements they began to hold out to her in school and her ambitions to do a work that would be recognized in the world, produced a great struggle in her mind, which she could not settle for several months. At last her convictions for truth conquered, and she made her decision to identify herself with the remnant church.

"Just at the same time her special friend four hundred miles away, also learned of the truth through one of our Japanese workers. The outcome is that now as man and wife they are both studying in our training school in Tokyo preparatory to going out to herald the tidings of a soon-coming Saviour to their countrymen. When I saw them, on a recent trip to Tokyo, she told me with tears in her eyes how happy she was to have so many brethren of the same faith after being alone in her Sabbath observance so long. All praise be to God who works in marvellous ways to gather out a people for His name."

**How a Little Indian Boy Made Good**

FROM time to time we have studied in our readings on Foreign Mission Day the work of our missions among the Indians surrounding Lake Titicaca in Peru, and Bolivia. Our workers have met with many wonderful providences of God and have seen the striking evidence of His presence and blessing with them. One of the strongest features of our work in this



mission is our school work. Brother J. M. Howell, the secretary of the Inca Union Mission, who has charge of one of these schools, relates the following incident showing how our school work is getting hold of the hearts of the people whom the mission is reaching:

"I will relate an experience we had in the Indian mission school near Lake Titicaca last year. As the name indicates, this school is for the Indian children, and really they are little heathen. The first sight of them makes one feel that they have never had any training in all their lives.

"Last year there were in the school one hundred and eighty-seven of these little folk. And as may be supposed, there were some very bad ones in so large a school. The one thing that bothered more than anything else was that every little while there would be a book or a pencil or a slate missing. We watched earnestly to apprehend the guilty ones, but for a long time could find no trace whatever.

"Finally, one evening there were missing a pocket looking-glass and a comb, and so certain was I that some one at a certain table had the missing articles that I let the rest go, and started to look through the bundles of those at the table. One little boy was very anxious to go, as he said that his mother needed him at home to look after the stock. So his bundle was searched first. I was just ready to let him go as innocent, when my hand met with something very suspicious just under his belt. Upon taking the hard substance out, I found that it was the missing glass. He protested, saying that it was a glass that belonged to his father, and that if he did not return it that evening he would be whipped, and even began crying to get the glass back again. As the glass had been found with him, I began searching for the comb, and found it tied inside the leg of his trousers.

"That evening I took the articles to his home to have a talk with his parents, and tell them that we could not have their boy in school longer, as he was a thief. The mother cried as she said she had hoped her son could be educated and become a real blessing to his parents, but that she could now see he would never amount to anything.

"Then we called the boy and talked

with him. He seemed to feel sorry for what he had done, and said he would like to try again, to see if he could not overcome his evil habit. So we gave him another chance, and it was marvellous how that boy worked to regain his lost honour. In a very short time he rose from the dulllest boy in the class to be one of the very brightest. He came to school mornings with a clean face and clean clothes; and never again did we have occasion to think him guilty of theft. He now wants to educate himself to go out and teach others. And his mother is so grateful that she is attending church services regularly, and never ceases to wear a smile.

"If the school had had no other result than this, I should still have to say that by all means it pays to educate these little heathen boys and girls, as Christ died for every one of them."

### Back in the Great Orient

It was with tears of joy that, on rising early, I looked across the great deep, and beheld the mountain tops of Java peeping through the morning dawn. But much greater was the joy when, in a little while, our boat steamed into the harbour of Batavia, and there on the wharf was standing a very happy company of our brethren, together with Brother and Sister I. C. Schmidt, waiting for my arrival. They were standing in the same place where they stood a year and a half ago, when they bade me a loving adieu. How good it seemed to see their dear faces again, and to have the pleasure of once more working among them! I thought, If meeting those whom we have learned to love can give such pleasure on this earth, what will it be to meet loved ones from every nation and every clime, in eternal bliss, where, throughout the eternal ages sin can never mar the boundless happiness and the perfect joy?

Dear brethren and sisters in the homeland, we know many of you would like to be in personal touch with the work in each of these fields, but for various reasons you cannot have this joy. Many of you are making great sacrifices financially, and denying yourselves of even daily necessities, in order to help support some of us who are having the great privilege of going to the front of the

battle. There is one more service that you can render; you can give some of your time in prayer for the conversion of some of these thousands of heathen.

In a power house there are many switchboards, and by turning one of these, a whole city may receive light; or scores of cars may be put in motion, or the wheels set revolving in some factory employing hundreds of operatives. Just in this way our prayer-room may become a switchboard, turning on power that will lighten hundreds of darkened hearts in villages on India's plains, or in China's crowded cities, or in the islands of the sea. You can as really be touching hearts for God in these far-away fields through your prayers, as if you were here personally. But it will mean "effectual, fervent prayer."

Let us pray for all the missionaries in each of these fields, that their health may be preserved, and that they may have a complete victory over every besetment in their own lives, so that God can use them to enlighten hearts. Pray for the colporteurs, who carry the printed page to thousands of homes, that God in His love may send His angels to prepare hearts for the message. The Chinese *Signs of the Times* is visiting thousands of homes every month,—thirty-eight thousand of them. What a large number of sermons preached! God is able to impress and touch hearts while they are reading. Let us remember the schools, the medical work, and the public meetings. We may thus hold up the hands of these self-sacrificing workers, as Aaron and Hur held up the hands of Moses of old, when victories were won. Ex. 17:10-12.

PETRA TUNHEIM.

We would suggest that this reading be followed by the singing of the hymn, "Hark! the Voice of Jesus Calling."

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