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## Appeal for Missions Campaign

### Suggestive Programme for the Sabbath Home Missionary Service

(To be held on the Sabbath preceding the opening of your campaign)

- Opening Song : Appeal for Mission Rally Song
- Responsive Scripture Reading : Isaiah 60.
- Prayer (followed by brief period for making our missionary reports).
- Offering.
- Song : Christ in Song, No. 576.
- Talk by the leader, based on "A Warning to Modern Tekoites."
- Presentation of Theme : A World-Wide Movement.
- Appeal for Mission Nuggets (to be read by various members).
- Silent Prayer.
- Setting the Church Goal.
- Benediction.

### Note to the Leaders

WE take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the efficient work done by church leaders in the last Appeal for Missions campaign. Mrs. E. G. White, in writing of the influence of leaders, says, "When their light burns brightly, a thousand torches will be kindled at the flame." The strong lead which conference and church officers gave to the last campaign, is responsible in a large degree for the great success that attended the effort.

Again we have before us a goal worthy of earnest and enthusiastic effort. This goal of money will be reached if each leader gives careful attention to preparation for service, and lays thorough and complete plans for the campaign. We would make the following suggestions:

1. Plan for this special Sabbath service in a definite way, assigning the different parts early in the month of March.
2. Be sure to have on hand an adequate supply of campaign material, as Appeal Magazines, Solicitor's Cards, Thermometer Chart, Individual Goal Cards, etc. Order these supplies early through your conference office.
3. Give special attention to organizing the church into bands, and districting the territory, so that the campaign will move off smoothly without confusion.
4. Set Goals. Get all the members to set goals, using slips of paper or individual goal cards. Endeavour to get all to set a goal double last year's record. Set the church goal, and place figures at top of the Thermometer Chart.
5. Plan for a thorough follow-up campaign with literature and Bible readings by church members, and in this way greatly increase the membership of your church, thus taking a long step toward finishing the work in your section of the world field.

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## A Warning to Modern Tekoites

CONCERNING the promotion of the great work resting upon the prophet Nehemiah, when he was commissioned to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, we read the following, which should serve as a warning and encouragement to those who to-day have a great and important work to do for the Lord:

"Among the first to catch Nehemiah's spirit of zeal and earnestness were the priests of Israel. From the position of influence which they occupied, these men could do much to hinder or advance the work. Their ready co-operation at the very outset contributed not a little to its success. Thus should it be in every holy enterprise. Those who occupy positions of influence and responsibility in the church, should be foremost in the work of God. If they move reluctantly, others will not move at all. But 'their zeal will provoke very many.' When their light burns brightly, a thousand torches will be kindled at the flame.

"A majority of the nobles and rulers of Israel also came nobly up to their duty; but there were a few, the Tekoite nobles, who 'put not their necks to the work of their Lord.' While the faithful builders have honorable mention in the Book of God, the memory of these slothful servants is branded with shame, and handed down as a warning to all future generations.

"In every religious movement there are some who, while they cannot deny that it is the work of God, will keep themselves aloof, refusing to make any effort to advance it. But in enterprises to promote their selfish interests, these men are often the most active and energetic workers. It were well to remember that record kept on high, the book of God, in which all our members and our works are written—that book in which there are no omissions, no mistakes, and out of which we are to be judged. There every neglected opportunity to do service for God will be faithfully reported, and every deed of faith and love, however humble, will be held in everlasting remembrance. Against the inspiring influence of Nehemiah's presence, the example of the Tekoite nobles had little weight. The people in general were animated with one heart and one soul of patriotism and cheerful activity. Men of ability and influence organized the various classes of citizens into companies, each leader making himself responsible for the erection of a certain portion of the wall. It was a sight well pleasing to God and angels, to see the busy companies working harmoniously upon the broken-down walls of Jerusalem, and it was a joyous sound to hear the noise of instruments of labour, from the earliest dawn 'till the stars appeared.'

"Nehemiah's zeal and energy did not abate, now that the work was actually begun. He did not fold his hands, feeling

that he might let fall the burden. With tireless vigilance he constantly superintended the work, directing the workmen, noting every hindrance, and providing for every emergency. His influence was constantly felt along the whole extent of those three miles of wall. With timely words he encouraged the fearful, approved the diligent, or aroused the laggard. And again he watched with eagle eye the movements of their enemies, who at times collected at a distance and engaged in earnest conversation, as if plotting mischief, and then drawing near the workmen, attempted to divert their attention and hinder the work. While the eye of every worker is often directed to Nehemiah, ready to heed the slightest signal, his eye and heart are uplifted to God, the great Overseer of the whole work, the One who put into the heart of His servant to build. And as faith and courage strengthened in his own heart, Nehemiah exclaims, and his words, repeated and re-echoed, thrill the hearts of the workers all along the line, 'The God of heaven, he will prosper us!'

—Mrs. E. G. White, in the *Southern Watchman*, April, 1904.

## A World-Wide Movement

AS an important factor in connection with the rapidly developing Laymen's Missionary Movement, the Appeal for Missions is taking on an almost universal swing around the world. Men and women everywhere are glad to assist in this work, of heralding the gospel of the kingdom to the ends of the earth, and as a result, almost phenomenal success attends the efforts of the church in this direction.

As an example of the good results obtained last year in new fields, we quote from the report of Elder L. L. Hutchinson, of the Hawaiian Mission:

"We raised more than £340 in our Appeal work. With our first lot of twelve hundred papers we raised £240, thus averaging 4s. a paper. I think this a good record for ninety members."

This gives believers in the Hawaiian Mission field an average of nearly £4 a member. The record of these new converts, should inspire the believers in the Australasian field to greater activity in this important work. It should also encourage those in our mission fields and conferences throughout the world, to enthusiastically take hold of the Appeal for Missions work, which promises to be an important factor in acquainting multitudes with this rapidly growing movement. Thousands of our church members will annually be brought into personal contact, through this work, with people in all stations of life, and thus become instruments in the hands of God to bring many across the line into the truth.



## Appeal for Mission Work in Prophecy

THE words of the prophet, as recorded in the first verses of the sixtieth chapter of Isaiah, come ringing down through the centuries to the remnant church:

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

Many encouraging promises closely follow this challenge to the church in the twentieth century. Among them is the promise that "the wealth of the nations shall come unto thee." Isa. 60:5, A.R.V.

To the remnant church, poor in this world's goods, the promise that "the wealth of the nations" shall serve its ends is a wonderful assurance. This promise is made by One whose Word is the surest thing in the universe. Nations may rise and fall, but His Word survives the wreck of empires, now buried in the dust of the centuries. Heaven and earth may pass away, but the Word of the God of heaven lives on. God has called upon His people to sacrifice to the extent of placing all upon the altar. This prophecy would seem to indicate that as the message swells into the loud cry, this sacrifice on the part of God's people would not be sufficient to meet the demands of a growing world-wide work, so he has provided a way by which men and women of the world may contribute a part. And through the Appeal for Missions movement this opportunity is afforded.

The conditions upon which the church is to receive this "wealth of the nations" is that it shall "arise" and "shine." In other words, if the church will arouse from its state of inactivity and go out to the people of the world, telling them of the great gospel work being done and laying before them the great need, the world will pour into the treasury of the church, funds commensurate with the needs.

Whenever the members of the church have met the conditions upon which this promise is to be fulfilled, the result has been success, and funds have rolled in. When the church has not met the conditions, even though the need has been as great as in the places where great success attended the Appeal for Missions effort, funds have not come in, and this prophecy of Isaiah 60:5 has not been fulfilled, so far as that community is concerned. God has given us our part to act in this great closing movement. As we, as churches and as individuals, arise and do our part, Heaven's blessings will be poured out upon us, the riches of the nations will come flowing in to meet the needs of God's cause, and, best of all, souls will be won to the truth.

## A Bit of Inspirational History

PRACTICALLY every great movement in connection with the work of God has had a very small beginning. Two thousand ago a young man, barely thirty years of age, without wealth or position, stood in old Judea, and said to a few men gathered round Him, who believed in Him:

"This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14.

That message is to-day, after two millenniums, being heralded to the ends of the

earth. The words of that Prophet of Nazareth are to-day being published in six hundred and fifty languages and dialects. The circulation of the written Word of God exceeds that of any hundred books published to-day. Men and women saved through the efficacy of our Saviour's precious blood, may to-day be found among all the nations, and speedy preparation is being made for the glorious triumph of the church militant. A small beginning has grown into a great world movement.

After the disappointment in 1844, when men were bitter over their blasted hopes, and when thousands were giving up their belief in the prophecies, when the very word "adventist" brought forth only sneers and ridicule, two men and a lone woman dared to stand up and say that they believed the prophecies of the Bible, and that the prophecy of Revelation fourteen would be fulfilled. From that small beginning,—without churches, without publishing houses, without schools, without sanitariums,—the proclamation of the third angel's message has grown into the great Seventh-day Adventist movement as we see it to-day. The departments connected with this movement have individually sprung from very small beginnings, and have grown into mighty instruments in the hands of God, to care for the different phases of denominational activity.

## The Beginning of the Appeal for Missions

THE Appeal for Missions movement had its beginning in the same inconspicuous, humble way. It is the Lord's usual plan to select a humble man, upon whom to place the burden for a special work, for which the time of development has arrived. In harmony with the plan, the year 1902 found Brother Jasper Wayne, of Iowa, leading out in the Appeal for Missions movement. Brother Wayne's own words describing the beginning of this work are most interesting:

"In the year 1902, a small company of believers lived in Sac City, Iowa. An earnest desire filled our hearts, to do what we could to advance the message in our neighbourhood. In the fall of that year, the Pacific Press Publishing Association issued a 'Capital and Labour' number of the *Signs of the Times*, and solicited as large a circulation as possible. I ordered fifty copies, thinking this quite an undertaking. However, when the papers arrived at the post office, I unwrapped them and began to hand them out to the people standing in the lobby, stating that the money received would go to foreign missions. Quite a hearty response was given, and in a short time all my papers were disposed of, with the exception of three copies. Having secured more than three dollars for a mission offering, I was highly pleased with the undertaking. About ten days later, on going to the post office as usual, I found fifty more papers awaiting me. These were sent from the office of publication in Oakland, California, while the former package came from the State tract society office in Des Moines, Iowa. Not being a subscriber to the *Signs* at that time, I did not know, and no one from that day to this knows, how my order came to be duplicated. But there is One who does know, and knew from the first what use would be made of these papers. This was

the beginning of miracles in the Appeal for Missions.

"On taking the papers home, I said to my wife, 'I will see how much can be secured for these papers for our annual offering to missions.' I took them with me in the buggy, and the first man I accosted gave me seven pence halfpenny, the next ninepence, and then a lady gave me one shilling. This gave me courage to suggest one shilling, and when the fifty papers were disposed of, some £5 5s. had been secured for missions. It was with feelings of deep emotion that I emptied the contents of that glass upon the table at the time of the annual offering. The possibilities in such an enterprise loomed up before me in all their proportions, and I at once ordered four hundred papers direct from the *Signs* office. These I carried with me for about a year, securing in all about £20. This was turned into the treasury from time to time, as it was taken in. Not only a handsome sum of money was received from this beginning, but a rich experience was obtained as I explained the object and aims of our work."

Following this successful experience, Brother Wayne brought the burden of his heart to the leaders in the work, who from time to time gave him encouragement and opportunity to present the plan at camp-meetings and in the churches. The work was soon taken up and encouraged by the General Conference Committee.

In 1908 the first general campaign was conducted, and £2,827 was received. In a little more than a decade from the time of the first campaign, in the year 1919, this sum was raised to £70,000, and this year, under the blessing of Heaven, the denomination proposes to raise over £100,000 through the Appeal for Missions effort. As we behold the marvelous results, we can but exclaim in the words of scripture, "What hath God wrought!"

## A Harvest of Souls as well as a Harvest of Money

WHILE we appeal to the people to contribute to the advancement of this great missionary enterprise in a material way, our real objective is to win souls to the truth,—to win the souls we are conversing with, and to win souls in a wider range through the money given by these individuals. The danger is that this Appeal movement may become largely a monetary proposition. Sometimes we are inclined to feel that our responsibility ends when we have gathered our quota in money, but really our responsibility only begins, when we find people who are sufficiently interested and sympathetic toward the movement to contribute to its support. Whenever an effort has been put forth to win souls in follow-up work, excellent results have been obtained. The following brief experiences will suffice to show, that if we all would enter heartily into the follow-up work, we should have a harvest of souls as well as a harvest of money.

One Appeal for Missions worker, who has given special attention to the follow-up work, writes:

"I have personal knowledge of thirteen Sabbath-keepers who have been led to accept the message through the Appeal for Missions work."

Another report is:

"Three ladies are now keeping the Sabbath as the result of the Appeal for Missions



work. Another family of seven are very much interested in the truth, as the result of this work. They have purchased five of our large books."

And still another lay worker writes:  
 "Last October I called at a home with the Appeal for Missions paper, had a splendid talk with the lady, and made an engagement for Bible readings. She was deeply interested from the first, and is now a firm believer in the truth. Her three little girls are always at Sabbath school. The husband seems to be very favourable, and never has opposed his wife in her acceptance of the truth. I feel deeply grateful to the Lord for the share I had in presenting the truth to this sister."

These experiences are among the first to appear on a long list of experiences received at the office. They show that where the interest created in the Appeal work is followed up, souls are won to the truth. We hope that every Appeal worker this year will give special attention to the follow-up work.

### Appeal for Missions Rally Song

(Tune: "Christ in Song," No. 386.)

O Church of God, go forward,  
 Trust in your Leader's name;  
 Let young and old united,  
 Join in this great campaign,  
 Work while probation lingers,  
 And souls in darkness call;  
 The Saviour longs to win them,  
 His blood atones for all.

O church of God, go forward,  
 And gather, while you can,  
 The riches of the nations,  
 'Tis God's appointed plan.  
 No work so high and glorious,  
 No aim so truly grand;  
 He owns the gold and silver,  
 And these His cause demand.

O church of God, go forward,  
 Let courage fill each soul,  
 Angelic hosts are with us,  
 Press on and reach the goal.  
 Then, oh, what glory yonder!  
 When time's brief race is run,  
 And every faithful worker,  
 Receives the glad "well done."  
 —J. HARKER.

### Appeal for Missions Nuggets

"THE great work before us all, as Christians, is to extend Christ's kingdom as rapidly as possible, in accordance with the divine commission."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. IX, page 219.

"Those who labour for Him are to avail themselves of the help that He prompts men to give. These gifts may open ways by which the light of truth shall go to many benighted lands."—*The Story of Prophets and Kings*, page 634.

"The blessings which are so liberally bestowed are to be communicated to others. The good news of salvation is to go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people."—*Id.*, page 716.

"No longer are the heathen to be wrapped in midnight darkness. The gloom is to disappear before the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness."—*Id.*, page 719.

"Careful consideration and well-matured plans are as essential . . . to-day as in the time of the rebuilding of Jerusalem's walls."—*Id.*, page 634.

"The Lord is still willing to move upon the hearts of those in possession of His goods in behalf of the cause of truth."—*Id.*, page 634.

"It is in working actively to supply the necessities of the cause of God that we bring our souls in touch with the Source of all power."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. VI, page 27.

"If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world."—*Id.*, Vol. IX, page 221.

"Industry in a God-appointed duty is an important part of true religion. . . . Prompt and decisive action at the right time will gain glorious triumphs, while delay and neglect result in failure and dishonour to God."—*The Story of Prophets and Kings*, page 676.

"I now appeal to you in the name of the Lord to unite in carrying to successful completion, the enterprises that have been undertaken in the counsels of God. Let not the work of establishing memorials for God in many places, be made difficult and burdensome because the necessary means is withheld. . . . Let all our people arise and see what they can do. Let them show that there is unity and strength among Seventh-day Adventists."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. IX, pages 132, 133.

"It is the very essence of all right faith to do the right thing at the right time. . . . If His people . . . stand ready to co-operate with Him, they will see a great work accomplished."—*Id.*, Vol. VI, page 24.

### Our Goal Easily Attainable

THE Union goal in this year's Appeal for Missions Campaign is £20,000. Therefore, the individual goal should be double what it was last year—an amount that can easily be raised by every one. Last year, a few hours' effort usually sufficed to gather the sum represented by the average goal. We would here urge that all churches and individuals set a goal early in the campaign. Let us not be too conservative in goal setting. We usually accomplish what we set out to do. One of our good brethren describes his experience as follows:

The first year his attention was called to the Appeal for Missions work, he decided that he would not set a goal for himself; in fact, decided he would not do anything in the work. In spite of his decision, however, he received 2½d. for the Appeal work. The next year he decided to set his goal at 4s. He did so, and reached his goal. The next year his goal was £1 and he reached it. He continued to raise his goal from year to year as time passed. His faith was such that last year he set his goal at £100 and received more than £160. He assures us that this year he will not be satisfied with anything less than £200. Others have had similar experiences.

It pays to set a goal, and set it high. In 1917 one of our schools set a goal at £100, and reached it. The next year they

set a goal at £100, and reached it. But in 1919 they were not content to raise so small an amount, when other schools of the same size were gathering two and three times as much, so they set a goal of £400—four times as large as it had been the previous year, and in three general efforts within a period of eleven days, they reached it.

We would suggest a twofold goal, as follows:

1. Determine under the blessing of God, that as a result of your Appeal for Missions work, you will win at least one soul to Christ.

2. That you will set a substantial goal and will not stop short of reaching it as your part toward the Union Conference goal of £20,000 for missions.

It was Moody who wrote on the flyleaf of his Bible, when on his deathbed, "When God is your partner, make your plans large." We are touching only with our finger tips the possibilities in this work. May the Lord enlarge our vision, and give us courage to go forward, and receive from the world gifts to meet the needs of this growing movement.

HOME MISSIONS DEPARTMENT.

### 1921 Appeal for Missions

#### Slogan

"THE God of heaven, He will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise" to our appointed task. Neh. 2:20.

#### Effect

"The words, echoed and re-echoed, thrilled the hearts of all the workers."—*The Story of Prophets and Kings*, page 640.

### Missionary Volunteer Department

#### Missionary Volunteer Programme

##### First Week

#### I Can Be a Soul Winner

WRITE this slogan on your heart,—*"I can be a soul winner."* And can you be? Let us see.

The Lord has promised to give to every man his work. This does not mean that a young man or young woman has to wait until grown up before becoming soul winners. It does not mean that they have to wait until they know all about the Bible before they can tell others about the soon coming of Jesus. We have been asked what age we think the young should commence working for souls. We think that tenderness of years is a factor which often impresses souls, and none should think themselves too young to begin to talk about the truth. If we know the truth at five years of age, can we not tell it? I often think that at this age the children have more confidence than those who are older. They have not become self-conscious as to what others will think if they make a mistake. A conversation was heard over our fence some months ago, between a workman and a tiny boy of five years. This workman, who was cutting wood or doing some such work, was smoking all the time while labouring, and the little fellow knew that this was not right in the



sight of God. No one else was in sight, but a paling fence separated the one that heard the conversation from those taking part.

"Those are Satan's things," said the wee mite.

"What are Satan's things?" enquired the burly man.

"Those cigarettes. You won't go to heaven when Jesus comes."

"Won't I," said the labourer, "Who said so?"

"The Bible says, 'Thou shalt not smoke,'" returned the little chap, "and if you smoke then you can't live with Jesus when He comes back. Jesus is coming back from heaven soon to take all the good people away from the earth, and the earth will be burned up, and all the naughty people will be burned up too, so you'd better look out, for if you smoke you'll be burned up with Satan."

Unconsciously the little chap had sown a seed. In his baby way he had told what he could, and although he had made a mistake and said, "the Bible says 'Thou shalt not smoke,'" it set the man thinking and he asked me if there was anything in the Bible about smoking. Well, we know that there is nothing, but Paul says that the body is the temple of God, and if any man defile the temple him will God destroy.

This message was given in baby language to the workman, but it had its effect. Who knows but that this seed sown will bear fruit in God's kingdom.

Age does not count so much as consecration, as the listener will always make allowance for the youthfulness of the one giving the instruction. When truth comes from a heart of purity and honesty, it is a mighty factor in helping the listener to make a right decision.

It may be interesting to the young people of Australasia, to know that the first testimony we received from the Lord regarding young people's work, was given when Sister White was in Australia in 1892. One paragraph of this testimony reads thus: "We have an army of youth to-day, who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged. We want our children to believe the truth. We want them to be blessed of God. We want them to act a part in the well organized plans for helping other youth. *Let all be so brained that they may rightly represent the truth, giving the reason of the hope that is within them, and honouring God in any branch of the work where they are qualified to labour.*" It seems very significant that the Lord should choose Australia as the place in which to present this first testimony. I wonder if He saw something in the Australian young people of which He desired to make an example? I believe He did. Is there any reason why the Australasian Missionary Volunteers should not be among the brightest Christian workers in the world? This can be done if each will realize that he can be a soul winner. Other young people have done great things, and why should not we.

Here is a note which I received this morning from Brother Kern, the General Conference Young People's Secretary. "In Central Europe a little society of twelve members won seven other young people to the truth in three months." This is an average of over two souls per year for each member. What a great thing it would be if we could all win two souls each this year. Every society would grow twice its size, and instead of having about 4,000 Missionary Volunteers we should have 12,000.

### How Can I?

Now we may ask, "How can I win a soul? I never know how to commence speaking about the truth to a stranger, and if I were asked what religion I belonged to, I would feel like collapsing. I find it so hard to acknowledge that I am an Adventist." I even know of one young man, a deeply consecrated Adventist, too, who was so afraid to acknowledge the fact, that when asked what religion he belonged to he said he was a Methodist. Now let us analyse the reasons why so many cannot approach strangers on the truth, and why many find it difficult to acknowledge that they are Seventh-day Adventists.

The truth that we hold is unpopular, as truth always has been. The name Seventh-day Adventist is something that the ordinary person who doesn't know, links up with Spiritism, Theosophy, Christian Science, and many other latter day errors, with which Adventists would not care to be associated. "Seventh-day Adventist," they say, "Let me see, you believe that a man has a succession of lives on earth, don't you? and if he isn't good, next time he'll come to earth as a cow or a donkey or something, and you don't eat meat because you think you might be eating one of your ancestors, and you don't do any work on Saturday, because you think it is Sunday. Isn't that something like it?" Then it takes a lot of explaining to disillusion his mind and to show the fallacy of his thoughts. It takes courage to be willing to be thought a crank, who is out of joint with all the world, and so you would rather keep quiet about it than say anything, and then nobody will interfere with your peace. Now in a nutshell that is just about what it amounts to with many of us. We like to be thought well of and naturally love our peace of mind, and the quickest and best way out is to put aside all thoughts of religion.

Now let us analyse this attitude, in the light of the truth we have, and in the light of our God-given instincts and ability.

*First.* We all like to be thought well of, hence we don't disturb our friends with our religion. The question arises, "How can I speak of my religion and still retain my friendship with my companions. The secret is to be the one to lead out in the conversation. The message we have is a great message from the greatest of all Leaders. Some, it is true, will shun you, but this cannot be helped. Do not be disheartened by the loss of one or two friends, but persevere. You can not expect to be thought well of by all. Many will speak well of a person who does not disturb their mind or bring conviction to their soul, but Christ has said, "Woe unto you when all men shall speak well of you." If you are earnest in the truth some will be disturbed because of your testimony, and will begin to dislike you, while others will be drawn to you because of the truth you hold and teach.

Some time after I became a Seventh-day Adventist, I met a young lady who had been a friend of mine for years. On talking to her about the truth she said to me, "Well, I feel sorry that I did not talk to you about Christ years ago. I was impressed to do so several times, but somehow I always thought you were too worldly for such things." This young lady belonged to the Plymouth Brethren. She felt that she had missed her opportunity. Thinking that I was too worldly to listen to the gospel, she refrained from speaking to me. Does not

this illustrate the case exactly? We judge the individual by our own standard, and hold back the blessing God has given us for him. Seventh-day Adventists have the greatest message ever given to humanity, and the messengers must give it or lose it.

### How To Get In Touch With Strangers

There are various ways to come in contact with people who may become interested. In studying the Master's work, we notice that He met men and women in every walk of life, and called their attention to the things of nature, "Behold a sower went forth to sow;" "Consider the lilies of the field how they grow," and drew from these things spiritual lessons. Remember how Christ's conversation at the well, with the woman of Samaria, led to a great revival.

Now for our modern methods:

The *Signs of the Times* is perhaps one of the best means by which to gain an entrance to the homes of strangers. Few people will look at a paper like the *Signs*, without asking something about the contents. A question or two and the way is then opened for the seed to be sown. In distributing our literature, we have been too satisfied to allow the paper to do all the work. This is an excellent idea when people are not desirous of talking, but when opportunity offers, endeavour to tell some *personal experiences*. Tell how you became converted. Use the experience of your mother, your father, brother, or sister, or anybody who has had a marked change in their life by the message. Your own experience is perhaps the best. This catches the ear and enlists the interest. Tell what your desires are to become a missionary, if such be the case, and how you plan to get the necessary education; all these things make people *curious*, and curiosity after all is the first step to interest. If possible, when you leave your visitor, leave him interested enough in your story to want to hear what follows, and in this way an interest in the message can be developed.

## Personal Work

### How Will the Work Be Finished

THERE are two kinds of saviours spoken of in the Bible.

*Nehemiah 9:27*, last part. Thou gavest them saviours who saved them out of the hand of their enemies.

These were human saviours who saved the people from temporal destruction.

*An Instance:*

*Gen. 47:35.* "Thou hast saved our lives." Joseph was a saviour. He saved the people from starvation. Notice what the people said in response: "We will be Pharaoh's servants." They gave themselves to Pharaoh because he had saved them.

*Deut. 33:29*, first part. Who is like unto you, a nation saved by the Lord? If the people back yonder gave themselves to Pharaoh because he had saved them, what should we do, *being saved by the Lord.*

There is a text which shows us just what we are expected to do as a people in working for the Master.

*Eph. 4:11, 12.* "And he gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors, and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry."

This text rather indicates that those who have these gifts do the work of the ministry.



but the original rendering does not convey this meaning. It reads thus: He gave some prophets, etc., for the perfecting of the saints to do the work of the ministry.

Then the saints are to do the work of ministering.

Those of you who think the ordained minister is the one to go all the work, look for a moment at some of the names given in the Bible to those who were the leaders. In the Old Testament the minister is called the Husbandman, the Shepherd, the Watchman, the Captain. A husbandman is one who tills the soil, but he does not produce the crop. A shepherd is one who cares for the sheep, but he does not produce the wool and the increase. He feeds the flock. The watchman is one who is set to watch. But what would you think of a watchman who when he saw the enemy coming, went to the men and said, "Now I am strong, I can fight the foe, I will go to battle with these men." The same thing applies to a captain. He trains the men and commands the situation, but he does not do all the fighting himself.

God has made you saviours of men; but saviours who are to save men in the kingdom of God.

1 Tim. 4:16. "Save thyself, and them that hear thee." If nobody hears thee there is a question whether we shall save ourselves.

Obadiah, vs. 21. "Saviours shall come." This is in the earth made new. All who are there are called saviours.

Rev. 14:1. The 144,000 are saviours. People who have done their best to save others.

F. KNIGHT.

## Appeal for Missions

### An Excellent Means

WE have now reached the time when the Ingathering for Missions in most States is about to commence, and this affords a splendid opportunity for meeting people. If the Missionary Volunteers will become acquainted with our mission fields, they will be able to talk intelligently on the subject of missions. While looking for money, look also for souls, and above all don't be afraid to study the truth with them whenever possible.

The collecting of money for missions is a soul-saving work, and we should all do our best. Set your aim and reach it before giving up. Remember that every shilling you get means some soul helped. But try to help those who contribute of their means to this work.

Let each Missionary Volunteer set himself a goal in the saving of souls, as well as in the amount of money collected.

### Summary

1. I can be a soul winner.
2. I can speak of Jesus although young.
3. I can speak even though I am a new convert.
4. Missionary Volunteers in Europe are winning souls.
5. I must not be ashamed of my religion.
6. Be the head and not the tail.
7. Get in touch with strangers.
8. Take part in the Appeal for missions.

F. KNIGHT.

## Missionary Volunteer Programme

### Second Week

## I Can Be a Soul Winner

NOTE.—The following programme was composed by a young Missionary Volunteer and was rendered in her society some time ago. It was forwarded to us to the Union Conference, and we esteem it worthy of reproduction for the use of all the societies. Space will not permit to publish it all.

A note from the Young People's Secretary of the conference, in which this society is located, is very encouraging. Speaking of this society he says:

"My first visit to — in 1919, had been prayerfully and carefully planned. How could a moribund body be resuscitated and restored to a life of useful activity? The Lord guided and gave the word that aroused interest, and a desire to do something worthy of the Missionary Volunteer movement. That interest and desire crystallised into a determination to work. New plans were laid, and a period of earnest and successful labour has been crowned with success. The Church Missionary Society also was warmed by the fire of youthful enthusiasm, and went forward side by side with the young people, in the good work of sowing the city of — and the surrounding district, with our gospel-filled literature, some of which has borne fruit in the salvation of precious souls."

I trust that the Lord will aid many other young people to arise to the opportunities that are offering, and like this society commence an active campaign for the salvation of souls.

F. KNIGHT,  
Union M. V. Secretary.

## Social to Save

1. "MISS ANDERSON, what became of the programme we should have had, called 'Social to Save'?"

2. "I don't know, it is there somewhere. But why do you ask?"

1. "Just because I thought it would be a good subject to study sometime. It was a pity we couldn't have it, but it wasn't our fault."

2. "Yes, it would have been nice."

3. "But what do you mean by 'Social to Save'?"

2. "Just this. Suppose you find it very easy to entertain people. Then use that talent to attract and win people to the truth, and the closer you come in contact with them, the more you can do to help them."

4. "You mean to say that the general idea of being sociable, comes into everything we do in connection with our missionary volunteer work?"

5. "Yes, most of us have some social qualification, which with careful consideration we can use in this way."

"Singing, for instance. Every one loves that, and you can sing to people who would never listen if you tried to talk to them. You know how the people love to hear the choir at camp. Most of those who come in from homes near by, stay until the choir is finished. Those who have good voices can always use them to advantage."

2. "Well, why shouldn't you sing the truth instead of talking it. Personally, I think it is a very effective way."

3. "Yes, I always remember the hymns we have on Sabbath, all through the week."

1. "Oh, that reminds me! Two or

three weeks ago I tried to sell a lady a copy of 'Life and Health,' but it was a long while before I succeeded, because she talked so much. She told me she had two daughters, sixteen and eighteen years old, and then told me all about them. The principal thing of interest was, that she thought if they could only find a young lady several years older than themselves, and one who was a good Christian, she would be the help that they needed, and said that the only young lady there was in their church was so sarcastic, she told her girls to keep away from her."

5. "It is a pity some one couldn't get to know them. We might be able to get them to our young people's meetings."

1. "Yes, I assured her that she was right in thinking an older friend would be a help to the girls, and told her that there were just such young people, and that they would be glad to meet her daughters. Another mother told me about her daughter, only this time the girl was so different from the other girls, that she gave her mother no cause for anxiety. She always wanted her own people to go out with her."

3. "Some friendly person could surely get hold of these girls, you'd think!"

2. "And I read a piece in the Review several days ago, telling of a young lady who had work to do among girls. She found some of them planning an expedition with very questionable company, so she appeared so much interested in their plans that they finally invited her, too, which, of course, was just what she wanted. And after that she was always included in their plans. Do you begin to see the idea now?"

3. "Yes, far better. Is that what it means in 'Quiet Talks on Prayer,' when it says, 'God's pathway to a human heart is through another human heart'?"

1. "Yes, isn't that a lovely book!"

2. "Well, I must go now because it is getting late."

5. "Could we sing something? 'Winning Precious Souls' is lovely."

2. "All right, what is the number?"

1. "No. 546." (Group round organ and play.)

## Influence

YOU have all at sometime or another noticed, while walking on the beach, the little irregular marks caused by the action of the water on the sand. The unconscious influence of the water on the sand. It is quite impossible for the waves to come and go day by day, year by year, and not leave those little ridges behind. It is also impossible for the sand to prevent those ridges being formed. So it is with us, we are all influencing others and being influenced by others; we cannot prevent it, but it lies within the power of each one of us to exercise the right kind of influence. I suppose that we have all at some time been asked to write something in the autograph book of a friend. Do we realize that every day we are writing our autographs on the minds and hearts of our friends, those around us? A serious thought it is, and yet how careless we are of the little courtesies of life, which seem so insignificant to us. What a world of difference they make to those around us and with whom we come in contact. Every meeting, every parting, every chance greeting are occasions open to us for which we are to account. To our friends, to each and all, every day and all day long, we are distributing that which



is best or worst in existence. *Influence.* With every word, look, or action something is given or withheld, of great importance it may be to the receiver, of inestimable importance to the giver. How dull and dreary would this world of ours be, were it not for the influence of the sun's rays. How dark would be the sky at night, if it were not for the soft light of our moon and the twinkling of the stars. Let us try and imitate these wonderful heavenly lights, and let us shine with all our might. It may only mean saying "Good morning," in a tone that implies we hope that it will be good, it may only mean a friendly nod and a pleasant smile to some one whom we may chance to meet, and who may, for all we know, be carrying an almost unbearable burden. Let us then be very careful, for no human being can come into this world, without increasing or diminishing the sum total of human happiness; everywhere he will have companions who will be better or worse for his influence. *We are our brother's keeper*; may we never forget this solemn truth.

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### Missionary Volunteer Department

#### Third Week

LEADER'S NOTE.—Only a short programme is furnished this week. This will give longer time for the opening exercises and for reports of Ingathering experiences, and other missionary work done. You could also gather other experiences appearing in the RECORD and other papers, and have them related or read in the meeting.

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#### Saved to Serve

OUR name, Missionary Volunteers, advertises to the world that we are, of our own free will, engaged in a missionary campaign. This campaign includes, first of all, our own personal work at home; but it has as its ultimate object, the finishing of the proclamation of the third angel's message not only in the homeland, but to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people throughout the entire world—and that in this generation.

World conditions invite us to earnest, whole-hearted endeavour. The situation in the homeland never called more loudly and more persistently, for our co-operation with the angels of heaven, and with the Holy Spirit in soul-saving labour, than today.

The world's doom concerns every single living soul, and it concerns us as young volunteers first of all, and above all, for we are the developing workmen who will co-operate with divine agencies, to bring about the proper solution of this greatest of world problems. Before long many of us will find ourselves transferred to all parts of the world harvest field, and it is those of us who improve the opportunities of the day for personal development, that God can best use in leading men to Him in the regions beyond.

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### Missionary Volunteers in the Regions Beyond

THERE are two young people's societies in Bukharest, Rumania, composed of bright, energetic, ambitious young men and women, who seek to avail themselves

of every possible opportunity for personal improvement, and actual missionary work in the city of Bukharest. Some of the members of one of these societies are gypsies, and when the message found them years ago, they were gypsies not only in name but in fact. The Missionary Volunteer Society has been instrumental in developing their talents, and today they are clean, aggressive members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The improvement they have made, greatly encouraged me to believe that there is hope for every child and youth anywhere, who will only submit to the regenerating influences of the Holy Spirit.

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### A Youthful Witness

EVEN the children are true to the Lord. In Rumania I got in touch with a boy fifteen years of age, whose parents and brother and sisters had been killed. He had been taken in by the priests, who said, "We will make a Catholic of him, and take that Adventist religion out of him." He refused to work on the Sabbath. They beat him, starved him, and tortured him, but that little fellow held on. He told the chief priest in that community, "You can kill me, but I will never leave the Saviour whom my mother taught me to love." The mayor of the city heard of this, and the boy was set at liberty.

L. H. CHRISTIAN.

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### Interned to Serve

AT one place early in the war the priests announced a campaign to drive every adventist out of the city. They succeeded. Shortly after that a young Russian soldier, who was an Adventist, was interned there. He had been made fearful and timid about his religion, and now he was a captive. Soon after coming to the city, he learned that all Adventists had been driven out. In his loneliness the Lord spoke to his heart. He stated that it seemed as if God said to him, "You are the only light here now, and I require you to build again an altar to Me in this city." The young man took his Bible and began to read the word of God to the people. Within two months, twenty-two had begun to keep the Sabbath.

L. H. C.

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### Missionary Volunteer Programme

#### Fourth Week

THIS week is dedicated to Ingathering for missions. The leader is advised to devote the hour of the meeting to experiences and demonstrations on how to work.

There may be some who are discouraged. Try to help these that they may know better how to work for the Master.

Keep before the young people the idea of a "Harvest of souls as well as a harvest of pounds."

The following experience appearing in the Record of December 27 will encourage many.

Urge all to gain their goal.

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### A Remarkable Call

THE following experience was related by Pastor M. N. Campbell, president of the British Union, at the recent General Conference Autumn Council in America.

"One young man, the Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the South British Conference, who had been desired for a foreign

mission, but whose Conference president thought he could not be spared from the home field, went out in the Ingathering work. He made an earnest appeal in behalf of foreign missions to an elderly woman upon whom he called. Her response was that she would tell him the next day what she would give, if he would leave his address with her. This he did, but on the morrow she sent a messenger to the young man asking him to call again. He did so, and was surprised to hear the lady say that she would give him £675, and if he would go to the mission field himself, she would make the cheque for £775, and would continue to support him while there.

"The young man went to his conference president and said that he believed that he had a second call from the Lord to go to Africa. When he related the circumstances to which he referred, the president felt that perhaps the woman who had made such a generous offer did not fully understand the nature of our work; so he sent an official with the young man to explain in detail its character. The woman assured him that she was perfectly satisfied, and had the money ready at that moment for them, if they desired it. It is needless to say that no one felt like saying to the young man that he could not go to Africa; but rather all bade him Godspeed. What greater honour could be shown one than that the God of heaven should so unmistakably call one to carry the gospel message to a perishing people!"

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### Sabbath School Missionary Exercises

(March 5)

#### A Message from Pana Our Solomon Island Native Worker

I SUPPOSE you want to hear about these people here at Renonga [Solomon Islands] again. Good many of these boys are starting to give up the witch and the wizard, and they have given up to go and speak to the devils which Ghesobule, the wizard, said were the spirits of our fathers and mothers who died long time ago. But the boys do not believe the devils and the wizard now, so I was very pleased to know the Holy Spirit of God was calling these boys here to the everlasting life. So one day, on October 24, 1920, Ada, who was the chief, and some of his boys came and told me that they want to give up the devils, and follow my teaching. But I said to them, "Not mine, but God's teaching." Some of these boys can read very little words in English now. Ada, their chief, he can read and write his own speech, and comes to school every day, with his little daughter about four years old.

I have eighty or ninety people come to my school here at Renonga mission. The boys and the girls learn what they can. On October 5, 1920, I went to Simbo, and Narovo, to see if the people there want the Seventh-day Adventist mission, so when I got there one of their chiefs named Hana said, "You let me have one of the Seventh-day Adventist missionaries that he may teach us the Bible." He promised me he would tell his boys to build us a church before the missionary gets there.

One day the devil said to the woman named Tinigula, I am Bei, the brother of your mother; I was dead one year ago, and to-



day I want you to buy a tin of biscuits for me. The devil spake through the wizard named Ghesobule, and Ghesobule told Tinigula, so she bought a tin of biscuits for the devil, and gave to the devil when it was dark; so the devil came and caught hold of the tin of biscuits in the hands of Tinigula, the Renonga woman, the daughter of Liu; Liu is the sister of Bei who was the high chief some time ago. But now he is in the grave and returned to dust again, and speaks not, but these people here, they believed Bei their chief is now at Zodo. The devils tell lies to these people. But we know they are the evil angels of Satan, which God cast down to this world a long time ago.

I cannot write you much English, because I don't know much, but I think you will understand this.

(March 12)

### After Eighteen Years

C. H. PARKER

IN the year 1898 Pastor Fulton, Mrs. Parker, our infant daughter, and I anchored our boat on one of the deltas of the Rewa River on the large island of Viti Levu, Fiji Islands. Night had come. We went over to a native town to spend the evening. We took our little folding organ along to help the people in singing. While singing in Fijian the hymn—

"A ruler once came to Jesus by night,  
To ask him the way of salvation and light;  
The Master made answer in words true  
and plain,  
'Ye must be born again' "—

a Fijian chief entered. He became very much taken with the hymn, and pressed us to teach him how to sing it perfectly. Sitting there upon a box, with our little daughter on her lap asleep, Mrs. Parker played that hymn over and over until two o'clock in the morning, before he would let us go.

Eighteen years later, in 1916, the same man came into my office, and wanted to study the Word of God with me. When I had finished, he said, "Now it is all plain, and I see my path clearly. From this time on I walk in the way of God's commandments."

A strong church has been organized in this man's town, the members of which have nearly all been won by his labours. This demonstrates that no word of God is void of power. It shows also that what we sow, that shall we reap. God's word will accomplish that for which he sent it, and it shall not return unto Him void.

(March 19)

### The New Hebrides

By PASTOR C. H. WATSON

OUR work in the New Hebrides began in 1912, among the Atchinese, in their little island home just off the coast of the large island of Malekula.

Our missionaries found this people in a most wretched condition—untamed and savage, to a degree known only where native savagery is intensified by the trader's rum.

Through many really trying and dangerous experiences, the work was carried on with these people, until its first real triumph was gained, when the natives were led to determine that they would allow no more intoxicants to be landed on their shores. This was a great victory indeed,

and from that time, the people began to move further and further away from their old heathen customs.

Though not without interruption, this good work went on till it seemed that Atchin was ready to accept Christ, but just then an English scholar landed and at once began, by bribery and other even more contemptible means, to encourage the people to return to their old ways. Soon after his arrival, Atchin again rang with the shrieks of savagery, and the work of the missionary had practically stopped.

From this discouraging experience, however, sprang the wider work which is now possible for our missionaries in that group. Pastor Parker and his associates crossed to the mainland, and established the work on the shores of Malekula, with the Matanavat tribe. While seeking to give the gospel to these people, it was also hoped that they would be a means of connection with the cannibals of the Bush country. This eventually proved to be so.

Through them our workers found their way to the country of the Big Nambus—a people steeped in cannibalism—And after many visits to this cannibal stronghold, arrangements were made for the establishment of a mission station with them.

In the meantime the influence of our work was extending away to the north, and a call was made for additional help to begin the work there. The island of Santo was the chosen field, a beginning was made at Big Bay, and Brother and Sister Ross James were the workers sent. They began their labours, living in a native hut, more than a hundred miles from their comrades. God has blessed their efforts, and the influence of their work is wonderfully affecting native life at Big Bay.

Next Sabbath we shall review our work for the Big Nambus people of this group, when our offerings will be given to assist the work there.

**NEXT SABBATH WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF MAKING OUR THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING TO THE RE-OPENING OF THE WORK AMONG THE BIG NAMBUS PEOPLE OF THE NEW HEBRIDES. A MORE NEEDEY FIELD COULD NOT BE FOUND. LET ALL COME NEXT SABBATH PREPARED TO MAKE A LIBERAL OFFERING.**

(March 26)

**THE DAY OF OUR THIRTEENTH SABBATH OFFERING**

### The New Hebrides

(Continued)

By C. H. WATSON

IN the course of time Brother Norman Wiles and his wife went over from Matanavat, to live with the Big Nambus people. This was by far the most dangerous work yet undertaken by our missionaries in the Pacific Islands, but our brave young workers faced the possibilities of their work, with splendid courage and unwavering faith in God. Sister Wiles, the first white woman ever seen by the Big Nambus, was subjected to a good deal of embarrassing, though roughly respectful attention.

Almost unaided by the natives, these devoted young people carried the materials for their home up from the beach to the site of the building, built the house, and began work entirely alone amongst the most savage cannibals, and in a deadly pestilential

climate. Fever soon claimed them as victims, and for fourteen days they were compelled to go to Atchin to rest and recuperate. Barely recovered, they returned to their station, where in the faithful performance of his work, Brother Wiles fell a victim of the dreaded blackwater fever. And now he sleeps, uncoffined, where the savage is still untamed. The sad circumstances of his death, and of his young wife's terrible experiences by sea and land, with unsympathetic white men, and strange, fierce, but sympathetic black men, are known to all the believers of this field, and I will not recount them. But the following, from a letter written at that time by Pastor A. G. Stewart, expresses much more than the words usually mean:

"You will see Sister Wiles and learn from her the particulars of Norman's death. She will probably not tell you the details of the hard experience she had in getting here to Atchin; how we missed her when we went round for her in the launch two days after the burial; of the two nights in a native house by the way, and then a walk of sixteen miles along the rough coast of Atchin. She bore it all very bravely.

"The natives here on Atchin all feel deeply over Brother Wiles' death, and are sorry that Sister Wiles is leaving. When a stoical people like this give evidence of being moved, it shows that those for whom they grieve, have been their friends. . . . Our work is not in vain.

"The empty house at Big Nambus makes us very sad. While Brother and Sister Wiles were there, a torch was kept burning in that dark place. But now that they are gone, the weight of that burden seems to press upon us continually. Surely there are others who will come over and pick up this fallen standard!"

To this work for which these dear workers have made the supreme sacrifice, we are called to give today. Shall not we give liberally?

## Foreign Mission Day

(March 12)

### Have Faith in God

GOD'S strength can never fail. Isa. 26:4.

His wisdom also is unailing. Rom. 11:33.

Hence there is nothing too hard for Him to perform. Jer. 32:17, 18.

God points to the stars of heaven as evidence of His power. Gen. 15:1, 5, 6; Isa. 40:25-28.

This power God has vested in Christ. Heb. 1:1-3; Col. 1:15-17.

Christ is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever. Heb. 13:8.

He has foretold the completion of the gospel work. Matt. 24:14.

He imparts to His own workers His own power. Matt. 28:18-20.

He bids us have faith and ask great things for the advancement of His work. Mark 11:22-24.

### In Regions Beyond Europe

In the roll call of the continents we naturally begin with Europe. There it was that the first overseas work was done, when the cause of the third angel's message had gathered strength in North America.



Interesting it is to recall, that just over fifty years ago this year, a young Swiss from Europe, James Erzenberger, came to America as a messenger from a little group of Sabbath keepers, in Switzerland and along the Rhine, in western Germany, who had heard that there was a Sabbath-keeping body of Adventists in this land. He came to plead for workers to be sent to Europe. Out of this young man's plea, came the first efforts of this people to go to other lands with the message.

Fifty years have passed, and to-day we have in Europe about 50,000 believers, representing an average growth of one thousand a year for the whole period. Exact figures are not possible yet, as Russia is still cut off from communication.

The young man who was pleading for Europe in 1869-70, gave fifty years to faithful service; and only this year Elder Erzenberger—"Father" Erzenberger, as they call him over there,—died in hope, to await the Saviour whose coming he had proclaimed. What changes he had seen! Now, they told us at the recent European Council, believers are being baptised at the rate of from 6,000 to 8,000 a year.

When the Great War broke out, it seemed at first that progress would be nigh stopped in Europe, by the breaking up of all normal conditions. But we have learned that God carries forward His work despite conditions on earth. We find about 20,000 more believers now on that continent, than we had at the beginning of the war.

True, difficulties have confronted the work. Now the field is being reorganized. New countries have come into being, and new union and local conferences have had to be formed. Rumania is a union, with upwards of 2,000 believers. New Czecho-Slovakia is a union. Poland and Jugo-Slavia are new fields, with probably a thousand believers in Poland, and some hundreds in Jugo-Slavia.

Think what it means when it is voted, as in the recent Council in Zurich, Switzerland, to start printing plants "in Jugo-Slavia, Rumania, Czecho-Slovakia, Poland, Estonia, Lettonia, the Levant, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Holland." From every part the workers reported the people "hungry" for the books and papers bearing the message. In Britain, and Scandinavia, and in Germany, sales have been far above pre-war years. With lack of food and with the financial system of the country disorganised in 1919, the first year following the war, the Hamburg Publishing House sold \$600,000 worth of publications. It seems impossible! But such is the power of God in the message that now must quickly go.

The re-establishment of the Latin school for training workers for all Latin Europe, is one of the big things for 1920, small though the beginnings of the school may be. More workers must be secured for France, Spain, Italy, and other Latin fields.

#### Africa

The Mission Board has had a hard experience in getting permits for workers to enter Africa, owing to post-war conditions. Africa has called and called, and thankful have all been for a few workers sent in during 1920. The young people's societies are asked to pray continually that doors of entrance may be opened. As "the time of the end came"—the time when the work of modern missions was to begin, in harmony with the prophecy of Daniel 12:4—there were no societies in America to send out missionaries. Then it was that those few

young men of Williams College, Mass., began to pray for God to make a way; and He did. To our young people, especially, comes the call to go to every tribe and tongue in the great mission-field continents. Pray for God to make ways.

But Africa has not stood still. We have marveled to hear of the forward movements. Lack of new recruits was expected to delay opening the Kongo country. But workers have gone in, and there we are at last, in the Kongo above the Rhodesian border. A new people have been added to our list along the Transvaal border near Bechuanaland. Through a native Christian, whom the Lord has marvelously healed, a work was begun in regions about Mafeking, and lo, scores of native Sabbath keepers await instruction. A new tribe has been entered—the Basubeas—away in northern Bechuanaland, up the Zambesi from Victoria Falls. Now, for its colonial work and for the native tongues, the South African division must plan a new publishing house.

Our British brethren have re-enforced the British East Africa mission, round the Victoria Nyanza, that great lake of Africa. A new party of thirteen has recently gone out from England. No workers can as yet be sent to the new East African territory, where formerly the German brethren had missions. But one of the former missionaries, whose wife was too ill to be sent out, still remains, and his reports show at least hundreds of the converts faithful through all the years, without shepherding. Native teachers have been allowed recently to start schools again. Sixteen of the old schools are again going, and scores of other teachers are at work on buildings. New converts are being baptised; and farther east still, the Abyssinian Mission is being reopened. We must pray for Africa. Pastor Badaut, of Mauritius Island, east of Madagascar, reports that interested ones in Madagascar are reprinting some of our literature in the Malagasy tongue. Our French brethren are watching for an opening into that field from Mauritius.

#### South America

A thousand baptisms a year the last four years, has brought the membership in South America up to 8,403. It is a surprise, even in the Mission Board office, to see how the work in these Catholic countries has grown. Both in Buenos Aires, the centre for the Spanish-speaking countries, and in Brazil, which is a Portuguese-speaking country, the small publishing houses simply must be enlarged somehow to provide the books demanded. Up among the wilds round Lake Titicaca, more than 2,000 Indians have been baptised, about 500 of them last year. Still the calls come more earnestly than ever. Forty places now want schools. If only the means can be found, we shall want numbers of young people in 1921, as recruits for this field. Two young ordained ministers are wanted now, in 1920, for Peru and Bolivia.

#### Asia

Asia—"Mother Asia"—is still the greatest field of all; half the world to be reached there. The South Asian Division reports an increase of 57 per cent in membership in three years. They say the barriers are broken through, and converts are responding. How earnestly they plead for more workers—young people who have had some conference experience, who love this truth! Pray God to lay the burden on such. It takes eight months or more to get a permit;

so the Board must plan well ahead. The Mission Board is eleven workers short in supplying calls for 1920—three ordained ministers for executive work, and eight evangelistic couples to learn languages. That is how India looks at this moment.

The far East—the most populous division—has not been able to open much new work. A good number of new workers have gone in. Twenty years ago we had no work on the mainland, and but a handful of believers in Japan. All the Far Eastern Division is a blank besides, save for Brother LaRue's work on the ships in Hongkong. Twenty years have passed, and now what? In one year, 1919, more than one thousand converts were baptised in the division. China has suffered revolutionary activity in almost every part. Workers have had to go in and out among armed bands. But they have kept the work moving. They will call for more helpers for 1921, young evangelists, teachers with the evangelistic spirit. A school for the children of missionaries is being established in Shanghai. We thank God for it; for the missionary children of the Far East, growing up with the language learned in childhood, must have their chance for a Christ an education.

#### All the World

The Pacific Islands, worked mainly by Australasia, the other island fields, and the North Latin countries of America, will call for workers from every home base. All the world is needier in 1920 than ever before, judging by the earnestness of the calls. Pray to the Lord of the harvest for it all.

W. A. SPICER.

### A Word From Greater Rumania

FROM a letter written to a brother in Canada, by Brother P. P. Paulini, in charge of the Rumanian Union Conference in Southern Europe, dated April 8, we extract the following encouraging paragraph:

"The cause of the Lord is spreading here as on the wings of an eagle. The message is not hindered in its flight, and will not cease until the Lord comes. In Bukharest we have more than three hundred members, and in all 'Greater Rumania' we have more than two thousand. In the beginning we had great difficulties, but now, with God's help, the time has arrived in our country when the Rumanian is allowed to believe what his conscience dictates. Many of our brethren were imprisoned and beaten for their belief. Just now the case of one who was condemned to hard labour for life, has been reversed; the judges, moved by the Spirit of God, acknowledged his innocence, and one week ago he was acquitted and given his liberty, after he had been in prison for two years, engaged in cutting salt. If it were necessary for me to relate the experiences I have had, it would take hundreds of sheets of paper. I hope sometime we shall have the privilege of speaking face to face, and then you will wonder at God's care for His people and for the spreading of His gospel."

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