



## Yesterday Will Never Return

By L. H. CHRISTIAN

WE were coming along through Western Holland in a slow train. It was nearly evening, with a sky of hazy mist. The sun, a great red ball, rocked silently and slowly into the dreary dunes. As we watched it disappear, a feeling of quiet, holy silence crept into our hearts. One more day is dying. Its record is made up. It can never be altered. When that sun sinks out of sight, this present "to-day" will have become one more yesterday. Its labours, its words, its joys, its sorrows, all have gone for ever. Yesterday will never return. These thoughts come back again now as we stand at the close of another year. This past year, too, is now a great yesterday, as the years before. The past is dead, yet it lives. It has left for good, yet is ever with us. It is forgotten, yet always remembered. Time is a thing most precious. It is that material of which eternities are made.

When we think of the past year, our hearts are filled with courage. It has been a good year for the Adventist cause. We have seen a deepening spirituality among our people. We have witnessed their loyal devotion to the message; their home missionary work; their Harvest Ingathering; their Big Week activities; their tithes and offerings. All these bear living testimony to the love they have for this truth. We have every cause to be grateful for the past year. We have won more souls in the

Northern European Division than ever before in this part of the Lord's vineyard. No doubt we have made mistakes. We could have done much more and much better. But it is a comfort that the Lord forgives. It is not only the joys of yesterday that are gone; the sorrows, the burdens, the hardships, too, are ended.

We are facing a New Year. Its



New Year



*As the old year sinks down in Time's ocean,*

*Stand ready to launch with the new,*

*And waste no regrets, no emotion,*

*As the masts and the spars pass from view.*

*Weep not if some treasures go under*

*And sink in the rotten ship's hold,*

*That blithe bonny barque sailing yonder*

*May bring you more wealth than the old.*

*Throw overboard toil misdirected,*

*Throw overboard ill-advised hope,*

*With aims which, your soul has detected,*

*Have self as their centre and scope.*

*Throw overboard useless regretting*

*For deeds which you cannot undo,*

*And learn the great art of forgetting*

*Old things which embitter the new.*

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.



history is unknown. To some it may be the closing of this life's journey. To very many it may become a year of earnest, loving service in the Master's cause. To all it ought to mean a time in which we prepare to meet our God. Some day, 1930 will also go to join the land of yesterday. What that yesterday, now future, is to be will depend on us. We send one year after another into eternity. They go laden with what we have put into them of good or ill. What shall 1930 be? Many make the New Year a fresh starting point in their religious experience. Others, we know, make light of New Year resolutions. We do not. We believe in a heartfelt New Year's reconsecration to God. We need this year to be more sincere, to pray more, to take more time for our Bibles and for silent meditation. We need to get better acquainted with Jesus and with ourselves. We should also in this year do still more for our Master. Millions are waiting for the Gospel. They look to us for light. Friends and neighbours near at hand, but perhaps unknown to us, have a longing in their hearts for the Word of life. We should make our homes brighter and our loved ones happier. Yesterday will never return, but God is graciously giving us a new year of service for Jesus.

May we extend to the entire ADVENT SURVEY family in the Northern European Division a very hearty New Year's Greeting.

# THE HIGH ESTIMATE

By J. H. SCHILLING

THE high estimate that God Himself places upon the Gospel ministry is indicated by the special care He has for His ministers, and the close association which He desires to sustain between Himself and them.

When Christ ordained the twelve, He did it "that they should be with Him," not only during His earthly sojourn, but always in the spirit. This is a beautiful expression, and indicates a much more beautiful reality. The minister of God is ordained by the Spirit to be with Christ, to be yoked up with Him, thus having the all-wise Leader and Helper constantly associated with himself in his divine activity.

In Mark 16:20 we read: "They went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." The words, "the Lord working with them and confirming the word," conveys the wonderful co-operation of Christ with His ministering servants, and indicates the high value He places on the work of His representatives on earth. They shall be with Him, and He will work with them, confirming what they do. This conveys the closest interaction and inter-relationship that a person can have with those with whom he works, and such a connection the Lord sustains with His ministers. This is a reality. Christ estimates the ministry so highly that He—the divine Son of God from heaven—identifies Himself as closely with His ministers as possible. This is a real, beautiful inter-relationship.

But that is not all. The symbolic picture of the golden candlesticks and the seven stars in Revelation 1 presents a still closer relationship between Christ and His ministers. We read: "The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in My right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches; and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches." By the "seven churches" we understand

the church of Christ in all ages. Christ standing in the midst of the seven candlesticks shows how He would always be the central point in His organized work on earth. The stars in His hand point to the fact that the Gospel heralds are constantly under His leading and directing hand. They are not only with Him, and He will not only work with them, but He is holding them in His hand. He has singled them out from the church and leads them with His own hand, and keeps them under His special care. In the spirit of prophecy we are told: "God's ministers are symbolized by the seven stars which He, Who is the first and the last, has under His special care and protection." This is a beautiful presentation of the very intimate care God has for His servants whom He has selected out of the church to do His special work. He does not only show the divine estimate He places on the ministry, but also the high estimate we ministers should place upon our calling. It is a heavenly calling, a calling under the direct supervision of God, and what calling could be higher than such a one?

Spurgeon says: "If the minister is in himself clear concerning his faith, then comes the next point: his piety must be strong; he must not be satisfied simply to stand in the rank and file of the faith: he must be a ripened and an advanced Christian. The servant of Christ may rightly be called 'the elect of the elect,' 'the chosen from among the chosen,' 'a church selected out of the church.' " Isn't that a beautiful way of putting it, my brother? The minister is "the elect of the elect." Looking at our divine calling in this light, should it not lift us up, elevate us? Should we not be like a city set on a hill which cannot be hid, and to which the people will look up?



## Some Great Prayers

O LORD, give me souls or take away my soul.—*George Whitefield, the famous English evangelist.*

HERE let me burn out for God.—*Henry Martyn, missionary, kneeling on India's coral strand.*

LORD, to Thee I dedicate myself. O accept of me and let me be Thine for ever. Lord, I desire nothing else, I desire nothing more.—*David Brainerd, missionary to the North American Indians, 1718-1747.*

GIVE what Thou wilt, and how much Thou wilt, and when Thou wilt. Set me where Thou wilt and deal with me in all things just as Thou wilt.—*Thomas-à-Kempis, 1379-1471.*

USE me then, my Saviour, for whatever purpose and in whatever way Thou mayest require. Here is my poor heart, an empty vessel; fill it with Thy grace.—*Dwight L. Moody.*

Do Thou, my God, do Thou, God, stand by me against all the world's wisdom and reason. Oh, do it. Thou must do it. Stand by me; Thou true eternal God.—*Martin Luther, when called before the Diet of Worms.*

O LORD, send me to the darkest spot on earth.—*John Kenneth McKenzie. Prayer as a young missionary candidate.*

LORD, save Fiji, save Fiji. Save these people. O Lord, have mercy upon Fiji; save Fiji.—*John Hunt, missionary to the Fiji Islands, when dying.*



## Campaigns and Special Days for 1930

### I. CAMPAIGNS

#### *Big Week*

Baltic Union, March 8th to 15th.  
British Union, March 22nd to 29th.  
East Poland, March 1st to 8th.  
Polish Union, April 5th to 12th.  
Scandinavian Union, March 8th to 15th.

### 2. SPECIAL DAYS

February 1st, Christian Home Day.  
March 1st, Missionary Volunteer Day.  
March 1st to 8th, Missionary Volunteer Week.  
May 24th to 31st, Week of Sacrifice.  
August 9th, Educational Day.  
October 4th, Medical Day.  
November 1st, Sabbath-school Rally Day.  
November 22nd, Colporteur Day.  
December 6th to 13th, Week of Prayer.

# WITH OUR MISSIONARIES

## The Government Helps Our Mission at Asmara, Eritrea

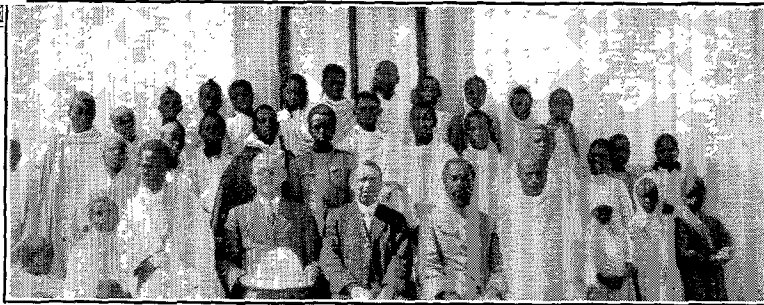
By G. SABATINO

"AND the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous were they; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall

be such. For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt." Exod. 10:14, 15.

This describes to a large degree the experience which has befallen the colony of Eritrea. From the desert plain of the Sudan, to beyond the Ethiopian border, great hosts of voracious and exterminating locusts have settled on the plateau. The flourishing fields (for the rainfall had favoured all sorts of vegetation) were so devastated that "there remained not any green thing in the trees or in the herbs of the field."

The native boys in our school are supported, in part, by the produce of the ground. This time their food has gone to fatten the locusts. They have been so numerous as to appear as a thick, black cloud darkening the sun. Misery faces the population of Eritrea. From all parts of the colony men, women, and children, naked and starving, knock



*Group of believers at Asmara, Eritrea.*

daily at the door of our mission, pleading for help.

We are indeed thankful to the Government of this colony for the splendid assistance they have rendered, as shown by the following letter:

"To the Director of the Christian Adventist Mission,

"We inform you that under today's date, we have issued in your

favour a cheque for Lr.2,500 (\$130), subvention for the re-sowing of the fields which have been devastated by the locusts.

"(Signed) HEAD ACCOUNTANT."

But the Government is not

able to cope with all the demands and we still face a dire need. Brethren and sisters, will you not pray that this may be forthcoming?

I rejoice that in spite of these and other difficulties the message triumphs in this part of Africa. This year I have had the privilege of baptizing seventeen natives, one a Hebrew, another a Coptic priest, another an instructor of the pre-

paratory school for young Coptic priests, the others being former devotees of the Coptic religion. The harvest is ripe. The Lord is with His people. The great day of His coming is at hand.

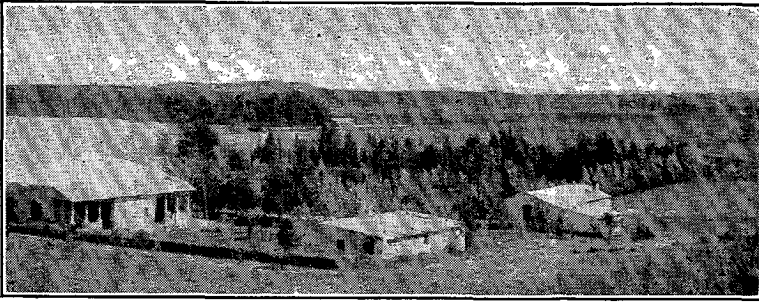
Notwithstanding their poverty, our native brethren are showing a spirit of sacrifice. Last Sabbath I spoke about the duties of every Christian regarding the tithes and offerings. At the close of the service two members came to me and said: "You have touched our hearts; we acknowledge that everything is the Lord's, and that we have so far failed to do our duty." One of them said, "In a few days I shall bring a cow to the mission for my tithes." The other added, "And for my tithes I shall bring a donkey."

God has called us to this land, among a people dif-

## The All-Sufficiency of Christ

Do we really believe that our Gospel is a Gospel of love and forgiveness and truth and patience, a Gospel which we are the more bound to offer to men as their need of it and our needs are the more clearly shown?

The fundamental question is as to whether we know what Christianity really is, and mean really to give our lives to its claim. **This is all there is to the foreign missions appeal and argument.** Everything else is secondary or irrelevant. If Christ is the only Lord and Saviour then He must be shared with all mankind. If the present methods of sharing Him are inadequate or ineffective, then let the men who believe in Christ rise up and correct them and pour out in the enterprise a new flood of power and accomplishment. This is what is really needed—a great volume of new and unwitholding devotion.—Robert E. Speer.



General view of our mission station at Asmara, Eritrea.

ferent in customs and habits, altogether "made of one blood" to bring many souls to the Saviour's feet.



### Transportation Notes

ON Wednesday, November 27, 1929, the s.s. "Leviathan" brought the following people to England en route for other fields:

Mr. H. H. Hall, Associate Secretary of the Publishing Department of the General Conference, who will be visiting on the Continent and then proceeding to India. Brother Hall is making his fourth tour round the world in the interests of the publishing work.

Mrs. M. Menkel, who is on her way to join Dr. Menkel again in India.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Krum and their little daughter, who are on their way to take up work in a mission field for the first time. They will be labouring in South Africa.

Mrs. Marcus, the wife of Dr. Marcus, of South Africa, passed through England on her way to the United States, arriving by the s.s. "Saxon," and leaving by the s.s. "Berengaria" on December 4th. She was accompanied by her two little girls Shirley and Helen.

Miss Gladys Lyons, whose home is in India, and who is taking up studies at Oshawa College, Canada, arrived in Liverpool on December 10th, and will be leaving shortly for Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Clifford, of England, returned to their work in Nigeria on the s.s. "Abinsi" which left Liverpool on November 27th.

Professor M. E. Kern returned to the United States on s.s. "Berengaria," after spending some time in Europe.

The s.s. "Wadai," sailing to West Africa, carried Brethren Christian and Read, who are going to visit our mission stations; Brother Stokes, who is returning to the Gold Coast; Brother Till, who is returning to Nigeria; and Mr. and Mrs. Tranborg and child, who are taking up work in Sierra Leone.

Miss C. Olson, returning to East Africa, sailed from Marseilles on the s.s. "Leconte de Lisle," on December 5th.

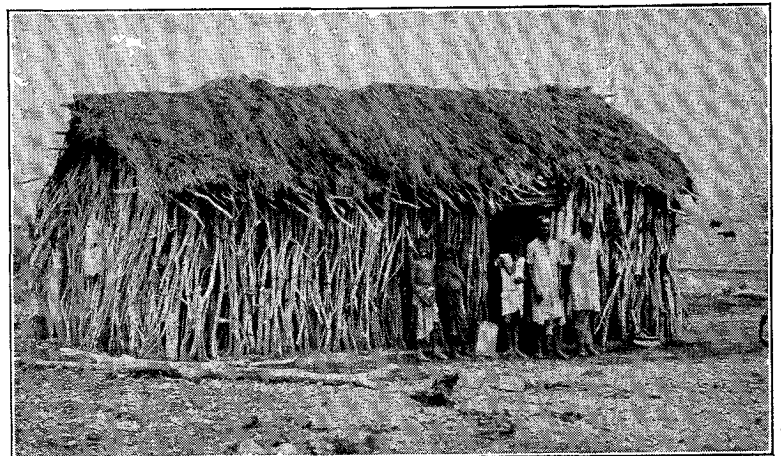
Brother E. A. Beavon, with Mrs. Beavon and their three children, returned from East Africa on the s.s. "Leconte de Lisle," arriving in England on November 15th.

C. H. ANSCOMBE.



### Secret Prayer

THOSE who teach and preach the most effectively are those who wait humbly upon God, and watch hungrily for His guidance and His grace. Watch, pray, work—this is the Christian's watchword. The life of a true Christian is a life of constant prayer. He knows that



A native hut in Eritrea.

the light and strength of one day is not sufficient for the trials and conflicts of the next. Satan is continually changing his temptations. Every day we shall be placed in different circumstances; and in the untried scenes that await us we shall be surrounded by fresh dangers, and constantly assailed by new and unexpected temptations. It is only through the strength and grace gained from heaven that we can hope to meet the temptations and perform the duties before us.—*"Gospel Workers,"* pages 257, 258.



### Christian Service Lessons

1. THE work is manifold in order that every believer may find a task adapted to his talent.
2. The work is committed to all in order that no one may feel left out.
3. The work is one in order that all may be united in co-operation.
4. The work is so important that no one is justified in shirking duty.
5. The work of each is necessary so that no one can with impunity neglect it.
6. The work is distributed by the Spirit of God, so that there is no room for envy or discontent.
7. The work is God's work through us, so that there is no ground for pride or despair.—*Arthur T. Pier-son.*



Books have a double value—first, their power of exciting vital or noble emotion and intellectual action. They can also disguise facts, and kill noble emotions or excite base ones.—*J. Ruskin.*

## Good News from Poland

By A. LUEDTKE

THAT here and there are honest souls searching for truth and living up to all the light they have testified to by the following extract from a letter which I received recently. A brother writes:

"On Sabbath, August 31st, quite early in the morning, a young man came to me and asked whether there were any people here who kept the seventh day. I wanted to know his reasons for this inquiry, whereupon he explained that he and his wife had been keeping the Sabbath for a long time and he had heard that there were people in this place who also kept the seventh day. He wanted to know more about them and had come to inquire. I could hardly answer the man for joy. I asked him whether he had not read some tracts from the Adventists, but he told me that until he visited me he had not been in touch with any Adventists at all. I told him that there were companies of Adventists in all parts of the world and that their missionaries were carrying the message to all peoples. He then related some of his experiences with his church, how he had been opposed and ridiculed, but that he and his wife had found their comfort in the Word of God. He has invited me to visit him as soon as I can."

Thus the Lord, through His Spirit, works on the hearts of His children. Instead of our having to seek and search out souls, they come to find us. There are doubtless many such seekers for the light, but where are the workers? We greatly need more labourers for the great work to be done in East Poland.

I would like to mention yet another experience, but of a somewhat different nature. One of our brethren went out early one Sunday morning in order to gather some green stuff for his cows. His field lay en route to the church but he thought that at such an early hour he would not meet any of the worshippers. He was mistaken in his calculations, however, for quite a number of men and women came along on their way to early morning service. In their arduous they

soon let our brother feel their disapproval by greeting him with a shower of stones, one of which injured him severely in the head. Two friends of this brother, who were at that time interested in the message, were treated even worse in another place.

This is all the work of the great enemy who would lead people away from the truth and turn the hearts of the multitudes against the children of God. But he was thwarted

### BLIND

How slow of heart we are, so used from birth

To Nature's forms and glorious symphony.

To the wonder and the beauty of this earth,

The awful grandeur of the sky and sea.

Some morning, with a prayer for inward light,

Let us imagine that in darkened space

We've dwelt till now, but suddenly have sight

Of a tree, a rose, a love-lit human face.

Let us imagine Robin's song the first

Bird-song our ears have heard, that fruit and bread

We've found but now, with water for our thirst

And gracious glow of sunlight on us shed.

Thus might we come to lose a fold or two

Of that thick, deadening veil life tends to weave;

Thus might we come to see and hear anew,

To sing, "The Lord is here," and, "I believe."

Immersed in beauty and to beauty blind,

Heaven's gold so common that we deem it naught.

Lord, waken us! Our vision may we find,

Rejoice in Thee and all Thy power has wrought.

—Maud Frazer Jackson, in the "Sunday-School Times."

in his object, for the experience has drawn our brother all the nearer to God, and the two friends are now baptized members.

May the Lord help His children to remain firm in every difficulty, especially in the great trials that will come over the earth. Lord, strengthen our faith at this time.



### Dedication and Anniversary Service at Sylonowica

SYLONOWICA is a German colony in Volhynia, Poland. Our work began there twenty-five years ago. Brother D. P. Gaede was the first worker there and he organized this church in 1903. During the past twenty-five years many of the members have emigrated to America, and a great many have lost their lives during the war. But the church has been steadily growing. The membership at the present time is 59.

The twenty-fifth anniversary service was held October 18 to 20, 1929. At the same time they dedicated a church building which the members had erected during the summer. The building has a seating capacity of 150 and is worth 8,000 Zloty (\$890). The conference assisted with \$375. The balance was given by the members in either money or labour. When we see the poverty in this country, and among our lay members, we have to congratulate them for the courage they had in building this house of the Lord.

After the dedicatory service a collection was taken amounting to \$50; more than half this amount was given by strangers. One of Catholic faith gave \$10—which is a lot of money for this country. I was reminded of the promise in Isa. 60:10: "Strangers shall build up thy walls."

Workers present at this meeting were Pastors J. Isaac, president of the Polish Union; A. Luedtke, conference president; S. Demchuk; A. S. Schildberg; and the writer.

L. F. OSWALD.



"I must take my turn at the mill.  
I must grind out the golden grain;  
I must work at my task with a resolute will  
Over and over again."

# OUR DEPARTMENTS

## Real Work—Real Success

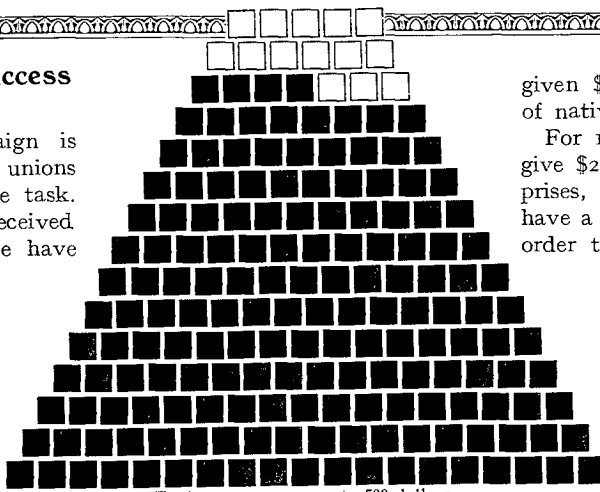
BY L. F. OSWALD

THE Ingathering Campaign is almost finished. Some unions have already completed the task. According to reports received from the various fields, we have reason to be of good courage and thankful to the Lord for the success He has given us.

We admit that the task has been a strenuous one. Our workers and faithful lay members have done much hard work, but it has been well repaid. The present campaign has been the best ever held in the territory of the Northern European Division, not only financially, but also spiritually. We shall not know until the financial reports for the fourth quarter come to hand, whether we have reached the entire goal of \$90,000 or not. This is twenty-eight per cent higher than the amount raised last year, but we have every hope of coming very near.

As we approach the New Year, every church should lay definite plans for evangelizing the territory around its doors. We are living in days of rapid movement. If ever there was a time when the words of our Saviour, given in John 9:4, should be earnestly considered, it is surely now. "I must work the work of Him that sent Me while it is day. The night cometh when no man can work."

The aim of every church, whether large or small, should be to do a strong missionary work. It is our responsibility to carry the message to every home. This means much work and many earnest prayers. It also means that each church must be well organized during 1930. "For Christ's sake, my brethren and sisters, make the most of the hours of the New Year to place the light of truth before the people."



Each square represents 500 dollars.

The final figures will appear in the March issue.

"Colporteur Evangelist," pages 41-42.

### \*OTHER MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

The third quarter's report of missionary activities shows an advance in every line of work, and especially in the number of souls won. Adventists are never satisfied with past achievements. As we look into the future we certainly have the desire to do greater things for God. If we lay strong plans, and seek to work them out, the Lord will help us to go far beyond all past records.

\*See statistical report of Home Missionary Department in last issue.



### Young People's Enterprises

BY G. A. LINDSAY

THE Missionary Volunteers of the Northern European Division have a "big" heart for missions. Their splendid records in the past Harvest Ingathering Campaign clearly manifest this. Not only do the young people take their share of the campaign goals and do their part in giving to missions through the Sabbath-schools, but they have an additional mission enterprise which they much enjoy. Young people like to have something which is all their own. During the year 1929, they have

given \$2,000 towards the support of native workers in Africa.

For 1930 we are asking them to give \$2,500 towards various enterprises, and we know that we will have a whole-hearted response. In order that they may be fully ac-

quainted with the object of their offerings, it has been thought good to give a definite project to each of the home unions.

The British young people are asked to give \$1,000 for *advanced work in Nigeria*. The brethren in charge of the work in Nigeria want to advance

into new fields, and the army of Missionary Volunteers in Great Britain is going to help them. Brethren L. H. Christian and W. E. Read, who have just gone there, will fix on the definite object and let us know as soon as possible.

*The work among the new Christians in Abyssinia* is assigned to the Scandinavian young people, to the extent of \$1,000. We all remember how, most providentially, these Abyssinians came to learn of the truth a couple of years ago. Sakarias, a Moslem shiek, pioneered the movement. Through a vision he was led to study the Bible. He felt called to go and preach and baptize in Northern Abyssinia. Before he died, he told his followers that missionaries with the full light of the Gospel would come and they should accept their message. Having investigated a Catholic mission, and a mission belonging to another Protestant society, Sakarias' followers came to our station at Asmara and found our people living up to such truths as they had learned from the Bible. They were so happy over their find, and now there is a growing work among these people.

The Baltic young people will surely be glad to know that they can contribute \$250 towards erecting a *dispensary in Abyssinia*, for

use by one of their own young people, Dr. Schneider.

To support three native evangelists in Uganda, is the goal for our young friends in Poland. In order that they may be rightly cared for, they will need \$250. Uganda is a field that appeals tremendously to anyone who has read of the pioneering work in that part by the early missionaries.

While the young people think, sacrifice, and pray for these projects, shall we not beseech God to bless them abundantly?



### Can Jews be Converted?

SOME time ago a well-known writer, searching for an illustration of the impossible, thought he had found it when he said: "You may as well expect to convert a Jew to Christianity!"

According to *Der Freund Israels* for May, 1929, *The Jewish Lexicon* (a German work) estimates the number of Jews who entered existing Christian churches during the nineteenth century at about 224,000. Between 1880 and 1924 5,245 Jews professed Christianity in Berlin, 13,275 in Prussia, 5,664 in the rest of Germany, while in Vienna there was a total of 22,887. Further, it is computed that since the Great War 60,000 Jews have been baptized in Soviet Russia, 40,000 in Poland, and 97,000 in Hungary.



### Basis of Foreign Missions

CHRISTIANS must be a missionary people. They know of the only Saviour. The Gospel which they did not produce but which was given to them is the only hope of men. It is the only truth of God and of God's grace and love in Christ. It belongs to all men. It must be shared with all men. Any other course is a betrayal of the Gospel and a breach of Christ's trust.

All men need Christ, not Hindus and Moslems only, but Christians, too, and all equally. When we say that men are in dire need of Christ's salvation we are not expecting or exalting ourselves. We are in the same need as all men and all men in the same need as we.

All the world which the early Christians knew was one nation. They did not seek to spread a culture or a civilization or even an ethic, though moral purity and moral passion were part of their power. *Their one motive and purpose and aim was to proclaim a message, to tell news, to deliver their witness, to make Christ known, hoping and striving to persuade men, but bearing their witness and telling their story whether or no.*

This is the fundamental basis of missions—namely the essential nature of Christianity as a message of salvation, of the grace and love of God in Christ, the story of His life and death and resurrection, the

### WITH GOD

To talk with God no breath is lost;  
Talk on!  
To walk with God no strength is lost;  
Walk on!  
To toil with God no time is lost;  
Toil on!  
Little is much, if God is in it;  
Man's busiest day not worth God's minute.  
Much is little everywhere,  
If God the business does not share.  
So work with God—then nothing's lost;  
Who works with Him does best and most.

—Old English Verse.

significance of His work and His person to individual men and to society and to the world. There is given in Christ that which is unique, indispensable, sufficient, complete, and final. *If we believe this, missions inevitably follow.*—Robert E. Speer, in an article entitled, "The True and Abiding Basis of Foreign Missions," in "Missionary Review of the World," October, 1929.



### A Creed for God's Bankers

I BELIEVE:

1. My money is mine only in

trust. It belongs to God, just as I do.

2. This money is not filthy lucre. It is not the devil's coin. It is stored-up human energy. It is so much of myself, which I can set at work in China, or India, or New York, or Colorado.

3. God is counting upon this money for His work. It is to build His churches and preach His Gospel, to train His workers and send them out to teach and heal and save His children.

4. To spend my income rightly is one of my first tasks as a Christian. Until I settle this, my prayers and confessions will be like saying, "Lord, Lord," and not doing the will of my Father.

5. I should set aside a definite proportion of my income for the church and the service of others. I should do this in acknowledgment of God's sovereignty over all my possessions. I should do this to guard against my own selfishness. I should do this because it is business-like. Giving by impulse and without system does not accord with the importance of this work.

6. The proportion to be set aside for these purposes should not be less than one-tenth of my income. The Old Testament enjoined the tithe in ancient Israel, and surely I am receiving far more from God than did the men of any former generation. Nevertheless, one-tenth is not to be the limit of my giving. I should not begin with less than one-tenth. I ought to give more if I am able. I should pray with my giving.—Harris Franklin Rall, in "The Baptist."



"It is always easier to discuss the duties of others than to do our own."

### The Advent Survey

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# FROM THE OFFICE WINDOW

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## Gleanings from the Winter Council held at Warsaw

It was voted to call two young men from the Baltic Union to our mission fields. They are just finishing their medical course. One is Brother John Schneider, who will go to Abyssinia; the other is Brother W. Purmal, who is being called for work in French West Africa.

ACTION was taken to enter the Anglo-Sudan as early as possible and to take immediate steps to secure suitable workers.

ELDER M. E. KERN, of the Young People's Department of the General Conference, made a very stirring appeal in behalf of our young people. He urged that as workers we seek the closest contact with our young men and women. Young people had a large part in the beginning of the movement, and they will certainly play a large part in its close. He emphasized the need for more direct personal effort, and cited several instances showing how God had wonderfully blessed the little attentions which had been given to the boys and girls. He stressed also the need of remembering the little folk in our sermons. The Saviour said, "Feed my lambs." It has been said, however, that some preachers act as though the Lord had said, "Feed my giraffes," for they put the food so high for the little folk.

WHEN the question was asked as to how many of those present came into the truth as the result of reading our literature, it was interesting to notice that fourteen out of the twenty-eight present responded.

HAVE you ordered the *Review and Herald* for 1930? If not, do so without delay. Remember this



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will contain the reports of the General Conference Quadrennial Session taking place at the end of next May.

THE Educational Department of Tanganyika Territory writes of our work as follows:

"THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS, TANGA AND MWANZA."

"During the past year it would seem that this Society has been focusing its energies on its work in the Tanga district. In all it has nineteen assisted schools in the Tanga district.

"The primary intention of the Mission was to establish a Central School for boys and girls at Suji. Owing, however, to the pressing need for teachers with a Grade 2 Certificate, it has been decided to postpone the idea of a Central School for a while and to concentrate on the training of teachers. It is noteworthy that among the student teachers are ten girls, prospective wives of teachers.

"The Mission is to be congratulated on its broadminded outlook in establishing at Suji a school for non-Christians. The buildings are of sun-dried brick; and with the advice of the adult villagers and the help of the Native Headman, they have been erected by the children themselves. The same policy of self-help is being followed in several of the villages. The increasing interest in education shown by the local people has been almost embarrassing, as the staff is insuffi-

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cient to cope with the demand. A school for girls too old to profit by the usual syllabus has also been established, the teaching being directed towards raising the standard of domestic comfort. Much of this work is being done in co-operation with the older villagers; pre-natal and post-natal care forming a large part of the work."—*The Annual Report of the Educational Department,* 1928, pages 15, 16.

A PASTOR of one of the reform churches on the Continent, in a discourse on the Bible, mentioned an event which has taken place in the Russia of to-day. He said that the Soviet Government had organized a league whose duty it was to study the Bible in order to search for contradictions, foolish, childish, or offensive statements, or any other thing that would be found useful by the atheists in their fight against the Christian religion. It is interesting to note, however, that the same Government has now disbanded this league. The result of the study of the Bible—even with the above-mentioned motives—was much too disconcerting for such a propaganda.

*Le Matin*, dated December 10, 1929, publishes three of the principal points in some instructions which the Pope gives to missionaries. We think it worth while to pass them on. They are:

1. The missionaries must not in any way have anything to do with nationalism. Nationalism is a veritable plague and it is not exaggerating to call it a curse to the work of missionaries.

2. Those who work for God must not meddle with secular affairs.

3. The servants of the Lord must maintain between themselves unity of heart, unity of thought, and unity of action. In this unity lies the secret of success.