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## Church Officers' General Instruction Department

### Special Appointments for the Month of June

Home Missionary Day . . . . . June 4  
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering . . . . . June 25

### Following the Pattern

WHEN God was about to establish a definite line of gospel service on earth, to organize a movement of which He was to be the recognized Leader, He took time to instruct His chosen human leader as to what he was to do, and this instruction included not only the great features of this spiritual gospel service, but also the minutest details. Not only were the exact measurements of the sanctuary given, but careful instruction included every fixture pertaining to it, down to the smallest instrument used about the altar. And to impress His servant Moses still further, God said to him as he turned to go down to the camp, "Look that thou make them after their pattern, which was showed thee in the mount." Ex. 25: 40.

### Christ Taught His Disciples How to Labor for the People

When Jesus came to re-establish His gospel work on earth, of which the tabernacle services were a type, He, too, gave His disciples explicit instruction as to how they were to go about their work. They were not left to choose their own methods, some to labor in one fashion, some another. General principles were laid down, as well as explicit instruction given, incorporating the very methods Jesus Himself had demonstrated to be successful while with them. He said,

"As ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." Matt. 10: 7, 8.

Preaching and healing were to be combined. The disciples were commissioned to preach deliverance from sin and relief from disease.

"They went forth [two and two], and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following." Mark 16: 20.

"The work of the disciples was to spread a knowledge of the gospel. To them was committed the work of proclaiming to all the world the good news that Christ brought to men. That work they accomplished for the people of their time. To every nation under heaven the gospel was carried in a single generation."—*"The Ministry of Healing,"* p. 141.

They followed the pattern showed them in the mount. They went forth, amid great opposition, with a definite heaven-appointed mission, fully conscious that the promised Presence of the powerful Christ was with them. The Acts of the Apos-

ties tells the story. Everywhere the wonderful life, death, and resurrection of the Christ of Nazareth was made known, and they forgot not their appointed ministry to the sick.

"Believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women. Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, . . . and they were healed every one." Acts 5: 14-16.

### The Same Pattern Given Seventh-day Adventists

It has pleased the Lord in these last days, in committing to His people the finishing work of the gospel in all the earth, to give afresh this same pattern, this ideal method of labor, of approach among the people everywhere. And how significant it is that in all this wonderful instruction, this counsel given His people as to how they are to labor, again preaching and teaching and healing are combined—are to go hand in hand. Space permits citing only a few of the many, many admonitions of the Spirit upon this fundamental principle of labor, this united ministry of healing for the body and healing for the soul.

"Whether in foreign missions or in the home field, all missionaries, both men and women, will gain much more ready access to the people, and will find their usefulness greatly increased, if they are able to minister to the sick. . . . All gospel workers should know how to give the simple treatments that do so much to relieve pain and remove disease."—*"The Ministry of Healing,"* pp. 145, 146.

"Those who are receiving instruction in medical missionary lines should be led to realize that their education is to fit them to do better work in connection with the ministers of God. You are to remember, my brother, that the Lord has a people upon the earth whom He respects. . . . Medical missionary work is not to take men from the ministry, but is to place men in the field, better qualified to minister because of their knowledge of medical missionary work. Young men should receive an education in medical missionary lines, and should then go forth to connect with the ministers. They should not be influenced to give themselves exclusively to the work of rescuing the fallen and degraded."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. VIII, p. 153.

"Medical missionary work is in no case to be divorced from the gospel ministry. The Lord has specified that the two shall be as closely connected as the arm is with the body. Without this union neither part of the work is complete. The medical missionary work is the gospel in illustration."—*Id.,* Vol. VI, pp. 240, 241.

"God did not design that the medical missionary work should eclipse the work of the third angel's message. The arm is not to become the body. The third angel's message is the gospel message for these last days, and in no case is it to be overshadowed by other interests and made to appear an unessential consideration. When in our institutions anything is placed above the third angel's message, the gospel is not there the great leading power. The cross is the center of all religious institutions. These institutions are to be under the control of the Spirit of God: in no institution is any one man to be the sole head. The divine mind has men for every place."—*Id.,* page 241.

"In the work of the gospel the Lord uses different instrumentalities, and nothing is to be allowed to separate these instrumentalities. Never should a sanitarium be established as an enterprise independent of the church. Our physicians are to unite with the work of the ministers of the gospel. Through their labors souls are to be saved, that the name of God may be magnified."—*Id.,* p. 240.

This is the pattern shown us in the mount. There can be no misunderstanding in this instruction, it is so plain, so simple, yet withal so definite and comprehensive. It bears the imprint of the divine Master—He who sent forth workers into His vineyard nineteen hundred years ago. It was a double ministry then of teaching and healing. It is to be the same today. Christ's manifest presence of converting, healing power went with the disciples of old as they followed His instruction then. And it is a very significant and noteworthy feature that in the gospel ministry put forth both in mission lands and in home fields where this combined ministry of teaching and healing has gone hand in hand, our most wonderful achievements for God are seen.

Take, for example, the wonderful work about Lake Titicaca, among the Inca Indians, as an illustration. And there are

other places, as well, in our island mission fields which might be mentioned, where wonderful fruitage is seen in soul harvests when the combined medical-missionary feature has been the fundamental method of service.

It is encouraging to note also that here in the homeland there is of late a tendency toward putting into actual practice these divine principles shown us in the mount. And why should it not be so? Why should there not be in waiting for our young men qualifying as physicians at our medical school, a place of service with our gospel workers, either in foreign fields or in the conferences here at home? Every such happy union would increase the usefulness of the workers, both evangelistic and medical, shall we say in the ratio as the Scriptures put it, one shall "chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight"? Anyway, we believe one thing is certain, and that is that our wicked foe recognizes what this union would mean to his cause, and very artfully seeks to bring about as many such separations as possible, and to keep them effective as long as possible. "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." Matt. 19: 6. Let us study and follow the divine pattern for service given us in the mount.

T. E. B.

### Progress or Stagnation

WITH the tremendous program that Seventh-day Adventists are carrying today, and the constant effort required to keep the organized movement in operation, our workers at times may think there is not the opportunity for soul-winning work that they might wish for, but we believe this is a mistaken idea.

Careful observation during years of travel and labor throughout the home field has convinced me that there are many workers whose labor is confined largely to the work they do on the Sabbath as they meet with the churches under their charge, and visit, more or less, in the homes of the various members during the week, but who are not doing much real aggressive work in bringing others into the fold.

I have visited church after church where the pastor was not even holding Sunday night services for the public. As a rule our workers are loaded heavily, owing to the fact that the work in foreign lands is making a heavy draft upon the available talent in the home field, and our ministers must necessarily carry a heavier burden than they otherwise would.

Under these circumstances the questions naturally arise in the mind of the worker thus loaded down with local church problems, financial campaigns, etc., Shall I confine my entire effort to the churches already established, by endeavoring to organize and lead them in active missionary work? or shall I take time to reach out and start new centers?

I can speak from experience, as I was recently placed in charge of eight churches, surely not a light load. If I had been content to spend all my time with these churches, I could have been fully occupied; but there were a number of towns in this large district where the truth had never been preached, and I felt that they must be warned.

Accordingly one was singled out where it seemed, after careful consideration, there was a providential opening. By the help of God, a company was raised up in this new center, and the effort was the means of encouragement to a number of isolated members living some distance away who came in to help. Two of these had been in the truth for twenty years, and had heard only three sermons and attended one camp meeting in all that time. One couple who had been living the truth all alone in a near-by town accepted the responsibility of leadership in this newly organized company, and are carrying this work very acceptably.

Several churches at a distance of from twenty to thirty miles joined in helping to make the effort a success. In one or two instances there seemed to be a decided transformation in some who had been brooding over little local church and conference difficulties, to their own spiritual loss. But when they came to lend a helping hand in behalf of the unsaved, it seemed to put new life into their own experience. Altogether this experience was a grand success.

I am reminded of an interesting experience which one of our missionaries had some years ago. He was traveling in a tropical country, and stopped to watch a native who was load-

ing stone by the roadside. When he had what he thought was a sufficient load, he climbed into his two-wheeled cart, spoke to his mule, but the load remained unmoved. Then he climbed down again. The missionary thought he intended to throw off a portion of the load, but instead he went to the side of the road, picked up a large boulder, placed it in an apparatus on the back of the cart prepared for this purpose, and made another effort to start the mule. This time the load went forward without difficulty. During the first attempt the load had been galling the poor animal's back, but when the extra stone was attached to the rear, the load was evenly balanced and the galling pressure removed, snabling the mule to pull its load with perfect ease.

In like manner I believe that where a minister is burdened with unpleasant church difficulties, his burden will be lightened and the church will experience greater progress if he will attach another stone at the other end of the load, by undertaking aggressive efforts to reach, with the message, others in some new center who have not yet heard.

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### The Devil's Way, Man's Way, and God's Way

THE devil's way is to return evil for evil; man oftentimes renders good for good, which is, of course, commendable; but God's way is the best, for He renders good for evil. The first way is satanic, the second is human, but the last is divine. To be like God is the longing of every true Christian. To this end, selfishness and greed and the love of the world must constantly be combated, that the spiritual nature may have control. Thus we are like God. "God so loved the world that He gave." To be like Him we also must give; but more, giving has a direct relationship to the eradication of the selfish life and greed. The plan of tithes and offerings is a divine plan, and means more than supplying the cause with means.

Said Dr. Alexander MacLaren: "Giving is essential to the completeness of Christian character. It is the crowning grace, because it is the practical manifestation of the highest excellences." God never asks anything of us that is not for our good. Covetousness is placed in the black list in the Bible, but is a popular sin among many professed children of God. Giving as God plans for us, saves us from the blight and curse of covetousness. God does not ask for our money because He is a pauper, but that by giving we may be like Him in character. If we become like Him, we must give as He does. Remember, it was God's people once, and many times since, who worshiped the golden calf. Every Christian needs the spiritual correction which is found in paying tithes and offerings. God has instituted offerings to foreign missions to mean a great spiritual benefit to His people. God help us to do our best.

"And is our best too much? O friends, let us remember  
How once our Lord poured out His soul for us,  
And in the prime of His mysterious manhood  
Gave up His precious life upon the cross.  
The Lord of lords, by whom the worlds were made,  
Through bitter grief and tears, gave us the best He had."

J. E. FULTON.

### Prayer

PRAYER is the swiftest cable known,  
And longest, reaching to God's throne.  
It is a flame of heaven-born light  
To flash a clear way to our sight.  
Prayer is the Christian's telescope  
To scan the star-strewn sky of hope.  
It is the prism through which we view  
God's color scheme for me and you.  
Prayer is the lever for each hour,  
To move the arm of mighty Power.  
The drafts for all this wealth we take  
Bear e'er this seal, "For Jesus' sake."  
How oft we lose, unarmed by prayer!  
No battle wanes when God is there.

—Worthie Harris Holden.

It has been said of the world's history hitherto that "might makes right." It is for us and for our time to reverse the maxim, and to say that right makes might.—Lincoln.

# Home Missionary Department

## SOWING FOR A HARVEST

### Suggestive Program for Church Missionary Service

(Sabbath, June 4)

OPENING SONG: "Make Me a Blessing To-day," No. 500 in "Christ in Song."

Prayer.

Church Missionary Secretary's Report.

Gathering of Individual Missionary Reports and Offerings for Missionary Work.

Song: "Will There Be Any Stars?" No. 552 in "Christ in Song."

Bible Study: "Following in the Missionary Steps of Jesus." Talk: "Sowing for a Harvest."

Local Experiences in Missionary Endeavor.

Closing Song: "Who Will Volunteer?" No. 512 in "Christ in Song."

Benediction.

#### Note to Elders and Leaders

If there is one time in the year when the missionary program of the church is apt to lag, it is during the summer months, when the "vacation" thought is uppermost in the minds of so many people. But there should be no "vacation" in church missionary endeavor. There is none in the efforts of the one who is seeking to lead the inhabitants of this world to ruin. Should our activity be less zealous? At this time take note of the progress of your missionary endeavor. Ask yourself these questions:

1. What is the missionary program in our church for the summer months?

2. Have we laid definite plans for its successful accomplishment?

3. Is there any part of this program which needs special attention to keep it "going strong" during the summer months?

Check up. Then do whatever is necessary to keep the church members at work during the season when they might otherwise lag.

The relating of experiences in missionary work, soul-winning experiences if possible, will add much interest to this program. And one thing more: *Vary the program to suit your local need.* This is your privilege and will bring the best results.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

### Following in the Missionary Steps of Jesus

#### Ten Questions Answered by the Bible

ADLAI A. ESTEB

1. *Question.*—Why did Jesus Christ come into the world?

*Answer.*—To save sinners. 1 Tim. 1: 15.

2. *Ques.*—What mind should be in us?

*Ans.*—The mind of Jesus. Phil. 2: 5-7.

3. *Ques.*—Why should we have the mind of Jesus?

*Ans.*—Because Jesus is our perfect pattern in everything. 1 Peter 2: 21.

4. *Ques.*—What was the example of Jesus?

*Ans.*—He sought and saved the lost. Luke 19: 10.

5. *Ques.*—How many were lost?

*Ans.*—All were lost. Rom. 3: 10-12.

6. *Ques.*—How much did God love this lost world of sinners?

*Ans.*—He gave His best. John 3: 16. That they might believe, they must hear. Rom. 10: 13-15.

7. *Ques.*—How much should we love others?

*Ans.*—We ought to give our lives for them. 1 John 3: 16.

8. *Ques.*—How does God want us to "lay down our lives for the brethren"?

*Ans.*—He wants us to sacrifice our time, our talents, our lives, our all to Him, and live lives of service. Rom. 12: 1.

9. *Ques.*—How are we to serve?

*Ans.*—Serve as Jesus served, by going out into a cold, dark world to find the lost. John 17: 18.

10. *Ques.*—What will be our reward if we faithfully serve God?

*Ans.*—With joy we will hear Him pronounce us faithful servants, and extend the most beautiful of invitations, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matt. 25: 23.

#### Sowing for a Harvest

"HEARKEN: Behold, there went out a sower to sow." Mark 4: 3. This is a wonderfully expressive text. This worker

was a "sower." His business was sowing, and he did it faithfully and well. Mark you, he did not sow merely for the sake of sowing; his sowing looked forward to the time of harvest. Only a harvest time could justify all the time, labor, and expense of the sowing time. But there can be no harvest without first the toil attendant upon the sowing of the seed.

The Lord of earth's spiritual harvest made good use of this important phase of tillage of the soil to emphasize the growth of the kingdom. The seed was indeed "good seed," but it was sown in all kinds of soil.

"The sowers of the seed have a work to do in preparing hearts to receive the gospel. In the ministry of the word there is too much sermonizing, and too little of real heart-to-heart work. There is need of personal labor for the souls of the lost. In Christian sympathy we should come close to men individually, and seek to awaken their interest in the great things of eternal life. Their hearts may be as hard as the beaten highway, and apparently it may be a useless effort to present the Saviour to them; but while logic may fail to move, and argument be powerless to convince, the love of Christ, revealed in personal ministry, may soften the stony heart, so that the seed of truth can take root."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 57.

On the part of the sower success depends entirely upon the proper preparation of the soil. No matter how favorable the season, there can be no bountiful harvest if a spirit of slothfulness has given to seed an unfavorable opportunity for healthy growth.

"So the sowers have something to do that the seed may not be choked with thorns or perish because of shallowness of soil. At the very outset of the Christian life every believer should be taught its foundation principles. He should be taught that he is not merely to be saved by Christ's sacrifice, but that he is to make the life of Christ his life and the character of Christ his character. Let all be taught that they are to bear burdens and to deny natural inclination. . . . Let them taste the joy of winning souls for Him. In their love and interest for the lost, they will lose sight of self."—*Id.*, pp. 57, 58.

Every believer is to be a seed sower. When the Saviour left the world, He gave to "every man his work." Mark 13: 34.

"When Jesus ascended to heaven, He committed His work on earth to those who had received the light of the gospel. They were to carry the work forward to completion. He has provided no other agency for the promulgation of His truth."—*Historical Sketches*, p. 233.

If the love of the Saviour is in our hearts, we shall be glad of every opportunity that offers to sow the good seed of the kingdom. No slothfulness or neglect of these heaven-sent privileges will be seen in our lives.

"Love to Jesus will be manifested in a desire to work as He worked, for the blessing and uplifting of humanity. It will lead to love, tenderness, and sympathy toward all the creatures of our heavenly Father's care."—*Steps to Christ*, p. 32.

But we are not to sow in vain. God's purpose includes a glorious harvest from the seed sowing. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126: 6. In this promise is indicated the diligence of the successful sower. With great earnestness the seed sowing is to be accomplished. No part of the work is to be slighted, and then the goodly harvest will be assured. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

Too often we shall be tempted to decide that our particular field of missionary opportunity is so barren that it would be but labor in vain to sow good seed in such unpromising soil. But, again the voice of inspiration comes, saying: "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11: 6.

The following extracts from a personal testimony of a successful worker may encourage many to be mere faithful in scattering the seeds of truth:

"It happened that while in Shanghai I found the truth. I was a petty officer at the time, and was assisting the officer of the day to carry out the ship's routine that day. We had been having a great deal of trouble keeping off the ship the 'bum boat' men, the vendors of wares, laundrymen, and every other class imaginable. I had great difficulty in keeping the Chinese off the ship. In order that none should steal my binoculars and notebooks and the ship's log, I put these things into a ventilator that was over the engine room. Tucked away back under the elbow of it, the things were pretty sure not to be discovered. After driving away the Chinese, I went by the

ventilator and took out my things. I reached down under the elbow to get them, but I felt something different. So I drew up the whole thing, and, lo, it was a bundle of papers!

"These papers were copies of the *Watchman* and *Signs of the Times*. They were almost a year out of date. I looked well, both fore and aft, to see if any one was aboard who might have thrown them there. I felt sure that no one had come aboard while I was watching. But since the papers were there with my things, I felt that surely some one had come and gone without my having seen him. I took a copy of each number for myself, and threw the rest of the papers down into the crew's quarters for the boys to read.

"At noon I went down below and spent the rest of the day devouring those old papers. Nothing had ever pictured things so truthfully in the light of the Bible's teachings as these papers did. I was anxious to find the people who circulated the papers. Stamped on them was an address, and as I remember, 'Nanking Road,' a well-known street, was a part of it. I went ashore the first opportunity I had to find out who was the person that had brought them there. But I had difficulty in finding the number, as no name was given, and I did not know whether a Chinese or a foreigner had put the papers there. And, too, being ashamed or too timid to make an inquiry, I turned away. Our ship soon sailed north.

"I continued to read my papers, and learned that they were Seventh-day Adventist. When we returned to Manila, I began to search for the Seventh-day Adventist church. I could not find it. I wrote to the newspapers for information, and one of them dispatched a reporter to look it up. He, too, failed. Nobody seemed to know where it was, although there was a rumor that such a church existed somewhere in Manila. Then we were sent to China, to Amoy, because of troubles there. One Sunday I went over to see the American consul, who told me that there was a little mission on the island, but on the other side, he thought. So I set out to search systematically for the place.

"Finally I ran on to a man who was building a cow pen. He told me that he was the Adventist missionary. I had a great desire to talk with him, but I felt ashamed, for I knew I had been a mean man. His name was Anderson. He and his wife were there alone. He told me he had been in China for sixteen years. I did get to talk with him a little bit. He advised me to go back to the States and go to school. But I had to battle with myself to decide just what to do. I never saw that man again. We went back to Manila later, and from there I was sent to the United States for discharge, as my enlistment had expired. During the whole time I was thanking God and talking over these things with the boys whom I found discouraged and desperate of mind.

"All my bad habits were broken at once. I had tried in vain to do it before, but now with Christ they gave way. The day could not come too soon for me to see the United States again. Well, I had many more marvelous experiences that were just as providential as the finding of the literature which set me on the road to happiness and hope. I have thanked God for that kind missionary, whether Chinese or other, who put that literature on my ship."

Some years ago one of our sisters left tracts on the seats of the street car as she went to work each day. These tracts aroused the interest of the motorman, and he would take some of them after she had left the car. A goodly number of these were thus secured, covering the main features of the message. As he read, he became deeply interested, but the sister did not travel on his car any more, and he never saw her again. He gave his heart to God, and began to keep the Sabbath. Later he attended one of our schools and became a successful evangelist, winning hundreds of people to the truth. He has since filled positions of responsibility, and is an earnest leader in soul-winning work.

Shall we not be more faithful in our seed sowing? "The field is the world," and every day opportunities come to all of us to sow the seeds of truth in some heart. And we are sowing for a harvest. What kind of harvest will yours be,—of golden grain for the Master's garner, or tares for the day that shall burn as an oven? "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." 2 Cor. 9: 6. True, we may not be privileged to see the fruitage of our seed sowing until the sheaves are garnered at the coming of the Saviour, but what a joyful surprise it will be to see how the Lord of the harvest has cared for the seed and brought it to a glorious fruitage! Some sheaves will be granted us, surely, for has not the Lord said, "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not?" Gal. 6: 9.

J. A. STEVENS.

## What One Tract Did

ABOUT five years ago one of our faithful colporteurs in the state of Rio de Janeiro called at a home and found the man busily engaged in reading his Bible. His wife told him that a "book agent" was at the door. The man went to the door and informed the colporteur that he needed no books, as he had the best Book in the world.

During the conversation the colporteur noticed that the man was a seeker after truth, so he left a tract or two. The man kept the following Sabbath, and as a result of the tract left, there is now in that place a group of thirty-two baptized believers, and as many others who are interested. *It pays to work with tracts.*

E. P. MANSELL.

## Set the Church Members to Work

THE parable of the talents should be explained to all. The members of the churches should be made to understand that they are the light of the world, and according to their several ability the Lord expects them to enlighten and bless others. Whether they are rich or poor, great or humble, God calls them into active service for Him. He depends upon the church for the forwarding of His work, and He expects His professed followers to do their duty as intelligent beings. There is great need that every trained mind, every disciplined intellect, every jot of ability, be brought into the work of saving souls.

Do not pass by the little things to look for a large work. You might do successfully the small work, but fail utterly in attempting a larger work, and fall into discouragement. Take hold wherever you see that there is work to be done. It will be by doing with your might what your hands find to do, that you will develop talents and aptitude for a larger work. It is by slighting the daily opportunities, neglecting the little things, that so many become fruitless.

There are ways in which all may do personal service for God. Some can write a letter to a far-off friend, or send a paper to one who is inquiring for truth. Others can give counsel to those who are in difficulty. Those who know how to treat the sick can help in this line. Others who have the necessary qualifications can give Bible readings or conduct Bible classes.

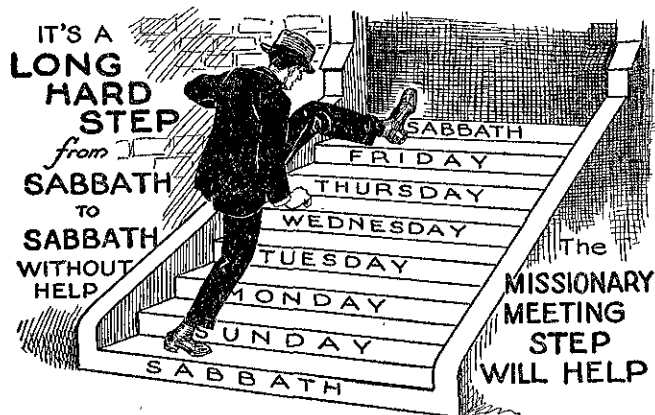
"The very simplest modes of work should be devised and set in operation among the churches. If the members will unitedly accept such plans, and perseveringly carry them out, they will reap a rich reward; for their experience will grow brighter, their ability will increase, and through their efforts souls will be saved."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VI, p. 433.

## Adaptation and Success

ONE man plays the piano and produces exquisite harmony; another plays, and we are pained with discord. Yet, who blames the instrument? So it is with life; so it is with the many plans and ideas worked out by hundreds of ministers, and printed in these columns for the use of *Expositor* readers. Had the second player adapted his method to the rules for playing the piano, and played when the spirit was upon him, he, too, would have produced harmony and delighted his hearers. Ideas worked out and found successful by one minister in a given church may be made to work with equal success in another field, with a little adaptation to the particular goal in mind. Determine what your goal is, select all the ideas and plans other ministers have used to arouse interest, and use those that will aid you in reaching the desired goal. Outline your plans well, so there will be no hitch, and select members of your congregation to carry them out under your supervision. It is human to give time and loyalty where one is needed. Let us give our people work to do, and make them feel they are needed in the great program of God for His church. When your plan is a success, you will know your assistants have played according to the rules.—*The Expositor*.

AND is our best too much? O friends, let us remember How once our Lord poured out His soul for us, And in the prime of His mysterious manhood Gave up His precious life upon the cross. The Lord of lords, by whom the worlds were made, Through bitter grief and tears, gave us the best He had.

—*Pacific Union Recorder*, Feb. 3, 1927.



## Missionary Prayer Meeting Suggestions

June 1

TEXT: Rev. 3: 17, 18.

SEED THOUGHT: Our great need. Salvation by works vs. salvation through Christ. "Gold tried in the fire" is faith that works by love. "Christ's Object Lessons," p. 160, new edition. "White raiment"—righteousness of Christ. "Eye-salve"—the Holy Spirit. We are counseled to buy these from Christ. All are given without money and price. A free gift from Christ. This is the true basis of all missionary work.

June 8

TEXT: Phil. 2: 12, 13.

SEED THOUGHTS: Are we trusting in self? "Work out your own salvation" by obeying God. Daily yielding our lives to the will of God means power for service and a heaven-directed life. We do not live victorious lives or win souls of ourselves. God does all this through the yielded lives of His disciples. Let self be put out of sight. (For further study see "Christ's Object Lessons," p. 163, pars. 1 and 2.)

June 15

TEXT: John 5: 38.

SEED THOUGHTS: The mere statement of facts in the Scripture will not save us. It is the person of Christ who saves us. The Scriptures testify of Him. The heavens declare Him. All nature represents Him. Do our lives glorify Him? Christ is our source of life. As our lives of service glorify Him, the inflow of His life will fill us until we overflow. Life must express itself. Life is expressed in love. Love expresses itself in soul winning. (See "Christ's Object Lessons," p. 131.)

June 22

TEXT: 1 Cor. 13: 1.

SEED THOUGHTS: We may possess every known talent, be educated in the greatest schools in the land, and yet not have love as the motive power. Love, or charity, is the greatest force in the world. It caused our heavenly Father to give up His only Son to die for us. Christ came to show us how much the Father loved us, and that He has shed abroad in our hearts His love. If we are filled with His love, we shall love one another and long to have others know of His love. (See Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 30, first par.; also p. 193.)

June 29

TEXT: John 15: 16.

SEED THOUGHTS: What a wonderful thing to be chosen by God! Ordained for a purpose,—“that ye should go.” (See also Matt. 28: 19.) “And bring forth fruit.” Are we bearing fruit for Christ? He is looking for it. Luke 13: 7. No connection with God, no fruit of our labors. The blessed assurance is, if we maintain that vital connection with Christ, “That your fruit should remain.” “The greatest praise that men can bring to God is to become consecrated channels through whom He can work.”—“*The Acts of the Apostles,*” p. 566.

“CHARITY begins at home; but it degenerates into selfishness if it does not include all homes.”

“We are what our most cherished thoughts make us.”

## The Winning Power of Love

No man can ever be a great soul winner who is not himself a great soul lover. In order to win men, we must love them. Our Lord was a great lover, therefore a great soul winner. Love is the active, compelling power that leads men on and wins the affections. It is not necessarily more activity, more knowledge, or more argument needed, but more love. Christ did not win men by activity and argument, but by love.

Training, education, preparation, knowledge, eloquence, activity, hard work, and earnest endeavor are all important factors in Christian service. But one may acquire these and more, and still fail in being a soul winner. In order to win men to Christ, we must love them. It is not merely human love, but the “love of God” which is “shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us,” that is needed. When this love is courted, appreciated, received, and known, it carries with it an irresistible influence that greatly impresses the heart and opens the way for the Holy Spirit to do its work in winning souls.

As we contemplate the great love text of the Bible, John 3: 16, it appeals to our heart; and when our affections are thereby moved toward God and we see and appreciate the passion of His wonderful, everlasting love toward us, our hearts are set aflame with love toward Him, and we take earnest heed to all our ways and ask for overcoming grace, and endeavor to please God in all things; and with Him, in self-sacrificing love, we go forth to faithfully seek, give, and work to save the lost.

Education, culture, polish, eloquence, zeal, attractive personality, energy, fine plans, hard work, and many other ways and means of human endeavor may be utilized in service for Christ; but if we do not possess in our hearts the divine principle of love and know by experience the love burden for lost men and women, but few will be won for Christ. We are instructed to “plead for the warmth of Christ’s love,” and to “let no one have occasion to go away and say that the doctrines you believe unfit you for expressing sympathy with suffering humanity — that you have a loveless religion.”

The following statement taken from “Testimonies to Ministers,” page 154, is worthy of careful reading and study:

“Elaborate reasoning or argumentative demonstrations of doctrine seldom impress upon the hearer the sense of his need and his peril. Simple, brief statements, from a heart made soft and sympathetic by the love of Christ, will be as the grain of mustard seed, to which Christ Himself likened His utterances of divine truth. He throws into the soul the vital energy of His Spirit, to make the seed of truth germinate and bear fruit.”

Who can ever estimate the value of the reward given the soul winner? What language can describe it? All through endless eternity there will be joy, superlative joy, welling up in the hearts of those who, here on earth, were soul winners for Christ. Daniel says of them, “They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.” Paul, in his word to the church at Thessalonica, said: “What is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For ye are our glory and joy.” It is then that love sees the full fruitage of its service, and here, through eternity, the soul winner will rejoice in the presence of Christ, and revel in the infinite, redeeming power of love; and the souls he has been instrumental in winning may rejoice where there will be pleasures forevermore.

G. W. WELLS.

“DAILY working at Thy side,  
Nightly resting at Thy feet,  
Let my soul be satisfied,  
With Thy presence, close and sweet;  
Thus, when death draws also near,  
I shall know no needless fear.”

If your life is dark, then walk by faith; and God is pledged to keep you as safe as if you could understand everything.—*Horace Bushnell.*

Get the pattern of your life from God, and then go about your work and he yourself.—*Phillips Brooks.*



### Institutional Relief

JUNE closes the Institutional Relief campaign for this year. Good results are being reported from many parts of the field, among them the following from Elder O. F. Frank, home missionary secretary of the Southern Union Conference:

"I am glad to tell you that we have had extraordinary success in our promotion of the Relief work. I visited twenty churches in the southern portion of our union, and am glad to be able to report that they averaged in cash and pledges to the Relief campaign \$2.47 per member, and a great many books were ordered by the people by which to make their pledges. Equally good success was had by other workers in different portions of the union."

### Entering New Fields

A WORD of progress from foreign lands is always welcomed by those at home. The following from Elder J. F. Wright, president of the South African Union Conference, gives evidence that "Advance" is the motto of this field:

"The work in the union along all lines has been very good. Our soul-winning campaigns have been blessed of the Lord, and the work in the native fields has moved forward encouragingly. We are hoping to open two new mission stations this year, which will be an advance into new territory. This is very encouraging to us out here, for if our present plans carry, we shall enter for the first time two of the largest native reserves in South Africa."

### The Influence of a Tract

At a recent home missionary meeting held at Kaloorary, one of our outstations in the Ramnad District, an illiterate brother, on being asked how he was able to report three hours of missionary work each day in the week, related the following story of his conversion. By the way, he has his report filled in each week by one of his friends, whom he has brought into the truth by his example and missionary work. Among other things he said:

"I am a farmer. I have my own bullocks to draw water and plow my fields. Since accepting the truth I have been hated and ill-treated many times by my own people and the members of my former church. Nearly all my neighbors and relatives are Hindus. When I am at work in my fields, many of these people ply me with questions of various sorts from morning till late in the evening. I have to tell them why I have become a Seventh-day Adventist, leaving the Congregational Church, to which I belonged before. I tell them that after accepting the advent truth, I have great peace of mind, which none of them can understand. I take much pleasure in answering their questions; and at the same time my faith in the truth is confirmed by doing so. The time I spend this way, if put together, would amount to much.

"The joy I have found is all due to the reading of a tract I got from an evangelist one day. I took it home, and being unable to read its contents myself, gave it to my friend who sits near me now and fills in the report for me. The name of that tract was, 'Which Day Do You Keep, and Why?' I was completely convinced of the truth contained therein. So from that day forward I began to keep the Sabbath.

"My friend very often argued with me that the step I took was a wrong one; and he wanted to get me to his side by exposing the errors of the tract. So he, through me, got many companion tracts to the one I had from our evangelist. He worked hard at them to find some contradiction at least between the tracts. But the more he did that the firmer he was convinced that what those tracts told was truth. So he also began to keep the Sabbath. This is not all. When the Congregationalists learned this, they began to give us all sorts of trouble. They used to mention our names in their sermons, and warned the church against the deception into which we had fallen.

"But as yet I did not have a full knowledge of the truth. So I wanted to get some more studies from our evangelist. First, he gave me studies in my house. This was soon made impossible, for when the evangelist came to my house, my people used to fling stones and throw cow dung at him. So we used

to go to my field and there sit under the shade of a tree and study the Bible. But I could not neglect my work in the field; my whole household was against me, for they thought that I was wasting my time this way. To avoid this our evangelist used to bring with him a man who, on coming to the field, would take my place in the field, thus letting me free to get studies from our evangelist. This was a great sacrifice on the part of that brother; and had it not been for his unselfish action I would not have gotten a full knowledge of the truth.

"At present my friend (who fills in the report for me) is having a hard time in his house for the sake of the truth. His wife is against him. Anyhow I am glad the truth is being advertised even by our enemies in their hopeless attempt to hinder its progress. They are beginning already to see that they are losing ground."

This brother says that he will give to the mission a piece of land on which to put up a prayer shed. The outlook is very bright in this section of the field. We intend putting up a decent little cottage for the worker at Kaloorary.

We know not what great possibilities are wrapped up between the two covers of a small tract. Our business is to scatter such silent messengers and sow the seeds beside all waters, leaving the result to our heavenly Father.—E. D. Thomas, in *Eastern Tidings*, June 15, 1926.

### "Exit"

IN public halls, at railway stations, and elsewhere, the sign "Exit"—the way out—is frequently to be seen. It is a good thing when in a public hall, especially if a panic should arise, to know the way out; when one arrives at a railway station, it is very needful to find the way out. There are numbers of people surrounded with circumstances out of which they would like to find their way. There are men in jail and men in debt who would be glad to find the way out. There are men in bad health who are eager to find their way out into better health. On every hand there are people who wish to escape from their present environment, and who would be thankful to any one who could show them the way out.

Their condition is certainly not pleasant, but there are things which are worse, that multitudes are quite content with. There are men who are held captive by sin, men who are spiritually bankrupt, men who have bad soul health, and men who serve for the wages of iniquity. Yet great numbers of these have no desire to find a way out. "Wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat." Matt. 7:13. But there are always some everywhere who desire to find the way out, and to them we would like to speak.

1. Be assured there is a way out—a way out from sin's bondage, defilement, and penalty, from the darkness of unbelief and the dread of the judgment day, into acceptance with God, into peace of soul, joy of heart, purity of life, and brightness of hope. That way is Christ. He says, "I am the way: . . . no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." John 14:6.

2. Be assured there are not two ways out. There are ways of men's making that do not end in salvation. The ways that do not lead by the cross of Calvary, and that lack the finger post of atonement, are ways to be avoided. They may be garlanded with flowers, but they lead to the desert of despair and remorse, for there is no way out from sin's condemnation but by the cross of Christ. "Without shedding of blood is no remission." Heb. 9:22.

3. Be sure there is a way out for you if you desire it. It is "the way where light dwelleth," and Jesus has said, "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on Me should not abide in darkness." John 12:46.

4. Be sure, in seeking deliverance, to be guided by the Scriptures, and don't forget to praise God for providing the way out. Walk therein, and "ye shall find rest unto your souls."—*Monthly Evangel*, in *Moody Monthly Bible Institute*, February, 1927.

WHAT you cannot lift before His pure eyes and think of Him while you enjoy, is not for you. Friendship, schemes, plans, ambitions, amusements, speculations, studies, loves, business,—can you call on the name of the Lord while you put these cups to your lips? If not, fling them behind you.—*Alexander MacLaren*.



## The Use of Family Prayers

NOLAN R. REST

### Do You Have Family Worship in Your Home?

PROBABLY family worship has always been put up to you as a duty, and in that view, perhaps, hasn't gripped you much.

But suppose you were invited to consider it as a boon and advantage,—a household necessity, so to speak,—might you not as a practical man think more seriously about it?

What would you say to family worship as a family lubricant? Is there any household that doesn't need something of that kind—a bit of oil to make the bearings run smoothly when home problems appeal one way to the husband and another way to the wife?

It is an experienced fact, which any one can test out, that these inevitable differences of opinion are vastly less liable to irritate when husband and wife have begun the day by praying together.

Naturally, the best time to take up that habit, in order to get full benefit of it, is right at the outset of establishing a home. And there ought really never to be a marriage where immediate fellowship in prayer is impossible.

Talk about "mixed marriages"! The real "mixing" that brings all kinds of trouble later is not the mere outer circumstance of people belonging to different churches of different races, but something inward—an inherent divorce which souls never escape who spiritually have too little in common to worship together.

Always there is certain to be a radical isolation between married people divided religiously. If every case of this character does not culminate in the divorce court, it must be because the more Christian member of the partnership is strong enough to endure a vast hidden loneliness.

But when bride and bridegroom are able from the first to pray in unison, with all sincerity, there is no divorce court ahead for them.

If you and your wife neglected to avail yourselves of this privilege at the starting of your home, however, it is, though late, not too late to begin now.

To set up now the custom of praying together each morning will heighten the love light of the home in a way that you can't guess till you try it.

Presuming always that with both husband and wife praying is heartfelt and not formal, nothing else can be so richly revealing of the soul (which in all true marriage must be both source and object of wedded love) as the poured-out petition at the hearthside.

It is not by any means so hard to bear and forbear when by prayer's mirror husband and wife have seen in each other the inner struggle to be right. Moreover, there remains no dark spot where suspicion can brook and distrust whisper in the heart of either husband or wife when the bright beam of common prayer has shone into the depths of both lives.

With children partaking of the family life, still more compelling values appear in the sustained habit of household worship.

It is a commonplace of education these days that to produce any kind of character in children they must be surrounded with an environment—an atmosphere—redolent of the kind of manhood and womanhood that they are expected to grow into.

No matter what good ideals are taught to the boys and girls, they are not going to hold to anything that is not put into some concrete effect directly before their eyes.

This applies to religion particularly. There are comparatively few parents who do not want their children to be religious in some degree—at least to the extent of feeling answerable to God for clean conduct.

But that desire is canceled in a sad number of homes because the children never see any sign that the parents themselves really take God into account. Even professedly Christian fathers and mothers live out their lives in the presence of their sons and daughters without any observable token that they are themselves relying personally and daily on the heavenly Father's aid.

And what becomes of the children in such families? Except in the rare cases where some extra powerful outside influence

submerges the influence of the home, the boys and girls grow up callously godless in life if not in professed sentiment.

Such is the logical effect of a home with no God-atmosphere.

What will put the God-atmosphere back into the home?

Nothing else so surely as invariable habits of family prayer.

Where every day father and mother read with the children soberly some portion of God's Word, and then kneel down and as soberly pray God to help them and their boys and girls to live pleasingly before Him that day, the whole household is brought right under the solemn eye of heaven.

And if such impressions are repeated steadily through the long childhood years, they will remain unerasable in adult life.

Not only is it easy to foresee such effect, but plenty of people are ready to-day to say that family prayer in their childhood homes has held them in just this fashion.

Many, moreover, will testify that when they had wandered a long way from straight lines of right, the recollection of prayers in the old home was the main thing that turned them back. Now, on the strength of all these facts, look here:

If family prayer is any safeguard at all for the boys and girls growing up in your home, you dare not neglect to adopt the custom.

You wouldn't cheat your children out of a chance to make a living. It is worse to cheat them out of help to make a life.

No, let us not take up the "difficulties of maintaining family worship in a modern household." And please say nothing about how impossible it is for you to pray aloud before your family.

There are books to help you to learn to pray audibly, if you really are embarrassed by first attempts. And if you can't make time for it any other way, cut your breakfast in half.

You can manage it if you really conclude you must.—*Reprinted from the Continent, by the Family Altar League.*

## Auxiliary Reading Course Corner

(Conducted by the Ministerial Association)

READING ASSIGNMENT: "Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing," pp. 177-218; "Deeper Experiences," pp. 203-273.

### Note

Book I: A special study outline on the entire book, as furnished for the Ministerial Reading Course, will be sent to all members of the Auxiliary Course whose names are on file in the office of the Ministerial Association. This study outline will be entitled, "The Minister With His Books." A similar outline will be furnished on "The Glories of the Cross," the reading assignment for which is yet to be made. Church elders and missionary secretaries who have not sent in name and address to the Ministerial Association, should do so at once, in order to avail themselves of this and other special help provided.

Book II: The present assignment presents five noted and inspiring characters: Christmas Evans, Lorenzo Dow, Peter Cartwright, Charles G. Finney, Billy Bray.

A few testimonials regarding the book may be of interest:

"I consider this book a second Acts of the Apostles. It inspired my soul intensely."

"I read the book a year ago, and often turn to its pen pictures for personal encouragement."

"I have greatly enjoyed the book. The reference to 'Christmas Evans' was like meeting an old friend, for his name was much talked about in my home when I was a child. In the winter evenings when the older people would gather around the fireplace, they would talk of bygone days and of their Christian experience. My grandfather was twenty-eight years old when 'Christmas Evans' died. My home was on the border of Wales, and the evangelist's fame spread through England. The work of George Müller I remember as a child. He did so much for the children, and once a year the children in the Sunday school brought gifts of money to be sent to him."

"The personal experiences brought so vividly to us through these pages seem almost too sacred for review. This one thing I have noticed in every instance, that deep heart-longing after God was never left unsatisfied. Those longings sent men and women to God's Word and to prayer; and when God's conditions were met and a living faith manifested in His promises, the blessing sought for was given."

# Senior Missionary Volunteer Meeting

## For a Successful Missionary Volunteer Society

- I. ADVERTISE, by means of —
1. Posters — sketches, cut-outs, and lettering.
  2. Announcements the previous week in the society and in the church service.
  3. Word of mouth. We speak of that which is interesting to us. Make your society so interesting that others will talk about it. It will prove contagious.
- II. Keep the M. V. Aim, Motto, and Pledge in a conspicuous place —
1. On placards in your meeting room.
  2. In the hearts of all your members, by —
    - a. Stressing their meaning.
    - b. Memorizing them.
    - c. Repeating them often in the meetings.
- III. See that every Missionary Volunteer engages in some missionary enterprise. In the business world we receive no interest until we invest capital. We cannot expect our young people to have an interest in missionary work until they have put something into it.
1. The hands should furnish work for every member. See that your leaders are alert to every possibility in your community.
  2. If your society is not large enough to warrant the organization of a band for each phase of the work (as outlined in "Missionary Volunteers and Their Work," pp. 214-224), then appoint members to search out the work that needs to be done, and call for volunteers to do it.
- IV. Make every one feel at home in the society meetings, by letting him know he is a part of the plan. Assign responsibilities to as many as possible. They can —
1. Give parts on the weekly programs.
  2. Act as ushers.
  3. Be responsible for blackboard mottoes each week.
  4. Take part in the singing. (If possible have a choir or a quartet.)
  5. Join in discussions of the topics. (Make these frequent and informal, so that all will feel free.)
  6. Give suggestions for programs or society activities. (Welcome these for the improvement of the society.)
  7. Take part in the prayer and praise services.
  8. Welcome the strangers in your midst.
- V. Get your Missionary Volunteers into the reporting habit. (Watch this page next month for suggestions on reports.)
- VI. And around your Missionary Volunteers, and the society as a whole with its activities and its programs, let the Missionary Volunteer officers clasp a circle of prayer that cannot be broken throughout the year, and throughout the whole length of the lives of your young people. All things are possible with God. With Him the perplexities and the handicaps of your society, in winter's chill and in summer's heat, are as nothing. Let us remember that "God has provided divine assistance for all the emergencies to which our human resources are unequal."—*"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 415.* Claiming this assurance and relying upon His never-failing promises, we cannot fail to have a successful Missionary Volunteer Society.

E. E. H.

Our Aim: "The Advent Message to all the world in this generation."

Our Motto: "For the love of Christ constraineth us."

Our Pledge: "Loving the Lord Jesus, I promise to take an active part in the work of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society, doing what I can to help others and to finish the work of the gospel in all the world."

## Good Soldiers

(For Week Ending June 4)

### Suggestive Program

Appropriate Songs for This Meeting: Nos. 112, 238, 235, 90, 203, 223, 130, and 75 in "The Gospel in Song."  
 Scripture Reading (2 Tim. 2: 1-12) and Prayer.  
 Talk: "Good Soldiers."  
 Symposium: "The Need."  
 Poems: "The Test" and "The Man Who Wins."  
 Story: "What Would You Have Done?"  
 Response: "Men Who Would Not Turn Aside." (See Notes to the Leader.)  
 Close by Repeating in Unison the M. V. Pledge.  
 Bands Meet.

### Notes to the Leader

When the month of June closes, we shall have reached the halfway mark for 1927. Will you be able by that time to complete half of the work which your society ought to do in a year? This is a good time to bring in reminders of the work yet to be done before that day arrives. Perhaps you will want to use some of the material given in the Junior program, "Sticking to It." (See p. 14.) Do not let anything stand in the way of success in your society plans, after much prayer to make sure they are God's plans for you. If you must work under handicaps, even these may be turned to success. A business firm tried hard to secure a site on the main street of a certain city, but the best they could do was to take a building one block back. But nothing daunted, they moved in, and with the slogan, "It Pays to Walk a Block," they capitalized their handicap. Endure as good soldiers.

Some one wrote this little rhyme, which is to the point for us this summer; he entitled it "90° F.:"

"'Fervent in spirit,' Paul stoutly averred;  
 'Boiling in spirit,' was really his word;  
 Boiling and sizzling and thumping away  
 Like a steam engine of our latter day.  
 Summer is on. Shall we take a recess?  
 End all our energy? Cease to progress?  
 How would that laxness appear to brave Paul,  
 He who toiled onward through summer and fall?  
 Now is the time for our fervor to glow;  
 'Boiling in spirit,' right forward we go!"

Your Advertisement To-day may be a cut-out of soldiers, and underneath the question, "R-U-A-Good-Soldier?"

For the Response, list on the blackboard a few "men who would not turn aside," and ask the Missionary Volunteers to name others. These are suggestive:

Columbus — when accused of insanity.  
 Paul — when persecuted.  
 Carey — when opposed by men without vision.  
 Lincoln — when it was a question of right or the presidency.  
 F. A. Stahl — when confronted by the jungles of South America.

Then make a second list, of things from which you must not turn aside in your Missionary Volunteer Society during these summer months,—attendance at young people's meeting, the band work, etc. Close with a resolution that your society will endure the summer heat and the handicaps in its way.

### Talk: "Good Soldiers"

"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." It was to the young man Timothy that Paul was speaking here. He himself had been a soldier of Jesus Christ for several years now, and he knew there were hardships and persecutions in the way of one who would follow the Master. And so he admonished Timothy at the beginning of his missionary tour, "My son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus," and "endure hardness, as a good soldier." Paul was the first foreign missionary. We have many of them today, and do they not call back to us, "Missionary Volunteers, grow strong in the grace of God, that you may come with us and endure hardness, as good Christian soldiers?"

You will recall that on the very first trip which Timothy took with Paul, the latter had the vision summoning them over into Macedonia, and they went. I doubt not that they had ample opportunity to demonstrate that good-soldier endurance which Paul had already manifested and which Timothy was learning. No doubt they had many opportunities to become discouraged and give up the missionary tour. What do you suppose would have been the result if they had? I do not know, but I am sure if they could hear the good reports to-day, they would be glad that they did persevere and endure. They planted a seed which has grown into a company of loyal Seventh-day Adventists who will endure any hardship rather than give up this truth. Elder L. H. Christian, vice-president of the European Division of our work, tells us:



"Just a year ago last March (in 1926) in Macedonia, one whole church of our brethren were imprisoned. They were brought in before the judge, and their lives were threatened, and they were told that they would be despoiled of all their goods unless they would surrender the advent faith. The elder of the little Adventist church stood up and said: 'Judge, rather than leave this message which has saved us from our sins, this message which has brought us to Christ, sooner far than give up this blessed hope and message, we will let you take all our goods. We will not change a single iota of this message; and, Judge, sooner than surrender a single point of this truth, we are every one of us ready to die for it.' The judge turned to them and said, 'I will propose to write that into the court records, and I expect every one of you people to sign it.' And the elder said, 'Furthermore, after you have put it into the record and we have signed it, we expect to follow it.'"

And I doubt not that there were young people in that church whose names were pledged in loyalty to God. How Paul and Timothy will rejoice at the resurrection morn when they hear about that faithful Macedonian church!

Some brave soldier-missionary marched into the African wilds and endured all the hardships, until the truth has been embedded in the hearts of those dark-skinned people, and they also are willing to endure anything rather than relinquish their hold. James Kalilimbe, of the Nyasaland Training School, in Africa, tells us of one young woman's experience. "She came to the meetings, and her husband beat her. She came to school, and he beat her yet harder. For two years she kept up, and the husband kept up the beatings. 'I will not fail,' she said. 'I will not fail.' To look at her, in her native dress, one would never know that here was one of the heroines of faith. 'I will not fail,' she kept saying. This year," continued James, "she decided to offer herself for baptism. 'Well,' said her husband, 'you can be a Christian. I have failed!' Now she is a happy baptized member. She did not fail Jesus, and His grace did not fail her."

What would you have done, Missionary Volunteers, if you had been a member of that Macedonian church called upon to give up your faith or die for it? What would you have done, I repeat, if you had been beaten day after day as you searched for truth? Would you have endured the test? Do you think you would have stood it as good soldiers?

Do you know, young people, your endurance qualities are being developed right where you are in your Missionary Volunteer Society? The kind of good soldier that you are in the work of your society, the quality of endurance that you put into your work here, indicates what you will be able to endure when you are put to the test in a greater work or amid severe trials. The world may not stand long enough for us to go to a foreign mission field, but we can prove ourselves just as good soldiers here in our home duties. Shall we endure as good soldiers this summer?

EMMA E. HOWELL.

### Symposium: "The Need"

1. "THERE is need of young men and women who will not be swayed by circumstances, who walk with God, who pray much, and who put forth earnest efforts to gather all the light they can."—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 537.

2. "Integrity, firmness, and perseverance are qualities that all should seek earnestly to cultivate; for they clothe the possessor with a power which is irresistible,—a power which makes him strong to do good, strong to resist evil, strong to bear adversity."—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 226.

3. "The truth is not to be practiced only when we feel like it, but at all times and in all places. The Lord is not served by man's hasty impulse, his fitful performances."—*Counsels to Teachers*, p. 196.

4. "There is need of men who, like Daniel, will do and dare for the cause of right. . . . The spirit that possessed Daniel, the youth of to-day may have; they may draw from the same source of strength, possess the same power of self-control, and reveal the same grace in their lives, even under circumstances as unfavorable. Though surrounded by temptations to self-indulgence, . . . yet by divine grace their purpose to honor God may remain firm. Through strong resolution and vigilant watchfulness they may withstand every temptation that assails the soul. But only by him who determines to do right because it is right will the victory be gained."—*The Story of Prophets and Kings*, pp. 488-490.

KEEP upon the square, for God sees you.—*William Penn.*

### The Test

OH, it's easy to fight in the cause of Right  
When it's surely steadily winning,  
To nobly stand with a gallant band  
While plaudits loud are dinning;  
For nothing inspires and fans the fires  
Of our noblest, best endeavor,  
Like knowing success will crown our best  
And glory be ours forever.

But to stand with the few and yet be true  
To a seemingly losing cause,  
To fight for the right with all our might,  
With never a sound of applause;  
To stand like a brave in the face of a grave  
O'erhung with the marks of defeat,  
This, this is the test of a hero, the best,  
A hero we seldom meet.

—*Anon.*

### The Man Who Wins

THE man who wins is the man who works,  
The man who toils while the next man shirks:  
The man who stands in his deep distress  
With head held high in the deadly press;  
Yes, he is the man who wins.

The man who wins is the man who knows  
The value of pain and the worth of woes,  
Who a lesson learns from the man who fails,  
And a moral finds in his mournful wails;  
Yes, he is the man who wins.

The man who wins is the man who stays  
In the unsought paths and the rocky ways,  
And, perhaps, who lingers, now and then,  
To help some failure rise again;  
Ah! he is the man who wins!

—*Baltimore News.*

### What Would You Have Done?

ONE man in Uruguay heard this wonderful message. He belonged to the Salvation Army, but the Spirit of God impressed him so deeply with the importance of obedience that he felt compelled to obey the Lord. He did so, although it meant great sacrifice on his part and also on the part of his family. The only work he has been able to secure and at the same time keep the Sabbath is that of a common *peón* at the customhouse. This work, too, is very uncertain, and many weeks he has only two days' work. These conditions have brought the family down to a distressful state of poverty, but through it all our friend has shown a very strong faith and trust in God.

One day his little boy was offered a job on the messenger service, and so the father went down to arrange for him to have the Sabbath free. The proprietor thought that to grant such a concession would be impossible, and so our friend, Mr. Troche, bade him good-by with a prayer in his heart that the Lord would yet touch the man's heart so that the boy could have the much-needed work to help his parents.

When Mr. Troche returned home, he related the experience to his wife, who was in hopeful expectancy, and in her desperation she said, "Husband, we will just have to let our Luis work on the Sabbath one month, so as to help us get through;" but the husband was not of the same mind, and he protested, saying that the Lord would hear and answer their prayer. Although the dinner was on the table waiting, yet Mr. Troche suggested that they offer a prayer together that the will of the Lord be done in the case. They did so, and had barely finished when Luis came running upstairs, saying, "Papa, the telegraph man has sent word that I can work for him and have the Sabbath free."

Mr. Troche was very grateful for this direct answer to prayer, and although their faith has been severely tested, yet the Lord has been good to them in answering their prayers many times.—*W. B. Miramontez, in South American Bulletin.*

### Standard of Attainment Band

1. Discussion: Our band is now ready to begin the study of Bible Doctrines. The course of twenty-eight lessons will occupy our time during the remainder of the year. At the very outset definite arrangements should be made to give these lessons as Bible readings in some of the neighboring homes and to individuals we may invite to our homes. While we become better acquainted with the advent message, we do not want to pass by our neighbors and friends.

"The idea of holding Bible readings is a heaven-born idea, and opens the way to put hundreds of young men and women into the field to do an important work, which otherwise could not have been done."—*Testimonies on Sabbath School Work*, page 29.

2. Prayer for heavenly wisdom that we may clearly understand God's Word and for ability to impart it to others.

3. Report of work done and assignment of work for the coming week. Study the membership of your band, and see if others may be interested in joining you.

4. Assignment of next lesson. This should be carefully studied by each member, so that the band hour may be devoted to a discussion of leading points.

#### Literature and Correspondence Band

"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures."—*The Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 80.

1. If you are following these schedules, you are studying *Present Truth* No. 18 to-day. Call for the lists of prophecies and their fulfillment as assigned to band members last week.

2. Urge each one to pass on to others the things learned. Those who are carrying the papers to neighboring homes should seek for opportunities to discuss the contents, and current fulfillment of prophecies.

3. After a season of prayer, pass out No. 19 for study. This number is on health—a subject in which almost every one is interested. Why not use it as an entering wedge to new homes? Ask every band member to take extra papers and visit new territory, for even those who have not been interested in other numbers may be glad to have this one. Perhaps some can sell copies of the book, "Keeping Well," by Carlyle B. Haynes, advertised on the last page of this *Present Truth*.

Be sure to order a new supply of *Present Truth* Nos. 21-30. You will need No. 21 for your program June 25.

### Just My Place

(For Week Ending June 11)

#### Suggestive Program

Silent Prayer and Songs (Nos. 254, 193, 114, and 194 in "The Gospel in Song").

Leader's Remarks: "The Special Place."

Prayer.

Reading: "The Hands of Jesus." (Assign the texts to be read by members.)

Stories: "The Shepherd Training." (A lesson from the life of Moses. See "Ministry of Healing," pp. 474, 475.)

"What You Put Into Your Work." (See *May Gazette*, p. 15.)

Solo: "My Task."

Poems: "My Own Work" and "Finding My Mission."

Testimonies Study and Discussion.

Closing Prayer: "Lord, help me to do my best. Teach me how to do better work."—"Ministry of Healing," p. 474.

The Bands Meet.

#### Your Poster Today

This poster may well be the question in large letters, "Have You Found Your Place?" or, "How May I Know I Am in My Place?" And underneath, in smaller letters, an invitation to join in the discussion at Missionary Volunteer meeting.

#### Leader's Remarks: "The Special Place"

"Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God."—"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 327. Do you believe that, Missionary Volunteers? (Repeat quotation.) All through time God has given special work to His people, not only in matters of the church, but in the common duties of life as well. (Read Ex. 35: 30-35.) Yes, the Lord is so interested in every young person that He has a special work for each of us to do. The Scripture said He called this young man by name, and if He has a special work for us, He is calling each of us by name. Should we not study to find that place while we are young, so that we can put our best efforts into it? (Here kneel in prayer for special guidance to-day as you consider how you may be led into just the right service for the Master.)

#### My Own Work

LET me but do my work from day to day,  
In field or forest, at the desk or loom,  
In roaring market place or tranquil room;  
Let me but find it in my heart to say,  
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray,  
"This is my work—my blessing, not my doom;  
Of all who live, I am the one by whom  
The work can best be done in the right way."

Then shall I see it not too great, nor small  
To suit my spirit and to prove my powers;  
Then shall I cheerful greet the laboring hours,  
And cheerful turn, when the long shadows fall  
At eventide, to play and love and rest,  
Because I know for me my work is best.

—Henry Van Dyke.

### Finding My Mission

I WAS longing for a mission;  
Fancy made it something grand—  
Something that would win the praises  
Of the world on every hand;  
So I squandered time in waiting  
For the chance that never came,  
Quite forgot to think of others  
In my longings after fame.

But one day I had a vision  
Of the needy ones near by,  
Of the hearts that starve with hunger  
Till they faint and fall and die—  
Starve for little deeds of kindness,  
Or a word of hope and cheer,  
And the smiles that cost so little,  
But can make it heaven here.

Then it was I found my mission—  
Knew what work God meant for me,  
And I cried, "Forgive my blindness;  
Now, at last, thank God, I see!"  
And my heart, that had been selfish  
In its longings to be great,  
Saw great fields of labor waiting  
For me just outside my gate.

So I seek to scatter sunshine  
In a dark and cheerless place.  
Loving words have given courage;  
Smiles have cheered the tearful face.  
In the joy of helping others,  
God's good time I waste no more  
Since my life has found its mission  
Waiting at the very door.

—Eben E. Rexford.

### Reading: "The Hands of Jesus"

(The one giving this should have read the chapter, "As a Child," in "Desire of Ages," and should comment especially upon the last paragraph.)

THE hands of Jesus were active hands—the hands of a toiler. Holman Hunt has sketched Him in the carpenter's shop. The day's work is done, and the tired man stretches out his hands in an attitude of weariness. Manlike, He wearied. Godlike, He worked. Labor was never so dignified and common vocations were never so beautified as when Jesus earned His bread by the sweat of His face. Only He who understood human toil could sympathetically say to this heavy laden and wearied soul, "Come unto Me, . . . and I will give you rest." Matt. 11: 28.

The hands of Jesus were altruistic,—hands that assisted others for their good. They lifted up, not pushed down; lightened burdens, not added to them; gave relief, not appropriated; electrified, not terrified.

It is said that during a crisis in Waterloo's conflict Wellington requested an officer to take a strong position of the enemy. "Let me feel the pressure of your victorious hand," said the hesitating leader, "and I will take it."

The pressure of Christ's hand drove the tormenting spirit from the distressed lad (Mark 9: 25-27); it multiplied meat and bread for the fatigued and hungry multitude (Matt. 15: 32-37); it made Peter buoyant when he was sinking in deep waters. Matt. 14: 30. Anywhere, everywhere; at any time, all the time; to any one and every one, His hands were doing good.

The hands of Jesus were those of a sufferer—pierced hands. Many years before, Zechariah noted them: "What are these wounds in Thine hands?" Zech. 13: 6.

Jesus had hand wounds—not wounds in one hand, but in both. Ary Scheffer, when painting his picture of Christ, left the hands unfinished for some time. "Hands as well as faces," said he, "are molded by character. I must study the hands of those who in some measure do the works of Christ." Later he saw a dying driver whose hands were torn and bleeding by trying to control a runaway horse and thus save the lives in his custody. As Ary looked at them, he said, "I think I can now paint the hands of Jesus." Pierced hands were a part of His atoning sacrifice.

His hands of Jesus were benedictory hands. What pictures! He took little children on His knees, "put His hands upon them, and blessed them." Mark 10: 16. And when His big children

stood about Him, "He lifted up His hands, and blessed them." Luke 24: 50.

The hands of Jesus are the hands of a Saviour. Not were,—though they were,—but *are*. He is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Heb. 13: 8.—*William P. Pearce.*

**Testimonies Study and Discussion**

(Pass out these references in advance. Encourage all to join in a discussion.)

1. To whom has God given a special work? "Testimonies," Vol. VIII, p. 170, last par., and p. 171. Also, "Christ's Object Lessons," p. 326, last par.
2. How many did the Saviour include in His commission? "Desire of Ages," p. 822, par. 1.
3. Where are we to begin work? *Ib.*, last par.
4. What mark of perfection does the Master expect? "Christ's Object Lessons," p. 330, pars. 2-4.
5. Which is better, our plan or God's? "Ministry of Healing," p. 473, pars. 2, 3.
6. Who, then, should choose our life work? *Id.*, p. 472, pars. 3, 4; and p. 473, par. 1.
7. How does the work of the humble measure with that of those who make more show? *Id.*, p. 477, par. 1, first two sentences.
8. Does promotion come to those who seek it not? *Id.*, p. 477, pars. 3, 4.

**Standard of Attainment Band**

1. Discussion: There must be uppermost in our minds the passion for the souls of men and women. We are a one-purpose organization. That purpose is to win men to Christ. Everything else is to have a subordinate place. Week by week we must press home upon the hearts of those we work for, their need of a Saviour. What place does definite soul winning occupy in your circle? Henry Ward Beecher used to say, "Every Christian is to be a pilot boat. He is to cruise about hard by the harbor of salvation, watching for the tempest-tossed soul, if perchance he may guide that soul into the harbor of life."
2. Report of work. Assignment of definite work to be done during the coming week.
3. Prayer for the youth of your neighborhood.
4. Review of lesson. Assignment of new lesson.

**Literature and Correspondence Band**

"Open the Scriptures to some one that is in darkness, and you will not complain of weariness and lack of interest in the cause of truth. Your heart will be awakened to an anxiety for souls, and joy in the evidences of the faith will fill your heart, and you will know that 'he that watereth shall be watered also himself.'"—*Review and Herald, March 13, 1888.*

1. A season of prayer.
2. Study and discussion of *Present Truth* No. 19.
3. Organize for the new territory to be entered with this number.
4. Your paper for next week is No. 20. Ask some one to lead out in a brief study of "The State of the Dead." (See page 2.)

**The Call Coming Over the Sea**

THERE'S a call coming over the sea, friend,  
A bugle to warfare for God;  
It calls thee to marshal thy forces,  
And capture dear souls for the Lord.

The heathen are groping so blindly  
Midst the awful distress of their night;  
Their arms are outstretched in beseeching  
To deliver them out of their plight.

Perchance, though, thy soul has been longing,  
Thou mightest hasten to lands o'er the sea;  
To forward supplies to thy comrades,  
Is thy Captain's commission to thee.

Neglect not, whate'er be thy duty,  
Lest the blood of their souls mark thy doom:  
For the call coming over the sea, friend,  
Is from brothers in anguish and gloom.

When victory comes, and the triumph,  
Wilt thou count self-denial a loss?  
Will the rapture of heaven be blighted  
By the care thou hast borne, and the cross?

All heaven was spent for thy saving;  
Then canst thou refuse to obey?  
Bestir thee, accomplish thy mission  
For God and thy brothers, I pray.

—*Worthie Harris Holden.*

**Reports From Mission Fields**

(For Week Ending June 18)

**Suggestive Program**

- A **Stirring Song Service.** (Sing "Jesus Loves Even Me," and, if possible, have its story told. See Sankey's "Story of the Gospel Hymns.")
- Bible Answers to Missionary Questions.**
- Prayer for the Finishing of the Work.** (Make this a season of prayer for God's work and workers, especially in the lands most stricken by persecution. As this goes to press, the conditions in China call for the earnest prayers of God's children.)
- Report of the Missions Committee: "A Reunion."** (Those to give reports come dressed in traveling clothes, with baggage, as if they have just returned from their fields of labor. Each one is eager to tell the others of the work in his field.)
- Poem: "The Call Coming Over the Sea."**
- Mission Story: "Indian Young People Refuse to Turn Back."**
- Appoint a Missions Committee for Next Month.
- Bands Meet.

<b>THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE</b>		
<b>TO THE WORLD</b>		
<b>IN THIS GENERATION</b>		
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<b>POWER ENOUGH</b>		
<b>MATTHEW 28:18-20</b>		

**Bible Answers to Missionary Questions**

1. WHAT are missionaries? 2 Cor. 5: 20.
2. Are there enough missionaries? Matt. 9: 37.
3. What is our duty, then? Matt. 9: 38.
4. What is the state of the heathen world? Ps. 74: 20.
5. What can take away its darkness? John 8: 12.
6. Why do the heathen not worship the true God? Rom. 10: 14.
7. Do they want the gospel? Acts 16: 9.
8. Have the gospel messengers always been gladly received by the heathen? Mark 4: 5-8.
9. Does God care for them? Isa. 49: 22.
10. Did Jesus come to save them? John 10: 16.
11. Who are sent to bring them in? Acts 1: 8.
12. Who sends these witnesses? John 20: 21.
13. What is the great commission? Matt. 28: 19.
14. Who were the first missionaries? Acts 13: 2.
15. Can children be missionaries? 2 Kings 5: 2, 3.
16. What have missionaries suffered? Heb. 11: 37, 38.
17. Why did Jesus permit this? Matt. 10: 24.
18. What help has Jesus promised? Matt. 28: 20.
19. What have missionaries accomplished? Isa. 9: 2.
20. Has God promised them success? Mal. 1: 11.
21. What reward has Jesus promised? Dan. 12: 3.
22. When will missions end? Matt. 24: 14.

**Indian Young People Refuse to Turn Back**

(A story from Pastor F. A. Stahl, of experiences he encountered as alone he traveled through territory occupied by savage Indians on his way back from his recent tour of inspection into the very tropical regions of eastern Peru, South America.)

ONE Friday afternoon I struck camp and prepared to rest over the Sabbath. I was tired and exhausted, not so much from the hardness of the way, but because of the great burden on my heart after having heard the earnest pleas for help from an Indian chief I had just met. His pleadings seemed to be more than I could bear. It was wonderful to think of these crude savages, who I had heard all along would kill a white man at sight, having received me so tenderly and so

kindly and pleaded so earnestly that a teacher might be sent them, that they also might know the true God.

Sabbath morning I arose, and after studying and having prayer alone with my stranger guide (a young man I had met on the boat), while I was sitting there on the ground with my back against a tree, there suddenly emerged from the forest a large group of Indians from the Campa tribe, who were led by a tall, majestic-looking woman. I arose and greeted her, and she told me she had received word that the pastor from the Perené Mission was going through her district, and she wanted to reach me. The thing that impressed me most was the large group of young people who were with her, the ages ranging from fifteen to twenty years, and their wonderfully bright faces. We had a meeting there in the forest with these people which lasted four hours. They stayed with me during the Sabbath, and in the morning accompanied me for several miles on my journey. As we started out, a group of twenty young men came to me and said, "We are going with you to the mission, to attend the school there." I thought it would be impossible for these young men to attend the school, as we had refused hundreds who live in the district adjacent to the school. Then again I thought of the severe cold to be encountered in getting to our school, of having to journey five days over the snow-capped mountains before reaching our mission on the headwaters of the Amazon. So I told them they would never be able to stand the cold, accustomed as they were to the heat and clad as thinly as they were.

We journeyed on, this chieftainess, as she proved to be, bidding me good-by and saying, "Be sure you do not forget my people." She watched me disappear, gazing wistfully after me, but these young men continued to follow. They followed for two days, until we were one third of the way up the cold mountains. Then again I explained to them that they should go back, and if the Lord was willing, we would send a teacher and open up a mission school among them also. They all returned, with the exception of one, who persisted in accompanying me. With him I shared the clothing I had on. As we traveled those four awful days, it seemed that we would perish with the cold, but the Lord took care of us, and we arrived safely at our mission. The young lad is now in the school, a faithful student there, studying hard, with only the one object in view,—to go back to his people and teach them about the true God.

Oh, how we need men and means to fill these wonderful openings God has made for us! May God help us in rendering to Him a faithful stewardship at this time, when He is working so wonderfully in reaching helpless souls lost in the darkness of heathenism!

#### Standard of Attainment Band

1. Discussion: At this time another careful canvass of the religious needs of the neighborhood should be made. What we should attempt to do for—

- Unconverted young people of Adventist parentage.
- Children of Junior age in need of companionship.
- Families who recently moved into your neighborhood.
- Lonesome young people who have no home contacts.

2. Prayer for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. "It is the heartfelt prayer of faith that is heard in heaven and answered on earth."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 177.

3. Report of work. Assignment of special work for each member.

4. Review of lesson. Will the band members please note that it is the purpose of the lessons to introduce the subject to be studied? Each member should do much supplementary reading on the subject, and study the topic more fully than is possible in short lessons. Each one should aim at a clear understanding of the truths studied, so that they themselves can explain them.

Assignment of lesson.

#### Literature and Correspondence Band

"Young men and women should be educated to become workers in their own neighborhoods and in other places. Let all set their hearts and minds to become intelligent in regard to the work for this time, qualifying themselves to do that for which they are best adapted."

1. Emphasize the fact that this literature and correspondence band work is educating your Missionary Volunteers to become workers in their own neighborhoods.

2. Call for several short prayers.

3. Exchange interesting experiences while out with *Present Truth* No. 19.

4. Study No. 20 as assigned last week.

5. Give out No. 21 for study during the week.

## A Popular Delusion

(For Week Ending June 25)

### Suggestive Program

Opening Song: "What Says the Bible?" No. 196 in "The Gospel in Song."

Sentence Prayers for Guidance.

A. Threefold Bible Study. (See *Present Truth* No. 21, p. 3, last column. You may wish to have this conducted by three different Missionary Volunteers.)

Leader's Talk: "Prepare to Withstand." (Read carefully and base your remarks on the chapter, "Spiritualism," in "Early Writings," pp. 262-268. See also pp. 59, 60, and 86-91.)

Brief Sketch: "Beginning of Spiritualism." (This is the story of the Fox family at Hydesville, N. Y. See the Crisis Series, "Spiritualism Versus Christianity," by C. B. Haynes, pp. 16-18. Or you may know some other source of information on this subject.)

Testimonies Symposium from "Great Controversy."

Reading: "Work of the Holy Spirit." (See *Present Truth* No. 21, p. 4; "A Word of Caution," by H. L. Hastings.)

Close with Song and Prayer.

Bands Meet.

### Note to the Leader

There is nothing so subtle as a popular delusion. It is so easy to be drawn within its snare before we are aware of it. Spiritualism is rapidly spreading into the very ranks of the Christian churches. Seventh-day Adventist young people must be able to withstand the approaches of this popular delusion. For this reason it is an appropriate topic for our consideration to-day. Lead your Missionary Volunteers into a thorough study, but guard against its taking a light and frivolous turn, which would do more harm than good. Be prayerful, be tactful, be in earnest, as you present the theme. Co-operate closely with your literature and correspondence band. *Present Truth* No. 21, referred to in this program, is the one they are studying this week. Study the entire paper. There may be other things presented that you will wish to use instead of some suggested.

### Testimonies Symposium from "The Great Controversy"

- WHY will many be ensnared because of considering spirit manifestations mere sleight-of-hand tricks? P. 553, par. 1.
- What does Satan do in order to win all classes? P. 553, last par.
- How can we be fully fortified against this delusion? P. 556, par. 1.
- Why is it even more dangerous than in years past? P. 557, last par.; and p. 558, par. 1.
- In what way may we be guilty of putting ourselves under the power of Satan? P. 558, last par.
- Against whom must we fight in opposing Spiritualism? P. 559, par. 2.

### Standard of Attainment Band

1. Discussion: Attention to little things, faithfully doing our tasks, this assures us of success in our appointed work. "Those who desire to do a great deal of good in our world must be willing to do it in God's way, by doing little things. He who wishes to reach the loftiest heights of achievement by doing something great and wonderful, will fail of doing anything."—*Youth's Instructor*, Jan. 1, 1907, p. 3.

2. Report of work and assignment of definite tasks for the coming week. Bear in mind our outline of last week. What have you to report on each class indicated? Keep your list up to date, and follow up every opening constantly.

3. Prayer for those in need of spiritual help.

4. Discussion of lesson and assignment.

### Literature and Correspondence Band

"Luther's pen was a power, and his writings, scattered broadcast, stirred the world. The same agencies are at our command, with facilities multiplied a hundredfold. . . . We are to give the last warning of God to men, and what should be our earnestness in studying the Bible, and our zeal in spreading the light!"—*Testimonies*, Vol. VI, p. 403.

1. Special prayer for the correspondence lists today.

2. Call for reports from those mailing out papers. Have letters been received? Read these as an encouragement to others. Be sure to follow up every indication of interest with personal correspondence.

3. Your paper to pass out this week, No. 26, is another one on prophecy. Urge all to study and know for themselves.

"IN choosing men and women for His service, God does not ask whether they possess learning or eloquence or worldly wealth. He asks, Do they walk in such humility that I can teach them My way? Can I put My words into their lips? Will they represent Me?"

"If every moment were valued and rightly employed, we should have time for everything that we need to do for ourselves or for the world."

# Junior Missionary Volunteer Meeting

## Suggestion Corner for Junior Superintendents

A good program is proof of thorough preparation. You are especially anxious for a good program for the last week of this month. Study and plan for it now.

A wide-awake society also depends upon the fact that every boy and girl counts the society his own. We value a thing by the price that we pay for it. No society will mean all that it can to a boy or a girl until it taxes his effort. This is true in the matter of taking part on the programs; it is also true in the setting to work of the hand in service. Boys and girls are not looking for *soft snaps*. Give them something worthy of an effort.

While it is well to take reports of the missionary work that is done by the Juniors in their homes and communities, it is also important to have some lines of missionary work in which all may engage as a band. Perhaps you may be drilling on a program that the society is preparing to give at some institution, such as the old folks' home. Have a short meeting once in a while, and turn the whole society into a correspondence band by having some write a number of missionary letters, others write to families to whom the *Signs* or *Present Truth* is being sent. Others may write to missionaries in foreign fields, still others to some isolated shut-ins. This will take planning, but it will add greatly to the spirit and interest of your meetings. Try to work along with the programs.

## Busy for Jesus During Vacation

(For Week Ending June 4)

### Suggestive Program

Opening Song: No. 574 in "Christ in Song."

Scripture Story. (Tell in your own words the parable of Matthew 20: 1-10. Read Mark 13: 34. Every person has a work, even the boys and girls, and their reward will be the same as that of the tried older workers.)

Special Song: "Beacon Lights," No. 1 of "Sunshine Songs for Boys and Girls."

Superintendent's Talk: "Making Time Count for Jesus."

Recitation: "Carey's Shoes."

Talk: "A True Missionary." (After the brief introduction suggested in the notes, the incidents given should be read by different Juniors.)

Exercise: "Introducing the Paper."

Superintendent's Plans and Response.

Close with Prayer that each Junior may be blessed in bringing the light to some one else during the summer.

### Notes for Leaders

In many places our boys and girls are spending some of their vacation time—how? Yes, there are the swimming and the hiking and the camping and lots of other nice things that come along with vacation, but a number of our boys and girls are also remembering Jesus and His great command to give the gospel to others, along with their good times; in fact, there are Doris and Loren and Catherine and Earl and Judson and Edward and Stanley and many others whose names I do not know, who seem to be having a real good time while they are scattering seeds of truth and earning money besides. This program is to be devoted to some very practical plans, and it will have to have a practical preparation.

Study it all through, and decide how many copies of *Our Little Friend* your boys and girls will be able to use. Do not put the number too low. Children can dispose of more than we think. *Have them on hand. This is important.* Be sure to have the canvass spoken of under the "Exercise" carefully prepared. The superintendent should give some time to planning a field day. An hour or two spent with four girls or boys out in house-to-house work will give an experience which will inspire enthusiasm. If possible, take a few of the older Juniors out before this meeting, and then let them speak from experience. The superintendent should be the inspiration and courage for such a trip. Getting started is always the hardest, but with prayer in the heart and a courteous canvass on the lips, and the confidence which comes of knowing that their leader is watching them and praying for them, the children are bound to succeed.

For a poster, cut out the accompanying picture and put under it the words, "These Juniors Did It. Come and Learn More About It."

## Superintendent's Talk: "Making Time Count for Jesus"

Figure up the days and hours of vacation. How many are we going to use for ourselves? How many for Jesus? The gospel of the kingdom is to go to all the world. Matt. 24: 14. That is the business of every Christian. How many hours will you be willing to put in in the King's business? (Emphasize this point by telling how wonderfully God is working among all people to bring the truth to them, and how He is using the humble instruments, such as a tract or a book. Bring in some incident from mission lands told in a recent *Review*. Put the question to the children as to whether they have ever brought some one else into the light of the truth.) Is it not worth trying?

It is not hard to give out a paper, and many times souls are won to God. Copies of *Our Little Friend* were sent to some children whose father was an infidel. Now the children have said that they wish to be Seventh-day Adventists, and the father believes that there is a God. Is there any Junior too small to give out such a paper? In every instance when God has wanted something done, He has called upon those who were already busy. He wanted a leader to lead the children of Israel to Canaan, and he called upon Moses, who was busy with flocks of sheep. When He wanted a king to rule over Israel, He called upon David, who was caring for his father's sheep. When He wanted a missionary to go to India, He called Carey, who was busy cobbling shoes.

Jesus will never send to a lazy Junior an invitation to help in closing the work.

### Carey's Shoes

"My business is preaching the gospel,"  
Said Carey the Cobbler one day;  
"And I mend shoes to pay the expenses,  
The needful expenses to pay."

So the shoes of Carey the Cobbler  
Were sturdily first to set forth  
On the path that leads eastward and westward,  
To the south and the ultimate north.

Do you wear them—the shoes that he cobbled?  
They will carry you firmly afar  
From the Land of the Miser and Glutton,  
Where splendor and luxury are.

And their soles are none of the smoothest,  
And their patches are coming apart,  
But they lead by the pathway of service  
To the Father's home and His heart!

— Amos E. Wells.



"OUR LITTLE FRIEND" WORKERS



### Talk: "A True Missionary"

FATHERS and mothers are always interested in what their children see and read. One of the surest ways of making friends with people is to get acquainted with the boys and girls. One worker who is winning people to the truth always gives some copies of *Our Little Friend* to the children, then when she starts to give out the *Signs* or *Present Truth*, the children say, "Here comes the lady who gives us our papers." And of course the fathers and mothers take the other papers too. Did you ever see any boys or girls who did not enjoy *Our Little Friend*? Then why not win other boys and girls to Jesus by the use of this little paper? It is one of the easiest to sell, for it costs just 5 cents. (Call on two others to read the next two paragraphs.)

*Story of Captain Nenno.*—A little girl once received her *Little Friend* each Sabbath, along with the other children who went to Sabbath school. She used to bring it home, and her father read it just because it belonged to his little girl. As a result he became interested in Bible study, and soon afterward stopped gambling and racing horses. He was converted, and became a fine member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. This happened a long time ago, and the little girl is now grown up, but she is always thankful to *Our Little Friend* for what it did for her father.

*Another Conversion.*—One day a man asked us for a Bible study. He said his attention had been called to the matter by reading the little papers that the children brought him. The study was arranged for, and the man was led to believe the truth. Don't you want to win others to Jesus this way?

#### Exercise: "Introducing the Paper"

Have one of the Juniors learn a canvass and knock at the door with a paper just as if he were presenting it to a stranger. This must be practiced, so that the bearing and courtesy of the canvasser will be apparent. The following is a suggestive canvass:

"Good morning! I have here a fine paper, full of good, interesting stories for boys and girls. I am selling these papers to earn a scholarship in a Christian school. Thousands of children read this paper every week. I am sure your children would enjoy it. The price is only 5 cents."

#### Superintendent's Plans and Response

PASS out the following testimonials borne by boys and girls who have actually been out and sold *Our Little Friend*. After this, present your own plans for a field day. Teach the canvass. It will be necessary for the superintendent to have plenty of help from parents or other members of the church. Make a special effort to have parents present at this meeting. It would be far better to omit the program for the present until plans are definite for a field experience, than to have the program, and then to allow the enthusiasm thus aroused to die without putting it into action. And so if there is one part important above another, it is the organizing of groups of children, with a chaperon, who will actually put the paper into the hands of boys and girls who do not know the truth for this time.

One of the strongest features to present at this time is the fact that it is possible to make 3 cents on each copy sold. Many boys and girls are helping with their school tuition in this way. Others are earning money for missions. In fact, one group of children at a camp meeting swelled their offering over the \$250 mark just by selling *Our Little Friend* each day.

*Testimonials.*—1. "I am happy to be a *Little Friend* worker. The people seem so pleased to receive the paper. I believe there are many homes waiting for the good stories in *Our Little Friend*."

2. "I am not afraid to go to the houses with *Our Little Friend*. My part is to carry the papers, ring the doorbell, and give my canvass, and God does the rest."

3. "At first I did not want to go *Little Friend* selling. I wanted to play, but one experience as a *Little Friend* worker settled the play question for me. I am so much happier selling *Friends* and saving souls than I could ever be playing ball."

4. "When I started out yesterday afternoon, I prayed that I might be able to sell at least ten *Friends*. I sold fifteen. Our entire Junior tent [this was at camp meeting] prayed for a sale of 200 for the afternoon and sold 250. Last year we prayed for a sale of 500 for the camp meeting time and sold 1,000. God does hear the prayer of the praying *Friend* worker."

### Sticking to It

(For Week Ending June 11)

#### Suggestive Program

Song Service.

Open the Meeting with the Missionary Volunteer Rally Song ("Sunshine Songs," p. 51).

Read and then repeat together Luke 9: 62.

Learn the Memory Gem: (Have the following sentence printed somewhere so that all may read it: "You cannot obtain heaven without earnest, persevering effort."—"Testimonies," Vol. III, p. 338.)

Leader's Talk: "The Time to Stick."

Recitation: "It Is Time."

An Object Talk.

Symposium: "Lessons From the Ant." (Obtain a "True Education Reader," Book Four. Any child who has been in the fourth grade of a church school will have one. Have the article on page 112 read by several of the Juniors. Also have the first paragraph of the next article, page 115, read.)

Superintendent's Talk.

Close by repeating Mizpah.

#### Notes for the Leaders

Summertime is often a discouraging one for the Junior Society. School has closed, and the teacher, who, of course, has been a great help in the society, may be leaving. Many boys and girls go on their vacation. Then some of the days are so hot that it seems impossible to do any real thinking or work. Now is the very time, though, which will test out what the Juniors can do in the face of every circumstance. Have the time and place of the Junior meeting thoroughly announced, so that every boy and girl will know; choose carefully the time for meeting, so that the greatest number can be present; and then have some definite summer plans. This program should be a kind of rally program at the beginning of the summer.

For a poster, put a stamp on a sheet of paper, with the words, "A stamp is no good unless it sticks. How about your sticking qualities?" Some word as to your special summer plans, and a challenge that they will test the grit of every Junior, will arouse the interest of the boys and girls who see it.

#### Leader's Talk: "The Time to Stick"

You have just repeated a sentence which means a great deal to every boy and girl. It is going to take backbone, and not just wishbone, to belong to the great army of Jesus. On page 52 of "Steps to Christ" we are told that "many will be lost while hoping and desiring to be Christians." It is the *will* which boys and girls must use, instead of depending on just what they *feel* like doing. How do you suppose Nehemiah felt when his workers had to build with their weapons in their hands, so that they might defend themselves from their enemies? (Read Neh. 4: 17, 18.) But the Israelites stuck to the task in spite of all difficulties. Then his enemies tried to discourage him by telling lies about him. But Nehemiah sent back word, and *stuck* to his work. (Read Neh. 6: 3, 8, 9.) When the task was the hardest, then Nehemiah prayed and worked. Cyrus Fild never would have succeeded in laying a cable across the Atlantic if he had given up after trying and failing three times. Admiral Peary failed again and again when he tried to reach the north pole, but there was no surrender with him, and at last he won. A little boy with a small shovel can clear away a great deal of snow if only he *keeps at it*. (Use the foregoing illustration in your own way, and then speak of some of the obstacles that make the society slump in summer. "It's too hot to go to Junior meeting this afternoon," one will say. Another will refuse to take part because he just can't think or study during vacation. And then, John and Edward have gone on their vacation, and so Ted couldn't possibly come. Just when others are away and the task is hard, that is the time to *stick*.)

#### It Is Time

It is time to be brave, it is time to be true,  
It is time to be finding the thing you can do,  
It is time to put by the dream and the sigh,  
And work for the cause that is holy and high.

It is time to be lowly and humble of heart.  
It is time for the lilies of meekness to start;  
For the heart to be white and the steps to be right,  
And the hands to be weaving a garment of light.

—Selects.

#### An Object Talk

TAKE to meeting a bunch of twigs to represent a hedge, the kind where twigs are close, which of course would make it very difficult to get through. Then tell the story of John Halifax,



who, when asked the question, "What would you do, John, if you were shut up here and had to get over that yew hedge? You could not climb it," answered, "I know that, and therefore I should not waste time in trying." "Would you give up, then?" He smiled, and there was no giving up in that smile. "I'll tell you what I'd do: I'd begin and break it, twig by twig, till I forced my way through, and got safe out at the other side."

Then speak of some of the twigs which make up the hedge which holds a society back. Nonattendance is one. Hold up one twig, and ask how many Juniors are willing to break it by promising that they will be there and on time during the summer whenever they possibly can. Break it as there is a response. Another twig which might be broken is an unwillingness to take part on the program when asked. Others are, never doing any missionary work, never reporting, irreverence, etc. You will think of the drawbacks against which your own society is pulling. (This talk, to be effective, should be well prepared. Ask the superintendent to help you in naming your twigs.)

#### Superintendent's Talk

Review the work that the society has done during the past month. Perhaps there have not been so many missionary letters written lately; if so, have your plans ready. Suggest a list of names, and write a model letter, so that the Juniors may choose a name and write a letter. It might be well to turn the meeting into a work band. Or, if there have been fewer missionary visits made, suggest where such are needed, and ask for volunteers who will make the visits during the coming week. This item on the program should fit the definite needs of your society and strengthen the weak point in missionary activity. Summer months should be active ones in services.

## Our Law: I Will Care for My Body

(For Week Ending June 18)

### Suggestive Program

Opening Song: No. 559 in "Christ in Song."  
Remain standing and repeat thoughtfully the Junior Pledge and Law.  
Read 3 John 2 in concert.  
Ask all to join in a season of silent prayer, which is closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer.  
Superintendent's Talk: "I Will Care for My Body."  
All join in Song, "On the Quest for Health." (The words for this song should be written on the blackboard where all may read them easily.)  
Exercise: "Making Strong Bodies."  
Recitation: "The Best Six Doctors."  
Story: "How Joseph Bates Cared for His Body." (The person telling this story can find other interesting incidents in the life of this fine pioneer by referring to the Reading Course book.)  
Close by repeating Junior Pledge.

#### Notes to Leaders

Another Junior Law program! O that each part of our Law may become a part of the life of every Junior Missionary Volunteer! Be sure that the Pledge and the Law are where all may see them, but try to see that all repeat them from memory.

For a poster, draw a great archway and label it "Service." Have steps leading up to the archway, each step bearing the name of a health habit which is necessary for a sound body; for instance, exercise, proper food, plenty of sleep, are all stepping-stones to a body and brain that are able to give the service God requires.

### Superintendent's Talk: "I Will Care for My Body"

I AM glad I can talk to Juniors about caring for their bodies. I will tell you why. If a Junior truly learns to care for his body during the years when the building of that body house is in progress, he is more likely to become a strong and useful worker in the cause of God.

You all remember reading about the hurricane in Florida a few months ago. After the worst part of the debris and rubbish was cleared away, it was discovered that only buildings of poor material and workmanship were seriously damaged in the storm. Houses with a good foundation of cement and mortar and those built of lumber put in place with sufficient nails, withstood the blast of that terrible windstorm. Too much sand in the cement, defects in the timber, no nails where nails should be,—all these weaknesses caused the whole structure to go to pieces in a time of testing. Florida learned then who were the good builders and carpenters of those coast cities.

It is just that way with our bodies. We are building a body structure to endure hardness as a good soldier for the Master.

You Juniors are the managers of that building process. You help to choose the building material for that body house when you choose your food for breakfast, dinner, and lunch. The nails, cement, and mortar too, you must get by choosing foods with lime, phosphorus, and iron, or your body house will not be firmly bound together. Vegetables, fruit, grains, and milk eaten in abundance daily will supply that building material. Even the carpenters who build that body structure for you are in that food. We call them Mr. A, Mr. B, and Mr. C. These carpenters are the vitamins, or those elements in food that give it the vital spark so it can be made into good muscle, bone, and nerve tissue.

Because you are the manager, you must not forget your body needs plenty of sleep, with window open, if the fires to warm the body house are to be kept burning brightly. A good manager, too, will supply lumber to the workmen only when needed; and if you are master of that body building, you, too, will eat only at the time for meals. A good manager will keep the house clean inside and outside. God tells us in His Holy Book that it is our "reasonable service" to care for our bodies. He tells us our bodies, as well as our souls, should be healthy.

Juniors who have learned to care for their bodies, who have established good habits, are the ones the King of kings is calling to carry the message of Jesus' soon return to this world.

Will He be able to say to you Junior Volunteers when He comes, "Good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things"?

KATHRYN L. JENSEN.

### Song: "On the Quest for Health"

(Tune: "Onward, Christian Soldiers")

HAPPY Junior Volunteers  
On the quest for health,  
For we know that bodies strong  
Are our greatest wealth.  
We are all united  
'Gainst a common foe,  
From our homes and schoolrooms  
Dread disease must go.

#### CHORUS:

Modern Junior Volunteers,  
Battling for the right,  
We are Fresh Air soldiers  
Morning, noon, and night.  
  
Loyal Junior Volunteers,  
Forward we will go,  
'Neath the Good Health banner,  
We can't fail, we know.  
Open wide the windows,  
Let the fresh air in,  
It will make us stronger,  
It will help us win.

### Exercise: "Making Strong Bodies"

Ask five Juniors to take the following questions, and answer them in not more than a minute each. If they are members of the physiology class, all the better.

1. Why does brushing the teeth prevent their decay?
2. How does keeping the hands clean and away from the mouth lessen the chance of disease?
3. Why is frequent bathing necessary to the best of health?
4. What does sleep do for the body?
5. What kinds of food are the best builders, and why?

### The Best Six Doctors

THE best six doctors anywhere—  
And no one can deny it—  
Are sunshine, water, rest, and air,  
And exercise, and diet.  
These six will gladly attend,  
If only you are willing.  
Your ills they'll mend,  
Your cares they'll tend,  
And charge you not a shilling!

—Selected.

### Story: "How Joseph Bates Cared for His Body"

IN the year 1792, just previous to the time when God had a special message to warn the world of His soon return, a little boy was born in the city of Rochester, Mass.

This boy's name was Joseph Bates. In old New England,

boys and girls grew up into sturdy young men and women. They lived much out of doors, ate the fruit and vegetables direct from the hands of Mother Nature, and early in life learned to obey father and mother.

Joseph was no exception. In those days many boys wanted to become sailors. Joseph begged and begged his father to let him go to sea. Finally, when the boy was fifteen years of age, his father consented, and Joseph sailed as cabin boy on the good ship "Fanny" from New York to London, England. In those days there were no huge ocean liners. Only sailboats carried people and cargo over the Atlantic.

At the age of thirty-two, while on the ocean, Joseph Bates was converted. He had never been a heavy drinker, but he resolved then and there never again to touch any intoxicating drink. Three years previous he had given up the use of tobacco. In 1827 he organized the first temperance society in America. He stopped swearing, and allowed no one on his ship to use profane language. Later he gave up tea and coffee. As he continued to study his Bible, he resolved to eat no more meat or other unhealthful foods.

Mrs. E. G. White tells us that when she first met Elder Bates, at the age of fifty-four, his figure was erect and of fine proportions, his countenance was fair and his eye was clear and mild. Eighteen years of rigid temperance life had renewed the entire man. When God sent us a special message on healthful living in 1860, Joseph Bates welcomed it gladly, and was to God's chosen people a living demonstration of health reform.

Only a few months before he died, at the age of eighty, he gave a talk that stirred his audience. He then stood as straight as a monument and trod the sidewalks as lightly as a fox.

Because Joseph Bates listened to the voice of God speaking to him about the care he should give his body, he was able for more than thirty-two years after leaving the sea, to work hard to help others to know about the third angel's message.

KATHRYN L. JENSEN.

## Junior Day

(For Week Ending June 25)

### Suggestive Program

**Opening Song.** (Practice thoroughly and sing with spirit the Junior Missionary Volunteer rally song, No. 51, in "Sunshine Songs for Boys and Girls.")

**Sentence Prayers.** (Ask several of your most earnest Juniors to volunteer to take part. This should be done privately before the meeting.)

**Leader's Welcome.**

**Scripture Recitation.** (The following verses may be memorized by the whole society, or if thorough preparation is impossible, a few may give them as an exercise: Isa. 40: 11; 54: 13; Matt. 18: 4, 5, 10; 19: 14; Eccl. 12: 1; Prov. 8: 17, 32.)

**Songs by several of the younger Juniors.** (No. 16 in "Sunshine Songs for Boys and Girls.")

**Our Pledge and Law.** (Before the society joins in reciting the pledge and the law, the leader should tell something about them. See Special Leader's Note.)

**Symposium: "Workers for Jesus."**

**Recitation: "My Gifts for God's Service."**

**Song by Whole Society.** (No. 24 in "Sunshine Songs for Boys and Girls.")

**Recitation: "The Bible."**

**Standard of Attainment Drill.**

**Close by repeating Junior Pledge.**

### Note to Leaders

This is the time to let the fathers and mothers and the whole church know just what kind of Junior Missionary Volunteer Society you are, and to tell them of some of the things you have been doing. In some churches the custom has been followed of giving a Sabbath service over to the Junior Missionary Volunteers once a year. And what could give a better idea of the society than to have a regular, carefully prepared society meeting right there in church? If it seems inadvisable to follow this plan, make a special effort to have a large attendance at the regular Junior meeting on Sabbath afternoon. The week before, have each Junior copy a personal invitation to his parents to attend, and see that an attractive and definite invitation to other church members is read in church. Of course, for this program, as this is to be a special program, extra drill and preparation will be made.

### Special Leader's Note

STICK to your post, dear Junior leader. The fathers and mothers want to get acquainted with a real society, and of course that means that they would like to see how a real Junior leader conducts a meeting. And so learn your part well; know just what you are going to say in welcoming them, and in introducing each item. Write it down if necessary, and then stick to your job. The following suggestions may help you:

**Suggestions for Welcome.**—We are happy to have so many visitors with us to-day, because we wish you to become acquainted with the Junior Missionary Volunteer Society. God has given us the promise that, "with such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!" That is the aim of our society, to train each member in service. And so we are going to let you have a glimpse of what we are doing and learning here in our society. We all welcome you heartily.

**Suggestions for Introducing Items.**—In introducing the Junior Pledge and Law, tell your visitors that the Law and Pledge are often repeated, and that every real Junior Missionary Volunteer not only knows them, but rules his life by their principles. Before calling for the "Symposium," explain that a real society is a working society, and so you have asked a number of the members to tell of experiences they have had. In speaking of the Standard of Attainment Drill, tell them that you are all studying to be able to give an intelligent answer concerning what you believe, that you want to be able to bring the truth to others.

### Symposium: "Workers for Jesus"

Ask five Juniors to take part in this. One might tell about a paper or tract that he gave out, how he did it, and if any conversation followed, tell of it; another might tell of an experience in soliciting for missions during Harvest Ingathering; another, of how he earned some missionary money; still another might tell of a missionary visit, or of bringing a friend to Sabbath school; another could tell of visiting some one who was sick, etc. Make the experiences real, if necessary have them written out and drilled upon.

### My Gifts for God's Service

(Recitation for one child or several in concert.)

THESE two little hands<sup>1</sup> God gave me  
To work for Him with all my might,  
Whene'er He bids me, strong and willing,  
From life's glad morning till the night.  
These little eyes<sup>2</sup> to keep their vigils,  
Lest sinful deeds my hands may do,  
To watch and keep the right path ever,  
That I to Him may e'er be true.

THESE little ears<sup>3</sup> He gave that daily  
I His counsels wise might hear,  
These little feet<sup>4</sup> that on His errands  
I might run afar and near.  
My heart<sup>5</sup> He gave that I might love Him,  
My voice<sup>6</sup> that I His praise may sing;  
And I pray that I may ever  
Serve with all my gifts my King.

—Ida L. Reed.

<sup>1</sup> Hold up hands. <sup>2</sup> Lay finger tips on eyes. <sup>3</sup> Touch ears. <sup>4</sup> Point to feet. <sup>5</sup> Lay hand to heart. <sup>6</sup> Touch lips lightly.

### The Bible

THIS little book I'd rather own  
Than all the gold and gems  
That e'er in monarch's coffers shone,  
Than all their diadems.  
Nay, were the seas one chrysolite,  
The earth one golden ball,  
And diamonds all the stars of night,  
This book were worth them all.

Yes, yes; this little book is worth  
All else to mortals given;  
For what are all the joys of earth  
Compared to joys of heaven?  
This is the guide our Father gave  
To lead to realms of day—  
A star whose luster gilds the grave,  
The light, the life, the way.

—William Leggett.

### Standard of Attainment Drill

Two girls come forward, and are seated as if they are visiting. In the conversation it develops that Mrs. Smith has just moved into the neighborhood, and Mrs. Case is calling. They talk of the pleasant neighborhood, and then Mrs. Smith asks what churches are near. Mrs. Case invites her to go to church with her, and tells her that she goes on Saturday, because she believes it to be the day that God asks His children to keep as Sabbath. Of course Mrs. Smith is curious and asks why. Then Mrs. Case takes a Bible out of her hand bag and tells her about the Sabbath, how it was made when the world was created, that it was commanded again at Sinai, and also how Jesus kept it. (Use texts on pages 7 and 8 of the "Junior Standard of Attainment Manual.")