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Church Officers' General Instruction Department

Special Appointments for the Month of November

Home Missionary Day November 1
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Selection of Leaders

THE prosperity of the work of God depends very largely upon the selection of proper leaders. Men are needed who are wise-hearted, humble, constantly learning from God how "to go out" and "come in" in the midst of remnant Israel whom the Lord has chosen for His heritage. They should be men that have "understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do," men free from covetousness, or vainglory, whom God by His Spirit may teach and lead into the green pastures of His word, so that like husbandmen they may bring from the spiritual storehouse things both new and old to refresh and strengthen the flock of God.

When the hosts of Israel first came out of Egypt, one of the great requirements confronting Moses, under God, was the selection of suitable leaders. And it was through the keen discernment of a man outside Israel's ranks whom God used first to suggest the choosing of men of varied qualifications and ability for leaders in the church in the wilderness. And Moses, whom the Lord had so mightily used in delivering Israel's host from Egypt, was humble and meek enough to take the good counsel given by Jethro, his father-in-law.

"Moses' father-in-law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good. . . . Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee. . . . Provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. . . . So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did that he had said. And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens." Ex. 18: 17-25.

Church Officers Not to Be Chosen Hastily

Some very pertinent instruction in recent years has been given us through the Spirit as to the need of exercising great care in the selection of church officers.

"In some of our churches the work of organizing and of ordaining elders has been premature; the Bible rule [of laying hands suddenly on no man] has been disregarded, and consequently grievous trouble has been brought upon the church.

There should not be so great haste in electing leaders as to ordain men who are in no way fitted for the responsible work,—men who need to be converted, elevated, ennobled, and refined, before they can serve the cause of God in any capacity."—*Testimonies*, Vol. V, p. 617.

Qualifications of Candidates to Be Carefully Reviewed

Very practical questions by the authority of the word of God are brought to bear upon this question as to who are fitted to become leaders in the flock of God:

"The family of the one suggested for office should be considered. Are they in subjection? Can the man rule his own house with honor? What character have his children? Will they do honor to the father's influence? If he has no tact, wisdom, or power of godliness at home, in managing his own family, it is safe to conclude that the same defects will be carried into the church, and the same unsanctified management will be seen there. It will be far better to criticize the man before he is put into office than afterward; better to pray and counsel before taking the decisive step, than to labor to correct the consequences of a wrong move."—*Id.*, p. 618.

Then the suggestion is given as to how to proceed in making the wise selection. And while this instruction primarily applies where new companies of believers have been raised up, the principles here given could be made to apply also to the development and choosing of new leaders so constantly needed in a church longer established:

"One man may be appointed to lead for a week or a month, then another for a few weeks; and thus different persons may be enlisted in the work, and after suitable trial, some one should be selected by the voice of the church to be the acknowledged leader, never, however to be chosen for more than one year. Then another may be selected, or the same one may be re-elected, if his service has proved a blessing to the church."—*Id.*, p. 619.

Another consideration enters into the selection of the church leader as pointed out in the Scriptures:

"Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil." 1 Tim. 3: 7.

Is the man of good repute in the community where he lives? Is he one commanding the respect and honor of those with whom he associates? And surely he must be counted an honest man, one whose word can be relied upon. Should it be possible for those "without" to pass the word around that the one selected for elder or deacon was one failing to pay his honest debts, creating obligations with small prospect of meeting them promptly, it could hardly be said of such a one that he was "of good report of them which are without." Again, is the candidate reputed for his driving sharp bargains in his business deals? If so, could it be said of him that he was above "reproach" and "blameless"? Then he must not be "greedy of filthy lucre," but rather "of good behavior," or "modest," as the marginal rendering gives it. He must be "no striker," "not a bawler," not ready to quarrel and offer wrong.

These are some of the characteristics that should distinguish the men to be chosen and set forth for leaders in the church of Christ. For it is through such men that the Holy Spirit can work to minister blessing and help to God's people, leading them on into the fruitful ministry of winning other souls to Christ. So important is the task of choosing church leaders, so far reaching the consequences, that only as the wisdom of God is sought, and the Holy Spirit shall lead, may right decisions be reached in their selection and appointment by the church.

"These things write I unto thee," wrote Paul to Timothy, after pointing out the qualifications to be discerned in those chosen for leaders in the churches, "that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." Equally important is it today that qualified leaders be chosen who shall humbly seek God for His Spirit and guidance, that they, too, may "know how" to serve in the

house of the Lord, "the church of the living God," which in the earth still is "the pillar and ground of the truth."

T. E. B.

A Lesson From the Past

IN 2 Chronicles 29: 5 we have a word from good King Hezekiah, asking the people, particularly the Levites, to sanctify themselves and to sanctify the house of God. He said: "Carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place." Solemn sacrifices were offered and a reformation was called for, and God's people came up on higher ground.

The further record in verses 15, 16, and 17 was that "they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the Lord, to cleanse the house of the Lord." A spiritual work was done for priests and for the people, but notwithstanding all these good efforts, God's people fell away again and went into backsliding and finally into captivity. Almost three hundred years passed, and we read of another revival, under Nehemiah, after God's people, many of them, had come up out of captivity. There are many similarities to our day and the great message we are carrying to the world, in the days of restoration and the messages that had gone forth to God's people at that time. In fact, the parallel is so striking that we find there were three messages or calls to God's people to come up out of captivity and out of sin. God's people then were hesitant and unbelieving. So we find ourselves today with many things hindering us, and our hearts entwined about many things that retard our spiritual progress.

In the thirteenth chapter of Nehemiah we find that a call had been made to God's people to study the book of Moses. It had been read in the audience of the people, and they had learned there that Israel should not mingle with the ungodly. "It came to pass, when they had read the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude." Isn't this our trouble today, mingling with the mixed multitude?

Then Nehemiah saw that there were certain reforms that needed to be brought about. He found the people unfaithful in the payment of tithes, and he set the treasurers at work and counseled the people to be faithful. Neh. 13: 10-14.

He also noticed a lax habit of keeping the Sabbath, that Israel was careless, doing their own pleasure and business on the Sabbath day. Nehemiah preached a reform on Sabbath keeping. Neh. 13: 15-22.

Then he also noticed that some of the young people of Israel were intermarrying with the nations round, and he preached a reform also on this evil. Neh. 13: 23-27.

Are not these conditions which were so prevalent at the time of the restoration also very grave evils at the present time? Are there not many of our young people prone to marry those who are not of the faith? How many have lost their way by such a course, and brought sorrow to themselves and their parents and loss to the church. How many today among us are careless about the Sabbath, using its hours for pleasure, common visiting, automobile riding, and various other pleasures. And then too, we find many of God's people unfaithful in the payment of their tithes. They are losing a great blessing that God has promised (Mal. 3: 10), and also robbing God of means that should go to the extension of His work.

Let us learn lessons from the history of the times of the restoration.

J. E. FULTON.

THERE is among us an evil that needs to be corrected. Brethren feel free to look at, and speak of, the supposed defects of others, when that very liberty reveals a decided defect in themselves. They make it manifest that they are wise in their own conceits; and God cannot give them His special blessing, for they would exalt themselves, and hurt the precious cause of truth.—"Testimonies to Ministers," p. 193.

"It does make a difference what we believe." Wrong thinking cannot produce right living. Orthodoxy (right thinking) and orthopraxy (right doing) are eternally inseparable. (See 2 Cor. 13:5.)—Selected.

Home Missionary Department

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE

Suggestive Program for First Sabbath Home Missionary Service

(November 1)

OPENING SONG: "Work for the Night Is Coming," No. 720 in "Christ in Song."

PRAYER.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SECRETARY'S REPORT.

SONG: "Make Me a Blessing Today," No. 500 in "Christ in Song."

TESTIMONY STUDY.

TALK: "Missionary Correspondence: Its Place in the Finishing of the Work."

TALK: "The Soul-Winning Layman."

RECITATION: "Small Things for Jesus."

SPECIAL SONG: "The Call to Service," Tune No. 315 in "Christ in Song."

LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF LOCAL PLANS.

BENEDICTION.

Note to Church Elders and Leaders

The subject of the first Sabbath program for November 1, "Missionary Correspondence: Its Place in the Finishing of the Work," is most important. The servant of God tells us that "time is short, and our forces must be organized to do even a greater work." We must, as never before, seek to develop the latent talents and energies wrapped up in the membership of our churches. Every member, high or low, rich or poor, great or humble, can take an active part in the winning of souls to this message by missionary correspondence.

Much of the responsibility of organizing the missionary activities of the church devolves upon the missionary leader, and the one who fills this office must be a leader indeed, and set the example in missionary activities, for others will follow only so far as they are led.

In a large number of churches the Home Bible Study League is being carried on with gratifying success. If this method of missionary correspondence is not being followed in your church, it would be well to meet with your church board and place before its members definite plans for the inauguration of this work. Detailed information regarding the formation of the league may be obtained from the leaflet entitled, "The Home Bible Study League," which the home missionary secretary in any conference will be happy to supply.

Emphasize the importance of correspondence work. The Lord has given us the privilege of working with Him to save sin-weary souls. "Do not become weary of vigilant missionary labor. This is a work you may all engage in successfully if you will but connect with God. Before writing letters of inquiry, always lift up your heart to God in prayer that you may be successful in gathering some wild branches which may be grafted into the true vine, and bear fruit to the glory of God. All who with humble hearts take part in this work, will be continually educating themselves as workers in the vineyard of the Lord."—*Review and Herald*, June 10, 1880.

"Some will work in one way and some in another, as the Lord shall call and lead them. But they are all to strive together, seeking to make the work a perfect whole. With pen and voice they are to labor for Him."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, page 26.

All can have a part in a missionary program of this nature, for even those who protest that they do not possess talents can wrap a paper or write a missionary letter. Strive to enlist every church member in this work.

"There's never a friend so far from you

That a message cannot reach;

And there's never a heart so full of woe

That a love word cannot teach.

And there's never a soul in this sad old world,

Crushed under a weight of care

That cannot bend to a loving friend

Who has paper and ink—and prayer!"

GENERAL CONFERENCE HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

Testimony Study

L. V. FINSTER

1. WHAT picture is given of the finishing of the work in the final call out of Babylon?

"After these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with

his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Rev. 18: 1-4.

2. What means will contribute largely to the work of this other angel?

"In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VII, p. 140.

3. What are our publications to accomplish?

"The publications sent forth from our printing houses are to prepare a people to meet God."—*Id.*, p. 139.

4. How diligent should we be in the distribution of our literature?

"Let the leaflets and tracts, the papers and books, go in every direction. Carry with you, wherever you go, a package of select tracts, which you can hand out as you have opportunity. Sell what you can, and lend or give them away as the case may seem to require. Important results will follow."—*Review and Herald*, June 10, 1880.

5. How is the gospel seed now being sown, and with what results?

"Our publications are now sowing the gospel seed, and are instrumental in bringing as many souls to Christ as the preached word. Whole churches have been raised up as the result of their circulation."—*Ibid.*

6. How many may have a part in this work?

"In this work every disciple of Christ can act a part."—*Ibid.*

7. What is the Scriptural principle that applies in sowing the gospel seed through the printed page?

"This I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." 2 Cor. 9: 6.

8. What promise is made to the faithful seed sower?

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126: 6.

if every Seventh-day Adventist around the world should catch a vision of the unlimited possibilities of disseminating the message through earnest missionary correspondence. The servant of the Lord has said:

"The pen is a power in the hands of men who feel the truth burning upon the altar of their hearts, and who have an intelligent zeal for God, balanced with sound judgment. The pen, dipped in the fountain of pure truth, can send the beams of light to dark corners of the earth, which will reflect its rays back, adding new power, and giving increased light to be scattered everywhere."—*Life Sketches*, p. 214.

In past years, true to the counsel of the Spirit of prophecy, our truth-filled literature has been "scattered abroad like the leaves of autumn." Thousands, yes, millions of pages have been sent out from our publishing houses and through the efforts of a humble, consecrated people have found their way into large numbers of homes. The time has come, however, when we should not only sow the seed and pray that God will permit it to fall on fertile soil, but also nurture and cultivate it until it is ready to harvest for the kingdom of God.

Elder L. F. Oswald, home missionary secretary of the Northern European Division, writes as follows regarding the experiences of a young man in the Baltic Union who saw the soul-winning possibilities in the writing of missionary letters:

"Five years ago I met a young man, by the name of Laugaskill, as I was visiting the churches in behalf of our mission school in the Baltic Union, in the old university city of Dorpat, Estonia. He was canvassing at the time, but had a great desire to enter our school. Arrangements were later made so that he could come and begin his studies and he has been with us ever since, earning his expenses by canvassing during vacation time."

"Brother Laugaskill came to Estonia from Russia in 1918, leaving his aged mother and his sister there. In 1922 he became acquainted with the message and was baptized. In our school he became more fully acquainted with the third angel's message, and its power to win souls to Christ.

"Feeling that he could not keep such a wonderful truth for himself alone, this young man began writing missionary letters to his relatives who soon became interested, told the truths his letters contained to their neighbors, and began studying the word of God. In answering his letters they asked many questions which arose from their studies, and after three years of constant correspondence began to keep the Sabbath and to hold meetings.

"Brother Laugaskill then wrote and asked the leaders in Russia to send a minister to his home village to call on his mother and sister. The nearest worker, who lived about 300 kilometers from this interested group, was sent, and when he arrived there he found the people well informed regarding the message. A baptism was held and a church of twenty-four members organized. We have a picture which shows the little company won through the faithful correspondence work of this one student."

Yes, correspondence work wins souls! Pages could be written on the results of the Home Bible Study League in conferences and churches. One conference reports 78 souls won in a five-year period; another that 25 churches are systematically distributing literature to 5,000 families, 225 of which have responded favorably to the questionnaire sent them. The following paragraph is from a letter written by a conference home missionary secretary:

"I am glad to let you know that a large number of our churches are sending out literature through the Home Bible Study League. We have a large number of people who accepted the truth in 1929, and some of them have already been baptized by our ministers."

The Home Bible Study League has found a permanent place in the activities of our churches, and it is evident that its soul-winning possibilities are unlimited when it is carefully operated. May the blessing of God attend the efforts of our people everywhere as they reach out through the mails into the homes of the people for those who will receive the truth for this time.

"The greatest reward God ever bestowed upon a man in this world is greater opportunity for service."

Missionary Correspondence: Its Place in the Finishing of the Work

L. E. CHRISTMAN

MISSIONARY correspondence is one of the most fruitful agencies possessed by the church of God for the finishing of the work. This soul-winning endeavor was first started by a few of our faithful sisters in the year 1868, and soon became one of the most prominent lines of missionary work in which this people engaged.

In the year 1922, our pastor in the Orlando, Fla., church, who found it more or less of a problem to provide work for the 232 members of the church in that city, organized what was called the "Berean Bible Institute" for systematic missionary correspondence. From the very beginning the blessing of God attended this plan, and after two years of operation the attention of the General Conference Home Missionary Department was called to the organization by the reports of its soul-winning results.

At a meeting of union conference home missionary secretaries in 1924 the Berean Bible Institute plan was studied, and heartily recommended, under the name of the "Home Bible Study League," as an effective means of winning souls through the systematic distribution of literature by correspondence and personal delivery. At the Spring Council of this year it was voted that this name should be adopted to designate the systematic missionary correspondence carried on in our churches. Since that time the idea has spread throughout the world field; scores of conferences and churches are putting the plan into effect, with the result that hundreds of souls are being won.

It would be difficult, indeed, to visualize what it would mean

The Soul-Winning Layman

GEORGE BUTLER

Home Missionary Secretary, Indiana Conference

It is plainly evident from the second chapter of Acts and the instruction of the Spirit of prophecy that God's plan calls for soul-winning effort by every professed Christian. Even in Old Testament times the idea was presented in the words, "Ye are My witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God."

Charles Allen, of Terre Haute, Ind., says: "I have been here a year and held no public meetings. Instead I have encouraged the church members to do personal work from house to house with the printed page. The response has been good, and the results encouraging. Within a year thirty members have been added to the church. We are now beginning our second effort and will conduct it according to Home Bible Study League plans. We expect that at least fifteen others will be baptized soon."

Since this was written two baptismal services have been held there, resulting in twenty instead of fifteen baptisms, and the good work is still going on. Today, replies to the questionnaire letter of the second literature effort are now coming in, and new homes are opening for the study of the message.

Between January 1 and our departure for General Conference, in sixteen five-day conventions, twenty-four other churches joined Terre Haute in systematic house-to-house work, following Home Bible Study League methods, and calling on 5,000 homes for an eighteen-week course of studies. Since then other churches have started, and several isolated families have begun this work in their communities.

From those whose eighteen weeks' course has expired we have already received 245 written requests for additional literature or studies, and as many more oral requests have been recorded. Interested families are followed up with deeper truths by the printed page, personal studies, and cottage or public meetings.

In one place two have joined the church; in another three were baptized last week. In three other places baptisms have been performed, and present plans call for four or five additional baptismal groups before camp meeting in August. In four places local elders have felt compelled to open meetings in their respective churches for the benefit of the interested ones found in the house-to-house literature distribution. One local elder is working a town sixteen miles from his home church, and is holding meetings in three different sections each week. The soul-winning spirit is taking hold of our people, and God is signally blessing their efforts. Three hundred members set their goal for at least one soul each in 1930, and several have already reached this aim.

The interest is such that in one city the conference Bible worker told me, "The smallest attendance of our laymen's Bible class through these sweltering days is sixteen, and I am so busy helping our brethren and sisters in preparing their studies, that I have no time for a connected series myself. This winter I plan to work through the lay Bible readers, and thus accomplish twenty times as much as I could alone."

This worker has the right idea, and judging by the dozens of written requests received from the first effort in that city, plus the oral requests, the church will have its hands full. Space forbids going further into detail, or the relating of many interesting experiences that have come to our attention, such as mere than one hundred readers sending cash for literature, or one who wrote, "You have a wonderful message, and I have decided to help you push it."

In closing, I would like to emphasize the fact that this work went on during Big Week without hindering the campaign. Indeed it helped it, for many bought books because of the friendships formed in personal delivery of other literature. In spite of the financial slump, and the absence of many of our workers who were attending General Conference at the time, our Big Week sales were 1,500 sets higher than for last year. We plan to keep the program going through the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and in fact for fifty-two weeks a year. With an all-year-round soul-winning effort the campaigns become side issues so far as time and energy are concerned, yet result in larger returns. If every believer would cultivate a little field of from ten to fifty families a year, he would receive from these his Big Week and Ingathering goals in two hours,

regardless of any local ordinances forbidding sales or solicitation. We have proved this in both campaigns. The secret of a steadily growing work is in new believers being constantly added to the church. These are to be found all around us. Through the Home Bible Study League methods the laity can win them, thus uniting their efforts with church officers and ministers.

The Call to Service

(Tune, No. 315 in "Christ in Song")

HAVE you heard the call to service
In the army of the Lord?
Fierce the conflict, Jesus needs you,
Go in faith, and give His word.

CHORUS:

O the bliss and joy in heaven,
As we meet around the throne,
And the crown of life is given,
To the souls that we have won.

If you cannot work for Jesus
On some distant foreign shore,
You can do the work that's nearest—
Help to save men at your door.

Take the books, the tracts, the papers,
To your neighbors and your friends,
God will bless all earnest labor,
With the joy that never ends.

Hasten while probation lingers,
Rescue men from death and sin;
Show them how to follow Jesus,
And eternal life to win.

—F. C. Clark.

Small Things for Jesus

A TRACT put in a letter, folded with thoughtful care
And sealed with earnest longing, and a short heart-spoken
prayer;

Commended to the Saviour and sent forth on its way,
His changeless loving kindness, His faithfulness to say;
Not much to give to Jesus, easy this work for Him,
But the world is growing older, and faith oft groweth dim;
And the time is passing over, and it needs that some should
stand

And do small things for Jesus, with free, unsparing hand.

—Selected.

How to Kill a Church

THE following ten rules for killing an organization were prepared by Mrs. O. D. Dryer for the Ohio Woman's Suffrage Association's Bulletin:

1. Don't come to the meetings.
2. If you do come, come late.
3. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of coming.
4. If you do attend a meeting, find fault with the work of the officers and other members.
5. Never accept an office, as it is easier to criticize things.
6. Nevertheless, get sore if you are not appointed on a committee, but if you are, do not attend any committee meetings.
7. If asked by the chairman to give your opinion regarding some important matter, tell her you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell every one how things ought to be done.
8. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly, unselfishly use their ability to help matters along, howl that the organization is run by a clique.
9. Hold back your dues as long as possible, or don't pay at all.
10. Don't bother about getting new members. "Let George do it."

"EVERY day is a fresh beginning,
Every morn is a day made new;
You who are weary of sorrow and sinning,
Here is a beautiful hope for you."

The Church Missionary Service

PRAYER	2 minutes
REPORTS	4 minutes
PRESENTATION OF TOPIC	8 minutes
CLOSING	1 minute

Suggestive Missionary Service Program for Sabbath, November 1

MISSIONARY TOPIC: "Missionary Work in Local Unentered Fields."

TEXT: Acts 8: 4.

SUGGESTIONS: The following suggestions were written by J. W. Mace, manager of the book department, Review and Herald Publishing Association: "Scattered all over the country one may find communities where religious services were formerly held, but where material changes have occurred as a result of the automobile and other things. In parts of the Middle West, and this may also be true in many other sections where the writer has not visited, there stand the empty churches, some of them closed, and some of them transformed into garages, shops, storage houses, etc., while the church organizations have been removed to the towns and cities with the expectation that the farmers in their automobiles will attend. In the majority of cases, however, they do not do so, and consequently religious life is rapidly disappearing in many places. This situation presents a field of fruitful opportunity which can be worked by our lay members, for the people are desirous of attending religious services if it is convenient for them to do so. In Indiana some of our Missionary Volunteer workers went out into the country near their city church, and asked permission to hold services in a little church that had been closed for eleven years. The owners were very reluctant to use it for any other purpose, so it had stood just as it was during all this time. Permission was granted, the first meeting announced, and 175 farmers for miles around were in attendance on the opening night. These people do not ask for eloquent preachers. Many of our lay members could give talks and Bible studies, which might result in the raising up of Seventh-day Adventist churches. The field is white to harvest and the laborers are few. Stop and think of the large area of some of our conferences that have only a small constituency and perhaps two or three workers. These large States are very fruitful territory. I have in mind one where there are forty or fifty counties with no Seventh-day Adventist church, and the people are hungering for the truth. There must be a new impulse, a new effort, in order to finish the work. Our people will have to move away from the church centers out into the needy sections of the conference to stir up new interests and prepare for new churches. This is the program for the very near future." The servant of the Lord has said: "I think how the angels must feel seeing the end approaching, and those who claim to have a knowledge of God and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent, huddle together, colonize, and attend the meetings, and feel dissatisfied if there is not much preaching to benefit their souls and strengthen the church, while they are doing literally nothing. . . . If their temporal, financial prospects are not as prosperous by moving to localities where the truth has not been proclaimed, or where there has been but a glimmering of light, will they not be doing just the work that Jesus has done to save them?"—*General Conference Bulletin, 1898, p. 131.*

Suggestive Missionary Service Program for Sabbath, November 8

MISSIONARY TOPIC: "Home Bible Study League Organization."

TEXT: Acts 8: 36-38.

SUGGESTIONS: That the Home Bible Study League organization is one of the most fruitful means of reaching unbelievers with the message in a systematic manner is evident from the reports that continually come to our attention. Scores have been brought to a saving knowledge of the truth through this method, and the plan is being adopted not only in almost every section of the North American continent, but also in foreign fields. One church has assumed the responsibility of placing

the truth in the hands of every individual in a certain city through this plan, thus paving the way for an evangelistic effort. Another church has secured the names of all property holders in a certain county, and is systematically placing message-filled literature in these homes. And souls are being won. Just recently the following experience was sent to the General Conference Home Missionary Department by David Voth, home missionary secretary of the Pacific Union: "One of our sisters in the Nevada Conference was baptized as a result of reading *Present Truth*. When these papers were first sent to her, she did not care for them and was not interested at all, but instead of throwing the papers away or burning them she threw them into a cupboard. One cold day when she was planning to build a fire in the stove she was looking for some paper with which to start it, but could not find any. Suddenly she thought of the *Present Truth* in the cupboard and started to use them for this purpose. She took the first copy, tore off the wrapper, and saw the picture of Christ in Gethsemane on the first page. This picture made such an impression on her that she felt she could not burn that number, and said to herself that Seventh-day Adventists could not be such a terrible people after all because they believed in Christ. She took another copy, tore off the wrapper, but there was something in that one, also, that interested her, and she decided she could not burn it. Thus she went on until she had examined all the papers, and came to the conclusion that she could not burn any of them. Then she began to read and study, and the result was that the light of this message illuminated her mind and heart and she accepted it." Get information from your local conference home missionary secretary, and organize the Home Bible Study League in your church. Literature thus distributed wins souls!

Suggestive Missionary Service Program for Sabbath, November 15

MISSIONARY TOPIC: "Soul-Winning Experiences."

TEXT: Matthew 20: 28.

SUGGESTIONS: The early believers went everywhere preaching the word. The book of Acts from beginning to end is an inspiring testimony of what God accomplished through the unselfish, untiring efforts of those faithful church members. It was their testimony that brought others to the feet of Jesus, and renewed life and vigor to themselves. The servant of God says: "Let the church members, during the week, act their part faithfully, and on the Sabbath relate their experience. The meeting will then be as meat in due season, bringing to all present new life and fresh vigor."—*Testimonies, Vol. VII, p. 19.* Let the topic time of fifteen-minute service on this date be spent in the telling of experiences as is customary for each third Sabbath of the month. Some of the Senior Missionary Volunteers might tell of their missionary work; many of them are carrying on an earnest soul-winning program. The following story comes from Naomi Eaton in the Southeastern California Conference: "We have in our Missionary Volunteer Society an honorary member who spends his entire time doing missionary work among the young men of the city, and particularly with the Marine and Navy boys. This brother is an active reporting member of our society, and a source of encouragement to the young people in the distribution of literature. One Friday night several weeks ago he gave each member of the society a tract entitled, 'The Home of the Saved,' and asked us to use them in some special way. A few days later I wrote a letter to a friend in Oregon and felt impressed to include that little tract. The address of our conference office was on it, so she immediately wrote for more literature. The home missionary secretary of the conference started sending her the Home Bible Study League lessons, and after about the ninth week she wrote that she was keeping the Sabbath. In her last letter to me she said she was ready to become a member of the church. I am very happy to report how one tract was instrumental in winning a soul for the kingdom."

Suggestive Missionary Service Program for Sabbath, November 22

MISSIONARY TOPIC: "Home Missionary and Morning Watch Calendars."

TEXT: Zechariah 8: 16.

SUGGESTIONS: Home Missionary and Morning Watch Calen-

dars for 1931 are now ready for distribution in the churches and both should be displayed on this date. The Home Missionary Calendar is especially beautiful this year, featuring on the front cover the picture of the good Samaritan. The Sabbaths are marked in red as usual, and the verses for each day are taken from the writings of great men of the Bible. It contains also the monthly missionary topics, list of official offerings and special days, sunset table and key indicating the beginning of the Sabbath in North America, etc.. It is the calendar for every Seventh-day Adventist home, and in addition to this is a splendid missionary periodical. The Morning Watch Calendar also warrants a large circulation. Letter after letter of appreciation for this little booklet comes to the Review and Herald Publishing Association from those into whose hands it is placed. The following from a woman in California is typical: "I have seen a copy of your Morning Watch Calendar, and am so pleased with it that I wish very much to get one from you. I have not been able to find a copy here and do not know the price. Will you not please send it to me C. O. D., and of course you will receive the amount immediately. I am sure God has blessed the work done in His name in sending this wonderful little friend into many homes, and putting a whole year's reminder of our Father's gracious love into many hands to be read daily to the saving of souls. May He continually bless and sustain you in this blessed work and give you many souls for your hire." Let those who desire to order these calendars place the amount of their cost in an order envelope, and pass it to the church missionary secretary.

Suggestive Missionary Service Program for Sabbath, November 29

MISSIONARY TOPIC: "Report of Work Done by Isolated or Shut-in Members."

TEXT: 1 Thessalonians 1: 6-8.

SUGGESTIONS: It is the responsibility of the missionary organization of the church to help every member find his or her place in active service for God, including isolated and shut-in members. The church missionary secretary should constantly keep in touch with the activities of these believers who cannot regularly attend services, and encourage them in missionary endeavor and the reporting of the same. The *Missionary Review of the World* recently published the story of "a paralyzed home missionary,"—a man who graduated from Harvard University as a doctor and practiced for a little while, then became ill with an incurable paralysis. In the depths of despair at his unfortunate lot he found God and the peace that passeth all understanding, and at once recognized the stewardship of life and determined to pass his blessings on to others. As a result he has led hundreds of men, women, and children out of darkness into the marvelous light of personal friendship with the Lord Jesus. "Two telephones are installed by his bed and he is in continual touch with a great company of folks, near and far. Into his ear they tell their problems and troubles. Several volunteer stenographers help him with correspondence which pours in from a wide area. Often when a case is stated, he answers, 'Have you talked the matter over with God?' In many instances the admission is that they 'never thought of such a thing.' Then in the eyes of this 'millionaire of smiles' the wonderful light shines, and he goes on to say: 'I know just how it is with you. I lost years out of my own life because of my bitterness and unbelief, but after I got right with God, everything changed for me. You try it, friend, I'll gladly show you the way. It is so simple, and you'll find that He will help you solve all your problems, soothe your heartaches, make you forget yourself, and open to you a glorious way of service for others.'" Many Seventh-day Adventist shut-in and isolated members are doing fine work for God. Get them to the church missionary service in some way on this date, and let them tell their experiences. If there are some who cannot possibly come, obtain their reports and have them read. Be sure to close in fifteen minutes.

"THE Lord calls for volunteers who will take their stand firmly on His side, and will pledge themselves to unite with Jesus of Nazareth in doing the very work that needs to be done now, just now."—*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, page 488.



A NUMBER of short experiences of missionary work by church members have recently come to the General Conference Home Missionary Department which will be of interest, we believe, to many church officers. They follow:

Tract Racks

"About the first of the year we had two paper racks made which cost us \$5. They are neat, nicely painted, and hold fifty papers such as the *Review and Herald*, *Signs of the Times*, *Youth's Instructor*, etc. We put them up in the two railroad stations here, and from one of them all the papers are taken each week, or nearly so, but not so many from the other.

"One of our colporteurs found a family many miles out in the country who had taken papers from the rack, and were interested in the truth.

"The agent at one of the stations told me of a man who had taken a paper from the rack which told about the beast and his image, and he came back to get more on the same subject.

"We have the following lettering in plain view on each rack: 'Seventh-day Adventist Literature—Free.'

"Each paper is folded and stands erect. Only clean papers are used."—H. G. Miller, Jackson, Tenn.

Laymen's Effort

"Brother W. M. Ashton is leading out in a laymen's effort in Knoxville, Tenn. They are planning, immediately following camp meeting, to put up a tabernacle and carry on a series of meetings. Brother Ashton is expecting to do most of the preaching, and he will be assisted by other members of the First Knoxville church. The tabernacle will be pitched in the neighborhood where Brother Ashton carries mail, and where he has distributed literature and talked this message for some years past. The people on his mail route are interested in his plans, and assure him that they will attend. Certainly it is encouraging to see laymen going after souls in this manner."—R. I. Keate, President, Cumberland Conference.

Two Won by Two

"Sister Luella Townsend, approaching her seventieth year, and her daughter, Mrs. Cora Brenner, isolated members, living in Kenton, Ohio, have recently brought two people into the truth. In the following letter Sister Townsend tells how God used her and her daughter in winning two women, one of whom was a Sunday school teacher:

"Mrs. Brenner sent the Family Bible Teacher to Mrs. Leigh, and I sold her some 25-cent books. At the same time I urged her to take lessons on the Sabbath question. As a result I was invited to read the Bible to her and her children. Mrs. Leigh accepted the Sabbath truth and other doctrines, and she now has been faithful for more than a year.

"As for Mrs. Johnson, who has also accepted the message, Mrs. Brenner met her at a class meeting, and talked with her about the truth. Then I went to her with the books and *Present Truth*. I sold her five books. Shortly after this we invited both Mrs. Leigh and Mrs. Johnson to Sabbath school at our home, and they have been attending for some time."—E. R. Corder, Home Missionary Secretary, Ohio Conference.

Love Devised a Way

THE story is told of a poor blind woman in Paris who once put twenty-seven francs into the plate at a missionary meeting. "You cannot afford so much," said one. "Yes, sir, I can," she answered. On being pressed to explain, she said, "I am blind, and I said to my fellow straw workers, 'How much do you spend a year for oil in your lamps when it is too dark to work nights?' They replied, 'About twenty-seven francs.' So," said the poor woman, "I found that I could save so much in the year because I am blind and do not need a lamp, and I give it to shed the light to those in the dark heathen lands.—Selected.

"If I can do some good today,
If I can serve along life's way,
If I can something helpful say,
Lord, show me how."

Junior Missionary Volunteer Meetings

Suggestions to Junior Superintendents

Standard of Attainment for the Juniors can be made interesting by using charts, for the Bible Doctrines part giving four texts for each topic. If you cannot secure charts in your conference, then the four texts for each topic may be written on the blackboard and opposite each text a key word or statement given. In reviewing the texts a large cardboard can be held over the text, and a question asked which calls for that text in answer. For instance: "How do we know the word of God is inspired?" and the text given will be 2 Timothy 3: 16, 17. Soon the references and topics will be learned, as it assumes the form of play.

A circle may be formed for the Denominational History and each Junior given the name of some pioneer in this movement. The one standing in the center of the circle would say, for instance, "J. N. Andrews and Captain Bates change places," and while these two are changing, the one in the center tries to get the seat of one, and that one then takes his place in the center.

Then to vary the exercise the one in the center could make a false statement such as, "Captain Bates was the founder of the Missionary Volunteer movement." He would then rapidly count to ten. If the one in the center reaches "ten" before the one questioned can correct the statement and say, "No, Luther Warren," then he must take the place of the one in the center and give up his seat. These are merely suggestions as to ways of making the memorizing of facts more interesting. November is a good month to organize these *Standard of Attainment* classes for the Juniors as they will have seven months for study before the examinations in May.

Thanksgiving time is a splendid time to demonstrate that part of the pledge, "I will be a servant of God and a friend to man." Whenever we do something for another we are always made the happier for it. Suggest that each Junior make a uniquely designed basket or box, according to his own artistic temperament, and bring it to the school or society the day before Thanksgiving. Then the women in the church will doubtless fill these baskets, and the Juniors can distribute them *en masse*, and perhaps sing some songs to the shut-ins. This will make a Thanksgiving long to be remembered by both those who gave and those who received. (See also suggestions on the band page,—15.)

JULIA A. LELAND.

The Boys and Girls With an Aim

(Program for Week Ending November 1)

BY HARRIET HOLT

Song Service of Favorites Selected by Boys and Girls.
 A Moment of Silent Prayer to Open the Meeting.
 Close the Silent Prayer by Beginning a Song Well Known in Your Society.
 Reports, Announcements, and the Offering.
 Superintendent's Talk: "God's Word Is Sure."
 Definition of the Word "Aim." (Have a Junior look up in the dictionary and explain before the society, perhaps illustrating it.)
 Special Music.
 Responsive Scripture Reading: Matthew 24.
 Talk: "Our Aim." (Following this have all repeat our Missionary Volunteer Aim.)
 Story: "How the Advent Message Went in Colombia."
 Memorize Together: "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!"—"Education," p. 271.
 Closing Song: "Happy Loyal Juniors." (If you do not have words and music, use No. 51 in "Sunshine Songs.")
 Prayer by the Junior Leader.

Superintendent's Talk: "God's Word Is Sure"

FIVE hundred years before Jesus came as a little babe to Bethlehem, Daniel was taken into the counsel of God. For four thousand years our heavenly Father and Jesus had looked forward to the time when Jesus would leave His heavenly home for this dark earth that He might save its inhabitants. Many a time they had talked it over and thought of all that it might mean to them. They longed to reveal their plans to those on earth who loved them and would understand the great sacrifice. And so Daniel, who sought God and loved Him more than any

one else, was told about Jesus' coming. He was told the very year in which Jesus would enter the world.

As the time drew near, Satan with all his evil angels made plans to kill the heavenly Babe. A wicked king was ruling. The priests and rulers had been so deceived that they would not believe in Jesus. But the time had come and the purposes of God know no delay. Jesus was born in a lowly manger and all heaven rang with song. God's word is sure.

There was another time foretold to Daniel,—it was a time when the judgment should begin. It was to be a time of reckoning, when men's hearts should turn to God in fear. It was to be a serious time for searching of hearts, for the heavenly books were to be opened. Again Satan knew of the approach of the time and did all in his power to delay and prevent the message which God had said should be given in 1844. In some countries evil men created laws, making it impossible for the message to be preached. But when the time came, the Spirit of God put the words into the mouths of little children. Boys and girls too young to read proclaimed the stirring message in the very words that God had foretold, "Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come." Other children sought God earnestly and prepared for the searching time in such a way that their lives proclaimed the message God wanted to give to the world. (Call on Juniors to give incidents of the part children took in proclaiming the first angel's message, from chapters XV and XVI of "Pioneer Stories," by A. W. Spalding.)

These stories show how the boys and girls were prepared by God to do His bidding and fulfill His purposes. When God's time comes, the work is done.

H. H.

Talk: "Our Aim"

JESUS had walked this earth for over three years in ministry, and the time had come for His great sacrifice. The hearts of the disciples were heavy with the thought that their beloved Master would soon leave them. And yet, He had promised to return. Just before leaving them, Jesus drew them apart and told them about His return and the end of the world. He wanted His followers to know when His coming was near, that they might be ready to meet Him. Just as surely as Jesus came the first time at the very time His coming was foretold, so surely would He come in glory again. And so Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives and told His disciples the signs.

He told of the destruction of Jerusalem,—He told of the false christs that would come, of wars and famines, of faithful Christians languishing in prisons, and then He reminded them that the end was not yet. The first sign that He gave of the approaching end was about the gospel which must be preached to all the world. He told them that it must go for a witness to all nations, and then the end would come. Then Jesus spoke of the signs in the sun, moon, and stars, and He told them that when these signs came to pass His second return would be very, very near. He said that the generation that saw these signs would not pass until He returned to earth. And He was so sure that He added, "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but My words shall not pass away."

The words of Jesus have been fulfilled. Event after event has taken place just as Jesus said it would. Right now we are in the time when the gospel is being preached all over the world as a witness. This message is now being preached in 394 languages, an increase of 47 during 1929, or one new language added every 7.8 days. During the past four years one new language has been added every eleven days.

Other signs have followed. The time is here that Jesus spoke of when He said that we might know that His coming was very near. When God's time comes there is no delay,—He will prepare His people for His coming. Just as truly as the heavens sang at the first advent, just as little children did God's will in proclaiming the hour of His judgment, just so surely is God raising up a loyal army of volunteers who will be willing to do His purpose in this last hour. God has said that it is time for the gospel to go to every nation, and our boys and girls all over the world are taking up the cry, "The advent message to all the world in this generation!" What a privilege to be a part of the army which God has called into existence for such a special time!

H. H.

Our Missionary Volunteer Aim is—
 "The Advent Message to All the World in This Generation."

M. Y. P. stands for the new book, "Messages to Young People."

Story: "How the Advent Message Went in Colombia"

It was Sabbath afternoon in camp. Seventy earnest boyish faces looked into the face of the missionary. He was a strong young man who had endured hardship and seen thrilling adventure in a foreign country, and so the boys were eager for the story.

"This message is going fast, boys," the missionary began. "We find that the boys and girls of other lands are helping to carry it as soon as they hear it. Many are bright, strong young folks just like you, and when they hear of the soon coming of Jesus, it gets into their hearts, and they often endure much suffering and hardship to carry the message to others.

"Domingo was just a thirteen-year-old lad when he came to our first meeting in Colombia. He had heard that the missionaries could speak English, and Domingo wanted to learn to talk with them. But he had only come a night or two when he learned that Jesus was coming back to this earth. Then he wanted to know more of who this Jesus was, and so he came night after night and learned more and more.

"Before long, Domingo's mother began to wonder where her boy was spending his evenings. It was a terrible shock to her to discover that he was attending a heretic meeting. She told him he must stop, and he told her that he could not. She punished him severely, but Domingo never faltered. Night after night he was in his place. Beatings, hunger, every punishment that the mother could think of made no difference, for Domingo was firm. 'I can't give it up,' he would say.

"At last in desperation the mother told the priest what Domingo was doing. Of course, it was a terrible offense, and the priest told the mother that her boy would learn to lie and to steal at those meetings. They decided that should the boy persist, he must leave home. But the priest had told just a little to much, for the more the mother thought it over, the more she decided that it really could not be right. Domingo instead of learning to lie and steal, had been far nicer in the home than before. And so the mother at last decided to go to the meetings herself and see just what her boy was learning. She too heard of the Saviour and His soon coming. Her heart was won and she and her faithful son were baptized.

"Doesn't it pay, boys, to give the advent message to such boys?" asked the missionary as he finished the story. "Domingo is earnestly giving the message to others now; he has joined the army that has for its aim, 'The advent message to all the world in this generation.'" H. H.

Drops of Rain and Flakes of Snow

(Program for Week Ending November 8)

BY MRS. CHARLES E. WENIGER

Song: "Come Out in the Sunshine." (No. 197 in "Christ in Song.")
Roll Call. (See Senior "Roll Call," p. 12, or quote Scripture on the forms of water.)

Special Song.

Talk: "Why, How, and When to Study Natura." (Adapted from Senior program, p. 12; or see Youth's Instructor for October and November.

Dialogue: "Forms of Water." (Illustrated with objects.)

Illustrated Talk. (From material gleaned in the "National Geographic Magazine," of January, 1923, article, "The Magic Beauty of Snow and Dew." You will be able to obtain this issue at your public library.)

Song: "Do you know what the dewdrops say?" (No. 249 in "Christ in Song.")

Poem: "A Winter Prayer." (See Review and Herald of November 20.)
Close With Silent Prayer.

Dialogue: "Forms of Water"

HERBERT: Daddy, what did it mean in worship this morning when Jacob said to Rueben, "Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel"?

FATHER: That's a big subject, Herbert. You see, water is very easily influenced by its surroundings. Perhaps Rueben was that way. Then, too, water always runs downhill if it has a chance. People are like that, too. Some stronger power has to hold them back or they would be running downhill very fast. I mean the restraining power of God holds in check the natural tendency of man and helps him go uphill instead. You see, God intended water to be unstable, but He made man able to withstand his surroundings through the power of God. If it wasn't for the changeableness of water, our winter times wouldn't be so interesting.

HERBERT: What do you mean, daddy?

FATHER: Well,—first let's see how many forms of water we have. [They count on their fingers.] Rain, fog, dew, ice, frost, and snow. Let's think,—did we count hail, steam, and the vapor in clouds? No, we didn't.

HERBERT: I didn't think water could take on so many forms. How does it do it, daddy?

FATHER: Let's step into the kitchen. Good! the teakettle is boiling. Here, take this cold glass and hold it near the steaming spout. What do you find on the glass?

HERBERT: Why, it's all covered with tiny, tiny drops of water. So tiny I can hardly see them!

FATHER: Well, water is made up of still smaller particles, called molecules. To make it easier, let's play that these little molecules are little children of the water family. They are very fond of each other,—at least they like to stay as close together as possible. They are exactly alike, and act just the same under the same conditions, but under varying conditions they behave very differently. For instance, if I take half of this glass of water and keep it in this room, it will stay liquid except for a few molecules that will fly away as vapor, or evaporate. But if I put the other half of this glass in a very cold place, the little children will lose their heat and turn to ice, and fewer molecules evaporate.

HERBERT: Oh, I see what you mean by being easily influenced by the air around them.

FATHER [Holding up water in a spoon]: Watch as I let this drop go slowly from the spoon. See how it lingers? The little molecules do not like to part with the others. Here, put these pennies in the glass full of water, carefully, one at a time, and watch the water curve up toward the edge of the glass. You see there they are holding hands very tightly together on the surface of the water. This is called "surface tension." They would rather pile up than break away. As we put in more pennies, part of the family will have to leave and find lodging elsewhere. There they go! Too bad, little children!

HERBERT: This is fun, daddy; but what makes it rain sometimes and snow and hail other times?

FATHER: Now that's another pretty big order, but I'll try. I was just telling you water is very changeable, especially if the air around it is warmer or colder. You see, the water children are different from us. We get lazy when it gets very warm, but the hotter they get the more active they become. If much heat is applied to water it evaporates rapidly, because the little children get to running around so fast that some just hop right out and go sailing through the air as vapor. Then we say it evaporates. When there is very little heat, they move slowly and so only a few get a "running jump," as it were, and take off into the air.

Now, when the sun shines on the lake or ocean or any water, some of these tiny particles get carried off in the air, and liking each other so well, they get just as near together as they can under the circumstances, and form clouds. When the air is warm, it can hold lots of these warm water children or particles of vapor. Sometimes warm winds carrying lots of these little folk strike a cold wind that can carry only a few of them. The cold wind and the warm mix and the cool wind chills the warm wind and some of the children have to leave. They get chilly and huddle as closely together as possible in the flurry to get away. Some of these get together in little groups and come down to the earth as rain.

HERBERT: Oh, is that what makes rain?

FATHER [Nods head]: But suppose these little drops were just formed and started on their long, quick fall to the earth, when a real hard wind comes along and blows them away up into a cooler layer of air. The poor little raindrops would shiver if they could, but since they can't, they just turn to ice and come down in haste before they have a chance to melt.

HERBERT: And then we say it is hailing, don't we, daddy?

FATHER: That's right. In the winter, though, the winds are usually cooler and they carry fewer water children, but even so, when a cool wind meets a very cold wind, the cool wind is made colder and some water children must leave again. Sometimes the freezing point is reached almost at once and the poor little particles of water try as best they can to get together, but they are frozen right in the attempt as they join hands loosely, and then we have a snowflake. The snowflake is white because there is so much air imprisoned between the little frozen children. No two groups of them ever get together in just the same way, but they are very orderly in formation, nevertheless. These little groups often get attached to other groups and fall together, making large feathery snowflakes. [Herbert and father sit back in their chairs.]

HERBERT: I heard Betty saying a little piece about "snow children" the other day. She learned it at school. I think I hear her coming now. I wish you could hear it, daddy.

BETTY [Calling]: Herbert! daddy! Herbert!

HERBERT: Here we are, Betty; daddy has been telling me about the water. Say your little poem about the water children, won't you please?

FATHER: Yes, Betty, I'd like to hear it. [Betty recites.]

HERBERT: Oh, I wish it were snowing right now; don't you, Betty? Then we could see those tiny flakes with my new magnifying glass daddy gave me.

FATHER: One man in New England has found a way to take pictures of magnified snowflakes. During forty years of taking such pictures, he has never yet found two just alike.

HERBERT: But you haven't told me yet about the dew and frost. How does the dew get there,—does it come up from the ground or down from the sky?

FATHER: No, it comes from the air, too,—gathering or con-

The nature programs are only starters. Now let's study nature!

densing upon objects which lose their heat more quickly than the air when night comes on. For instance, you will find more dew on a pipe!

HERBERT: Daddy, I'm so glad you told me all these things. I like winter lots better now. Wasn't God very wise to think of all these things when He made water?

FATHER: Yes, God was wise indeed. His ways are past finding out. There is much more to learn about water some other time,—how it reflects the sky and how the tiny children make the rainbow sometimes when the light is right. You know, children, "the God of heaven is constantly at work. . . . Every drop of rain or flake of snow . . . testifies of God."

HERBERT AND BETTY [In awed tones]: Oh!

FATHER: Maybe we can learn more about these things tonight at worship. How would you like to see how many times the Bible speaks about these different forms of water? You may use the big concordance you like so well.

HERBERT: Let's get the concordance and begin now, Betty.

The Snowflakes

Little children of the sky,
Drifting from their home on high,
Falling—falling—falling—falling—
Soft and thick they lie.

On the naked forest trees,
In the cruel icy breeze,
Clinging—clinging—clinging—clinging—
So the buds won't freeze.

Over hill and meadow brown,
How they cuddle, cuddle down,
Drifting—drifting—drifting—drifting—
Over wood and town.

Little children from the sky,
How I love to see them fly,
Falling—falling—falling—falling—
From their home on high.

—Blaine C. Bigler.

Joining Hands With the Pioneers

(Program for Week Ending November 22)

Two Opening Songs: "What Are You Doing for Jesus?" and "Something for Jesus." (In "Christ in Song.")

Scripture Reading: Mark 12: 28-34.

Sentence Prayers by Volunteers.

Reports, Announcements, Offering.

Snapshots Showing How Pioneers in This Truth Sacrificed. (See Senior program outline, p. 18.)

Talk: "The Week of Sacrifice." (By an older Junior.)

Exercise: "Sacrifice."

Special Song: "Yes, the Lord Can Depend on Me." (No. 233 in "The Gospel in Song.")

Superintendent's Remarks: "Our Sacrifice." (See Notes to Junior Superintendent.)

Closing Song: "Give of Your Best." (No. 594 in "Christ in Song.")

Prayer.

Notes to Junior Superintendent

That man of God, George Müller, was once asked how much it was right for us to give to God, and he replied, "I would rather put the question in another way, How much have we a right to keep?"

As the time for the Week of Sacrifice draws near, let us put that question into the minds of the boys and girls. It would be well if you had given them the thought early during this month, at the same time calling special attention to the self-denial banks. It is by a few people and small gifts that this third angel's message is to be carried to the ends of the earth. Read to the Juniors that statement made by Mrs. E. G. White in "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, pp. 157, 158:

"Many would be surprised to see how much could be saved for the cause of God by acts of self-denial. The small sums saved by deeds of sacrifice will do more for the upbuilding of the cause of God than larger gifts will accomplish that have not called for denial of self."

If the boys and girls in your Junior Society are not already definitely planning for the Week of Sacrifice offering to be taken up November 29, urge them to sacrifice during the coming week at least. (See program for Senior Missionary Volunteers, p. 13.)

R. E. H.

Talk: "The Week of Sacrifice"

THE Week of Sacrifice somehow mellows the heart in a special way. All over the earth it sets men and women and children studying how to save something here and there for the sake of Christ, with a glow of joy in the heart when the effort meant genuine sacrifice. Somehow it brings us closer to the One who made the great sacrifice for us. By that sacrifice we have the gift of life eternal. In the same spirit of sacrifice we give to send the message of eternal life to souls in all the lands.

The stories come in literally from all the continents and

from the islands of the sea, telling how our people join in this service. Away in the Indian Ocean, on a little island, one sister accustomed to having hired help, did her work for that week herself, saving the cost of the helper's hire. Another sister in the same island went out engaging herself for the week as a servant, thus earning money to bring in as the sacrifice gift.

The need? Never was it so great. I am thinking of those thousands of Indians in Mexico, Central America, and South America, in groups of hundreds, and in some places of a thousand in a group, waiting for us to come,—expecting us to come. Never did we hear of such things in all our experience.

Think of this story that comes from the Zambesi, in the heart of Africa! Robert Silume tells in his simple way how one morning at one of our missions on the great Zambesi River the workers heard many voices calling from across the river. The people wanted to be ferried over. The mission barge brought over about 250. "There was very great excitement among them," says Robert Silume. And he adds, "They were all crying except the babies." They had heard just a little of the message, and the conviction came from God that they must seek for the right way. So Pastor Isku preached to them. "They soon quieted down," says the record, "and today 120 of them are in the baptismal class."

We have seen the latter rain falling in showers here and there, and wherever it falls, all heaven is surely looking to us to enter in and reap the fruitage springing up. Pray for the fields. Talk it over in every church and in every home. No one can tell another just how to sacrifice, but Christ who sacrificed for us, will help us to know the way this year.

W. A. SPICER.

Exercise: "Sacrifice"

(Have Juniors hold up large letters made of cardboard for the word "Sacrifice.")

So loved the Father in heaven,
He gave His only begotten Son;
That such poor sinners as you and I
Might for His kingdom be won.

"All things come of Thee, O Lord,"
Why should we not freely give
Of that which Thou hast given us,
That other souls may live?

Christ left His home in heaven
And gave His life that we
Might be saved to dwell with Him
Throughout eternity.

"Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth,"
Give while you can in the cause of truth;
Save all you spend for things you don't need,
And give it to Jesus; for His cause we plead.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it
Unto one of the least of these,"
Unto Jesus you have given,
And 'tis Him you've tried to please.

"Freely thou hast received, freely give,"—
Hear the Macedonian cry!
Let us show our love to Jesus
And by our means the need supply.

In His name we seek your offering,
Let us give though pain it brings,
We can fast and give the equivalent,
And do without so many things.

Consecrate your all to Jesus
And your gifts will multiply.
He gave His all; how much will we give?
He will all our needs supply.

Empty your heart and purse for Jesus,
Let your light shine out for Him,
And when the work on earth is finished
The stars in your crown will not be dim.
MRS. M. W. SPRING.

"He who follows Christ's plan of life will see in the courts of God those for whom he has labored and sacrificed on earth."
—"Messages to Young People," p. 302.

Harvest Ingathering is not over until you are "over the top."

Others

(Program for Week Ending November 29)

BY G. E. MANN

Opening Song: "Always Cheerful." (No. 284 in "Christ in Song.")

Reports, Announcements.

Responsive Scripture Reading: Luke 10: 25-37.

Prayer.

Special Song: "Others." (No. 64 in "Christ in Song.")

Introduction by Junior Superintendent.

(We should be loving, helpful, and kind, to those around us, for two reasons:

1. For our own good:
 - a. "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly." Prov. 13: 24.
 - b. "Whatsoever a man [child] soweth, that shall he also reap." Gal. 6: 7.
 - c. "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy." Matt. 5: 7.
2. For the good of others:
 - a. Helps to bind up the broken-hearted.
 - b. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, . . . ye have done it unto Me." Matt. 25: 40.
 - c. Makes the world a better place in which to live.)

Story: "The Orphan Girl Who Saved Her People—Esther." (See "Hero Tales of the Bible," by A. W. Spalding, pp. 58-67.)

Poem: "The Future."

Story: "The Shepherd Boy Who Slew the Giant—David." (See "Hero Tales," pp. 45-47.)

Dialogue: "Living for Others." (Work this up with original ideas showing what children can do in your own neighborhood to be helpful and kind.)

Poem: "Which One Loved Best?" (To be used in the dialogue.)

Talk: "Benefits Forgot."

Taking Up of Week of Sacrifice Offering.

Closing Song: "The Helping Word." (No. 559 in "Christ in Song.")

Prayer.

The Future

I stood upon a lonely hill
 Letting my fancy roam at will;
 When suddenly the clouds were rent—
 A rainbow from earth to heaven bent.
 Along that shining pathway passed
 A stream of children. First and last
 Were equal, happy, loving brothers;
 Each reaching back to help the others.

The vision faded, then returned:
 The luminous rainbow brighter burned,
 Young men and women grave and gay
 Together on the shining way
 Eager, intent, still hand in hand,
 Pressed on toward some fair promised land.

Then from my viewplace on the hill
 The bridge to heaven grew brighter still.
 Along the shining highway passed
 Old men and women; first to last,
 As close they neared life's journey's end
 And passed beyond the rainbow's bend,
 They smiled and laughed, they all were brothers;
 Each reaching back to help the others.

The vision faded, the rainbow died
 But the whole world was glorified;
 My hill to new enchantment woke,
 And then my glad heart softly spoke,
 "This is no dream," it said to me.
 "But life as we can make it be."

—Lois Jamison.

Which One Loved Best?

"I love you, mother!" said little John;
 Then forgetting his work, his cap went on,
 And he was off to the garden swing,
 Leaving his mother the wood to bring.

"I love you, mother," said rosy Nell.
 "I love you better than tongue can tell."
 Then she teased and pouted full half the day,
 Till her mother rejoiced when she went to play.

"I love you, mother," said little Fan.
 "Today I will help you all I can."
 So to the cradle she softly crept
 And rocked the baby until it slept.

Then stepping softly, she took the broom,
 And swept the floor and dusted the room.
 Gentle and happy all the day was she,
 Helpful and cheerful as child could be.

"I love you, mother," again they said—
 These children three when going to bed.
 How do you think that mother guessed
 Which one really loved her best?

—Selected.

Talk: "Benefits Forgot"

SILAS WETHERBY scowled sullenly into the glowing coals. His left foot was propped high in front of him as he reclined on his overstuffed lounge. It was his elevated limb that was causing the scowl on his face.

"Thanksgiving Day!" he blurted to himself. "This sentimental affair has been dragged along for three hundred years. There's no sense in it. Maybe the Pilgrim Fathers had something to be thankful for when they landed on American soil, but I don't see that I have. Being housed within four walls with this miserable rheumatism is far from a thankful state."

Silas Wetherby, financier and banker, was venting his pent-up feelings. The acute attack of rheumatism had made companionship either unwanted or unbearable to both the sufferer and the visitor. Therefore, Wetherby sat alone in the library.

Meanwhile the festivity and preparation in other rooms of the home went on unnoticed by its master. Thanksgiving plans had been entered into by every one in the household except Silas. He had declared himself above such "sentimentality." In fact, he had reached the conclusion that it was time that a little attention be paid to his suffering and hardship.

With a grunt of disgust the gray-haired man picked up his evening paper, which the maid had laid carefully at his side. Fixing his glasses upon his nose, he began to read. Mr. Wetherby always read headlines first, to gain a general trend of the day's events. He said there was no need for a man to be so narrow in his own business that he could not attempt a résumé of world happenings.

Headlines glared at him in letters two inches in height: "Storm Blocks Traffic in Far North—Epidemic Rages;" "Steamer Wrecked in Blizzard, Ninety Perish;" "Chinese Refugees Slain in Retreat. Ten Thousand Estimated Dead;" "Father Kills Family of Five. Then Shoots Self;" "Thanksgiving Reunion Broken as Accident Kills Eight;" "Famine Faces Thousands in India;" "War in Southern Europe Is Feared;" "Typhus Rages in China;" "Welfare Worker Finds Forty Families Penniless—Need Thanksgiving Dinners." On and on he read—of great suffering everywhere.

With a sudden lunge forward on his lounge, Silas Wetherby was sitting bolt upright. His jaw was set in a firm line. He was thinking vividly and rapidly.

The banker's mind leaped incident after incident. There was the man who had come to his office heartbroken because his young wife had died. John Strong, an old schoolmate of his, had died suddenly in his home, leaving a sorrowing family. There was the sad, haunting face of the man in dire financial difficulty whose Thanksgiving would be marred because of debt.

"Oh, what a miserable coward!" he exclaimed after a few moments. "My little pin prick of trouble knocks all the thankfulness out of my system."

The mantel clock chimed six. Wetherby was picking up the telephone. "I want Main 234. Hello—Wetherby speaking. About that mortgage. Yes. I've decided to fix it up for you. Yes. It will be all right. A happy Thanksgiving to you."

"Dinner is served, daddy," called his little daughter as she entered the room. "A real Thanksgiving to you, all except that old foot. We're awfully sorry about it, father."

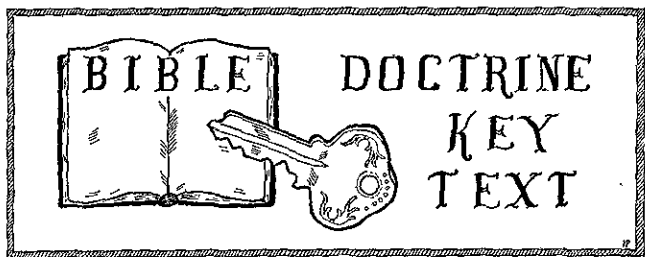
"Forget it, dear,—forget it," said Wetherby with a smile. "Your gray-haired daddy has a million things to be grateful for right now. We'll have a real Thanksgiving Day after all." And leaning on his daughter, they entered the dining room.

"Can't we fix up some Thanksgiving baskets for the poor, my dear?" questioned Silas Wetherby as the family were seated. With sparkling eyes Mrs. Wetherby gladly assented.

In the glow of the soft lights, the shining of silver, and the smiles of the family circled about the table, Wetherby breathed a prayer of gratitude. "Gracious Father, for all Thy bountiful blessings we give Thee thanks. God forgive us for our ingratitude, open our hearts in true service and unselfish love for others. May we search out those who are needy and help them. And most of all, may we never be ungrateful for the blessings of life, the provisions and health Thou hast given us. Amen."

Lifting his head he smiled back at the faces of those who were so precious to him. "And I thought I had nothing to be grateful for," he said, half to himself. "Why, I have the best of all to be thankful for—the means of helping to lift the heavy loads that others carry." MERLIN L. NEFF.

Senior Missionary Volunteer Meetings



November will conclude the last group of doctrine key texts for this year. The entire month of December is to be devoted to a review of the texts we have had during the year. The texts are short and familiar. We suggest a Scripture reading each week as outlined.

Subject for November: "Home of the Saved"

Key Text for November 1: Isaiah 65:17.

Read the remaining verses of the sixty-fifth chapter as a Scripture lesson. "Between the school established in Eden at the beginning and the school of the hereafter there lies the whole compass of this world's history,—the history of human transgression and suffering, of divine sacrifice, and of victory over death and sin. Not all the conditions of that first school of Eden will be found in the school of the future life. No tree of knowledge of good and evil will afford opportunity for temptation. No tempter is there, no possibility of wrong. Every character has withstood the testing of evil, and none are longer susceptible to its power."—*"Education," pp. 301, 302.*

Key Text for November 8: Revelation 21:1.

Read the entire chapter for a Scripture lesson. "The fire that consumes the wicked purifies the earth. Every trace of the curse is swept away. No eternally burning hell will keep before the ransomed the fearful consequences of sin."—*"The Great Controversy," p. 674.* (For some thrilling descriptions of this home, see the last chapter of the book, "Education.")

Key Text for November 15: 1 Corinthians 2:9.

We suggest a moment of silent prayer at the close of the drill this week, thanking God for the glorious things in store for those who love Him. See "Patriarchs and Prophets," p. 602, for special words of encouragement God has for the youth.

Key Text for November 22: Revelation 22:14.

Read the twenty-second chapter of Revelation for a Scripture lesson. "I then beheld the beauty and loveliness of Jesus. His robe was whiter than the whitest white. No language can describe His glory and exalted loveliness. All, all who keep the commandments of God, will enter in through the gates into the city, and have right to the tree of life, and ever be in the presence of the lovely Jesus, whose countenance shines brighter than the sun at noonday."—*"Early Writings," p. 51.* (Also p. 35.)

Key Text for November 29: 2 Peter 3:13, 14.

For Scripture lesson, read 2 Peter 3:9-13. "Christ's true disciples follow Him through sore conflicts, enduring self-denial and experiencing bitter disappointment; but this teaches them the guilt and woe of sin, and they are led to look upon it with abhorrence. Partakers of Christ's sufferings, they are destined to be partakers of His glory. In holy vision the prophet saw the ultimate triumph of God's remnant church."—*"Acts of the Apostles," p. 590.*
J. L. MCCONAUGHEY.

The Father and Founder of Modern Missions

(Program for Week Ending November 1)

BY EDITH MCPHERSON

Song Service.
Bible Doctrine Key Text Drill. (See p. 11.)
Opening Song: "Rescue the Perishing." (No. 479 in "Christ in Song.")
Reports, Announcements, Offering.
Scriptures: John 4: 35-38; Matthew 10: 36-38.
Prayer.
Special Music.
Talk: "Life of William Carey."
Synopsis: "Sayings of and About William Carey."
Recitation: "Hero Missionaries."
Leader's Remarks. (See Notes to Leaders.)
Closing Song: "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations." (No. 2 in "Triumphant Songs for Missionary Volunteers," or No. 91 in "Praise-worthy.")
Prayer.

Blackboard Motto

ONE of the outstanding statements of William Carey's memorable sermon before the Baptist Convention in 1792: "Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God."

Notes to Leaders

Our biographical program this month considers the life of a man to whom the Christian world is deeply indebted—William Carey. He was the father and founder of modern missions. For additional material see biographies in your public library. William Carey's greatest assets were grit and determination, and an indomitable faith in God's call and strength.

When a boy William tried to climb a tree to see a bird's nest, but failed, falling to the ground; and although he limped home, bruised and wounded, the first thing he did on recovering was to climb that same tree. This habit of perseverance followed him in everything he attempted, and made him the great man he became.

One of Carey's most trying experiences was when his printing office in Serampur burned to a shell, consuming in one evening the labors of years, including many precious translations. Walking over the smoldering ruins, Carey said, "How unsearchable are the ways of God! . . . The Lord has made me low, that I may look more simply to Him." The day after the fire ceased to smoke, work of casting type from the molten lead was begun, and within seven months the translations had been made the second time. Perseverance cultivated from childhood made the man.

Make applications of the different virtues in William Carey's life. Your remarks may include this thought: Whose fault is it that there are any "poor heathen"? If your father left in his will an inheritance for you and your brother, and your brother, being at a distance, could receive his inheritance only by your taking or sending it to him, would you feel free to decide whether to send it to him or not? And if you did send it to him, would you take considerable credit to yourself for doing so? That is foreign missions. Why do people talk so complacently about the "poor heathen"? Because the heathen have not received their share of the inheritance which the Father left us to give them. What shall we do about it? When William Carey glimpsed the vision of this need, he gave his life to the cause of foreign missions. What are we doing about it? (Call attention to blackboard motto.)

Here is a fine opportunity to make a call for the members of your society to raise their hands if they should like to have a part in sending the message to the countries waiting beyond the seas, or to go themselves to proclaim this truth. E. M.

Talk: "Life of William Carey"

WILLIAM CAREY was born in Paulerspury, England, in 1761. His ancestors were considered highly, but at the time of William's birth his father, Edmund Carey, was a weaver with a very moderate income. He later obtained the twofold office of schoolmaster and parish clerk and it was in this environment that William grew up—a great seeker after knowledge and very persevering in his pursuits to acquire every bit there was to be found about travel, adventure, history, and natural science. Despite the poor advantages he had for an early education, he became widely known as a linguist, translating the Bible into seven different languages, because he was a "plodder" and overcame obstacles.

In those days children were apprenticed out in order to learn a trade. William Carey was apprenticed to a shoemaker. While at this work because of the influence of a fellow worker, he realized his need of a personal Christ in his life, and at the age of eighteen was baptized, dedicating his life to studying the Bible and preaching in the little chapel near his workshop. In preparing for this work the burden of sending the gospel to the heathen was pressed upon his heart as he realized that of the seven hundred fifty million people then living on the earth, fully four hundred million had never heard of the saving grace of Jesus and were in the darkness of paganism. This burden became his one consuming passion and he could not talk, preach, or pray without referring to it. In 1792 he preached his memorable sermon to a Baptist convention where he was able to unburden his desires to the delegates. Because of his fiery enthusiasm and great determination to fulfill the command of Christ to send the gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, an organization was formed at this meeting known as the "First Missionary Society of Modern Times to Foreign Lands," which later sent Carey (in 1793) with his wife and another family into the jungles of India. Many difficulties were to be overcome in this dark land, because the British authorities in India were not fully won over to his work there, and even the society which sent him out did not have the same visionary zeal as he, opposing him in many of his enterprises. For seven years he worked without a single convert, but the work prospered as this consecrated man gave his life in service to God and his fellow men as translator, preacher, evangelist, botanist, teacher, and even manufacturer. Before his death

Standard of Attainment examination this month. Are you taking it?

he had the satisfaction of seeing a prosperous mission established there and also hearing proclaimed before men the great work he had done for the less fortunate than he. At the age of seventy, after a life of marvelous usefulness, William Carey, the man with a vision, died, leaving these words to those behind him, "After I am gone, say nothing about Dr. Carey; speak only about Dr. Carey's Saviour." E. M.

Symposium: "Sayings of and About William Carey"

1. "A MISSIONARY must be one of the companions and equals of the people to whom he is sent."

2. "I rejoice that God has given me this great favor, 'to preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.' . . . May I but be useful in laying the foundation of the church of Christ in India. I desire no greater reward, and care to receive no higher honor."

3. Another time he said to his nephew, Eustace: "If after my removal any one should think it worth his while to write my life, I will give you a criterion how you may judge of its correctness. If he give me credit for being a plodder he will do me justice. Anything beyond this will be too much. I can plod. I can persevere in any definite pursuit. To this I owe everything."

4. "I chose to read books of science, history, voyages, etc., more than others. Novels and plays always disgusted me and I avoided them."

5. "There is no standard by which the life of William Carey can be measured. He has been described as 'a little man with a far-away look.' Upon his sensitive soul there broke a vision of the world in darkness and sin. And he could find no peace for himself, nor would he permit the church to have any, until it saw what his eyes had seen, and felt what his soul had felt, and had begun the work of world-wide evangelization. And in the doing of this he was the father and founder of modern missions."

Hero Missionaries

THEY have journeyed far on a stormy tide
To the friendless shore and the strange hillside,
Where the wild winds sigh and the darkness creeps;
For their hearts are sad, with a world that weeps,
And theirs is a love that never sleeps.

Where the stress is great and the battle long,
They strengthen their faith with psalm and song;
And if for guerdon they have defeat,
The hymns of their angels are forever sweet,
And they take their rest at the Master's feet.

God is the source of their secret strength;
They trust in Him, and they see at length
That morn is breaking after the night,
And the harvest fields are gold and white,
While shines around them God's fadeless light.

But who will follow where they have led?
Who live and labor and love instead?
O hearts of youth, earth waits for you!
Be strong and brave, be firm and true;
Faithfully promise, and nobly do.

—Author Unknown.

Winter Thrills in Nature Study

(Program for Week Ending November 8)

BY MRS. CHARLES E. WENIGER

Bible Doctrine Key Text Drill. (See p. 11.)
Opening Song: "Sunshine in My Soul." (No. 193 in "Christ in Song.")
Prayer. (By some one who really has a vision of the possibilities of spiritual enlightenment by study of the Creator's handiwork.)
Special Song: "I Come to the Garden." (No. 34 in "Awakening Songs.")

Roll Call. (Quotations on nature. See C.O.L., pp. 18, 19, 24, 25, 63; S.C., pp. 89, 129, 130; M.B., pp. 142, 143. Also "Nature" in "Index to the Writings of E. G. White.")

Talk: "Why Study Nature?"

Song or Poem: "The Cares of Yesterday." (You may obtain the sheet music to this from any music store and have it given as a special song—music composed by John W. Metcalf.)

Talk: "How to Study Nature."

Recitation: "A Ballad of Trees and the Master."

Talk: "The When of Nature Study."

Interesting Facts From Nature. (See Youth's Instructor for October and November.)

Song: "Come Out in the Sunshine." (No. 197 in "Christ in Song.")

Note to Leaders

Aim—that every member may catch a virulent case of nature fever so lasting that he will be held enthralled the rest of his life with the joys and thrills of ever-deepening spiritual understanding gained by continually increasing interest in nature study, tracing the character of God as displayed in His works. To put it tersely, our aim should be, "To nature through nature's God." To insure that all get the full import of the words of the first song, it might be well to express the subject at the outset. The one giving "How to Study Nature" should bring in some object of interest from nature. A bare branch

would be good. Show the tiny spots on the younger parts. These are the lenticels, or nostrils, of the branch. That round scar is where the new branch of that year ceased its growth. Count the circular scars there are on that branch—this tells the age. MRS. C. E. W.

The Cares of Yesterday

THE little cares that fretted me
I lost them yesterday,
Among the fields, above the sea,
Among the winds at play,
Among the lowing of the herds,
The rustling of the trees;
Among the singing of the birds—
The humming of the bees.

The foolish fears of what might be,
I cast them all away,
Among the clover-scented grass,
Among the new-mown hay;
Among the husking of the corn
Where drowsy poppies nod
Where ill thoughts die and good are born,—
Out in the fields with God.

—Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

Talk: "Why Nature Study?"

NATURE rightly studied is a key to the Bible. The converse is also true,—the Bible rightly understood is a key to nature. Perhaps here may be a secret as to the reason we do not have better success in retaining and teaching the truth. "The book of nature is a great lesson book, which in connection with the Scriptures we are to use in teaching others of His character, and guiding lost sheep back to the fold of God. As the works of God are studied, the Holy Spirit flashes conviction into the mind."—"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 24.

Since we are told that He gained knowledge as we may do, it behooves us as Christian young people to follow His pattern in nature study also, for we read, "He who had made all things studied the lessons which His own hand had written in earth and sea and sky. . . . Thus to Jesus the significance of the word and the works of God was unfolded, as He was trying to understand the reason of things. Heavenly beings were His attendants, and the culture of holy thoughts and communings was His."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 70.

Nature studied with an effort to find there the handwriting of the Creator, is a thrilling study, but before you can find its spiritual lessons, you must know something about nature itself. "God does not inspire vacuity." If you would hear God's voice in "the song of birds, in the sighing of the trees, in the rolling thunder, and in the music of the sea," you must learn something specific about His handiwork and the laws He utilizes.

Talk: "How to Study Nature"

WHEN you speak of nature study, people sometimes think you must get a pair of high-topped boots, load down with paraphernalia, and strike for the uncut timber. This is thrilling whenever possible, but he who waits for such a time in order to study nature will miss most of its secrets when such an opportunity does present itself. For nature challenges your interest everywhere every day. Every time you step out, or look out, hear or see something,—keep your eyes and ears open. Take mental photographs of every lovely sight you see. Hang it on memory's walls against a time of discouragement. The prime factor in nature study is your attitude. Don't take anything for granted! The eternal "Why?" and "How?" must prod you on to further investigation.

First, begin right where you are. How about that patch of gray lichen on the tree in your back yard? Do you know its secrets? The sparrow that scurries from your path? Do you understand the miracles of transformation that are taking place in the lives of the myriad insects under almost any rock or old board? Just a little observation or study on your part will re-create this world for you, and make the Bible and Spirit of prophecy live anew.

In your effort in nature study, begin by studying the object first. Try to figure out how it gets its food and water and meets its other problems of existence. How has nature insured the possibility of its future generations? How do the elements affect it? How does it overcome its difficulties in a world of changing temperatures? Having made your own ob-

If at all possible, have a nature social soon.

servations, go to books to see if they are right. The dictionary will give you first aid at times. Get some nature books at your public library, if necessary. The more you see, the more you will want to study and read about your findings; and the more you read, the more you will see afield.

After you have become aware of a few of the things you might know about nature, and have a consuming desire to study more, select some phase of nature for your hobby,—such as birds, trees, flowers, insects,—and let that serve as an open sesame to other fields of knowledge. You will find yourself saving your pennies to get a nature guide in your chosen field. Gossip about your nature findings with fellow students. You may even learn something from a child that has eluded the sages. A nature diary is good for beginners; later a notebook may be used to pigeonhole interesting data.

After you have studied for some time with your eyes unaided, you will long for both a magnifying glass and a pair of field glasses. Few things you can get by scripping and saving will yield so much ever-increasing joy. After your eyes and ears have become more alert through practice, you will discover in yourself a continual awareness of the presence of your little nature friends, and every street car or train ride, or walk will yield its quota of nature thrills.

If you would get from nature its truest meanings, approach it from the religious angle, realizing that nature reflects the light of heaven, and every object of nature expresses God's character and thought. See if you can read His handwriting. He left His trademark of perfection on every object at the beginning. How do you think it looked and acted in its perfection and how did it fit into the scheme of things in Eden? Try to see how an all-wise hand made it so perfect that even after 6,000 years of sin it can adapt itself to conditions as it finds them.

Mrs. C. E. W.

A Ballad of Trees and the Master

(“Nature sympathized with the suffering of its Author. The heaving earth, the rent rocks, proclaimed that it was the Son of God who died.”—“Testimonies for the Church,” Vol. II, p. 211.)

INTO the woods my Master went,
Clean forspent, forspent.
Into the woods my Master came,
Forspent with love and shame.
But the olives they were not blind to Him,
The little gray leaves were kind to Him:
The thorn tree had a mind to Him
When into the woods He came.

Out of the woods my Master went,
And He was well content.
Out of the woods my Master came,
Content with death and shame.
When Death and Shame would woo Him last,
From under the trees they drew Him last;
’Twas on a tree they slew Him—last.
When out of the woods He came.

—Sidney Lanier.

Talk: “The When of Nature Study”

THERE is another mistaken idea about nature study, and that is that springtime or autumn are the only times when nature study is possible, and so people lose many interesting thrills. In winter time we find a slowing down of nature and because of this it is the easiest time for nature students to begin. It is less bewildering. In most places there are fewer birds during this period, and the scarcity of food makes them more daring in coming closer to your home. Capitalize this and try feeding them bread crumbs, peanut butter, grain, or bird seed, so you can get acquainted with them and watch their habits. Don't just learn the names of your nature acquaintances. Find out by observation and reading all you can about their habits, food, history, and interesting characteristics, so to you they will be living personalities. You will never forget the name of a thing about which you have learned at least one fascinating fact.

Now that the leaves are gone, it is a good time to study the branching of the trees. The bare twigs and branches hold secrets as to their age, history, and variety. Can you read these? It is also easy to find deserted birds' nests. If you note where these are placed, it will be easier to find new ones next year in time to spy on their family life in the nest.

How about those tracks in the snow? Humor and tragedy are often written in these hieroglyphics of nature. Have you thought of how the nature friends withstand the cold? For example, does a squirrel stay in his nest all winter? What becomes of wasps, ants, field mice, etc.?

Inasmuch as Sabbath was made to commemorate creation, see that you spend some of its precious hours each week in studying the lessons He has written there for us. “Christ's purpose in parable teaching was in direct line with the purpose of the Sabbath. God gave to men the memorial of His creative power, that they might discern Him in the works of His hand. The Sabbath bids us behold in His created works the glory of the Creator. And it was because He desired us to do this that Jesus bound up His precious lessons with the beauty of natural things. On the holy rest day, above all other days, we should study the messages that God has written for us in nature.”—“Christ's Object Lessons,” pp. 25, 26.

Pioneering Through Sacrifice

(Program for Week Ending November 22)

Opening Songs. (Nos. 315, 594, 478, 343, 477, 230, in “Christ in Song.”)
Bible Doctrine Key Text Drill. (See p. 11.)
Special Instrumental Music.
Repeat Together John 3:16. Ask Missionary Volunteers in advance to be prepared to give other Scripture texts on sacrifice or giving.)
Prayer by Two Missionary Volunteers.
Remarks by the Leader: “Sacrifices.” (See note.)
Word Snapshots Showing How Pioneers in This Truth Sacrificed. (Base this talk on the chapter, “Covenanting With God Through Sacrifice,” pp. 67-74 of “Story of the Advent Message,” by Mrs. Matilda E. Andross. Or, see “Origin and Progress of Seventh-day Adventists,” by M. E. Olsen, p. 210, last paragraph, and 211, for the story of the sacrifice made to buy our first printing press. Again in the same book, pp. 187-191, is related the experience of Joseph Bates as he writes the Sabbath tract.)
Reports: “Present Day Sacrifices.” (Let young people glean from current numbers of the Review and Herald, or from our mission books, incidents of sacrifices being made today for the sake of spreading the glad news of salvation.)
Poem: “The Gift of God.”
Three Messages: “Sacrifice.” (These should be preceded with a few remarks on the sacrifice offering to be taken up November 29. See article, “The Week of Sacrifice,” by W. A. Spier, p. 9.)
Meditation Song: “The Wondrous Cross.” (Pass out slips of paper, and ask all to sit with bowed heads while this song is being sung. At the close allow a few moments for each one to pledge what he will do to sacrifice during the coming week. Pledges may be personal only, or they may be taken up, as thought best in your society.)

Notes to Leaders

“Those who enter the work at the present time know comparatively little of the self-denial and self-sacrifice of those upon whom the Lord laid the burden of His work at its beginning. The experience of the past should be told them again and again; for they are to carry forward the work with the same humility and self-sacrifice that characterized the true workers in the past.”—Mrs. E. G. White, Review and Herald, June 3, 1902.

This statement is directed specifically to the young people in this advent movement. Read it forcefully, until all get its true import. Surely it is fitting that we should have this denominational history program on the sacrifices made by the pioneers of this message. It should lead every young person to consider carefully what he can do to enter into the spirit with which this movement began, and with which it will close. We are living in a time of sifting. We young people must learn to stand for principle, for the truths which we know are true. And nothing will help us to do this better than to make a few sacrifices for the cause that we hold dear. Listen to this statement from “Testimonies for the Church,” Volume I, page 177:

“I was shown that the young . . . who profess the truth have yet a lesson of self-denial to learn. If these made more sacrifice for the truth, they would esteem it more highly. It would affect their hearts, and purify their lives, and they would hold it more dear and sacred.”

The apostle Paul mentions three stages in the Christian life. Read them in the first three clauses of Philippians 3:10. Help the young people to appreciate the fact that the spirit of sacrifice is the highest demand of the Christian life. Let us determine to make the Week of Sacrifice offering on November 29, 1930, the greatest sacrifice we have ever made for Him who made the supreme sacrifice for us. (See Junior program, p. 9.)

E. E. H.

Three Messages: “Sacrifice”

1. “Those who are willing to make any sacrifice for eternal life, will have it; and it will be worth suffering for, worth crucifying self for, and sacrificing every idol for.”—“Testimonies for the Church,” Vol. I, p. 126.
2. “If you are unwilling to sacrifice that you may save means for the work that is to be done, there will be no room for you in the kingdom of God.”—*Id.*, Vol. IX, p. 103.
3. “None will enter heaven without making a sacrifice.”—*Id.*, Vol. I, p. 126.

Put your best into an original program for November 15.

The Gift of God

Nor the blood of beasts, though offered
Till a thousand rivers flow,
Could supply the life demanded
For the lost one here below.

Priestly hands might sprinkle ever
With the hyssop, sins unseen;
But no cleansing could be offered
That would make the sinner clean.

Incense from ten thousand altars
Vainly waits the prayer toward heaven;
Earthly perfumes cannot purchase
Pardon for the unforgiven.

Gilded tapers light the chancel,
But in vain their glories call;
Sin and weakness still are hiding
Helpless where the shadows fall.

Only in that life from heaven
Offered all, so full and free,
Lies the sacrifice immortal
That can ransom you and me.

R. HARE.

Thanksgiving

(Program for Week Ending November 29)

BY C. LESTER BOND

Bible Doctrine Key Text Drill. (See p. 11.)
Opening Song: "Marching to Zion." (No. 887 in "Christ in Song.")
Scripture Reading: Acrostic—"The Biblical Thanksgiving." (Place this on the blackboard before the meeting and have the congregation read it in concert at the proper time.)

Prayer.

Special Music.

Talk: "Let Us Give Thanks."

Recitation: "Thanksgiving."

Symposium: "Memory Joggers on Giving Thanks." (Assign the eleven paragraphs to as many young people to read or recite.)

Reading: "Benefits Forgotten." (See p. 10.)

Taking Up of Week of Sacrifice Offering.

Song: "Praise Him, Praise Him." (No. 226 in "Christ in Song.")

Acrostic—"The Biblical Thanksgiving"

T Ex. 34: 26, first clause.	G Ps. 118: 1.
H Prov. 3: 9, 10.	I Eccl. 7: 14, first clause.
A Joel 2: 26.	V Ps. 118: 15, 28.
N Eph. 3: 20, 21.	I 1 Thess. 5: 18, first clause.
K Ps. 148: 11, 12, 13, first clause.	N Phil. 4: 20.
S Ps. 98: 1, first clause.	G Ps. 48: 1.

—G. Frank Burns.

Talk: "Let Us Give Thanks"

It is well for us to have an annual Thanksgiving Day, but every day is a day of thanksgiving to the Christian. His Thanksgiving is perpetual and touches every phase of life. We are thankful for the temporal mercies, it is true, but also for the spiritual, and for health, sanity, friendship, and every other blessing which comes to us.

We should be grateful for the opportunity to worship. What would life be like if all the churches were closed or abolished! The world would be a spiritual wilderness, black as darkest Africa.

Are we thankful for the Morning Watch and the opportunity of observing it? It is a time set apart in the early hours of the day to be given to Bible reading, meditation, and prayer. The soul needs nourishment as much as the body. By observing the Morning Watch we feed the soul. Let us show our thankfulness for this blessing by faithfully keeping this daily appointment with our heavenly Father.

Do we practice thanksgiving for God's word by reading it more? The only way in which we might truly understand what a treasure the Bible is would be for it to be suddenly taken from us forever. Should we not show our appreciation for it to the fullest extent while we have the privilege of reading it?

Do we ever thank God for adversity? President Garfield had made one trip on a canal boat, and was about to make a second. He had worn a pair of colored socks, however, and the dye in them had poisoned him and made the trip impossible at the time. During his illness his attention was called to religion; and he was converted. His trouble proved a great blessing and changed his whole life. Sometimes the clouds that we so much dread, rain heavenly blessings upon us. The disappointments become sources of great joy.

We should constantly be grateful for the favors shown us by our associates from day to day. A gentleman was standing in front of the Equitable Building in New York City when he noticed a piece of paper. He picked it up and gasped. It was a certificate of deposit for \$18,000. "Some one must be out of his head with anxiety," thought the gentleman, and he took a great deal of pains to tell his friends so that the news might get to the owner as quickly as possible. Sure enough, a few hours later there came into his office a little man in a hurry. The gentleman who had found the certificate handed over the paper with a smile, expecting some expression of thanks. Instead, to his astonishment, he met with the rebuke, "Why didn't you take this to the bank? You have caused me a lot of trouble."

After all, is not that the way we often treat our loved ones, our friends, and even God Himself? Many people receive the bounties of life in that spirit.

Expression of gratitude is a duty. "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so," would be a good motto for all of us to remember. It is not enough for us to *feel* gratitude in our hearts. We like to hear gratitude expressed for favors conferred. Why should we think God or our human associates different from us in the matter? "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so."

A soldier with a missing arm was walking along one of the streets of Dublin, when an old lady espied him. Seeing his armless sleeve, and noting his head was bandaged, she went up to him, and with tears in her eyes, she said, "Thank you for being wounded for me." The soldier immediately saluted and replied, "Thank you, madam, for your appreciation."

The words of the appreciative lady remind us of our Lord, who was "wounded for our transgressions." Isa. 53: 5. He took our place in suffering and death that we might share His place with Him in endless joy and life. May God help us to show our appreciation for this supreme favor by accepting His gift and consecrating ourselves now and daily to Him.

C. L. B.

Thanksgiving

THANKSGIVING flings brave banners out across the waiting earth,
Across life's happiness and grief—life's love and death and birth;

Thanksgiving wraps a prayer about the hearts that suffer pain,
And with a blessing brings new peace. . . . When fields are glad with grain,
And trees are bending down with fruits, e'er winter makes them gray,

We raise our souls in gratitude, to meet a joyous day!

And though some of us, greeting joy, must brush our tears aside,

We still can feel a calm as deep and sweet as it is wide.
We still can feel a knowledge of the Father's watchful care,
We still can feel that harvest gives each patient one a share!
Thanksgiving flings a challenge out, across the dying year;
Thanksgiving sings a splendid song that all of us may hear!

—Margaret E. Sangster.

Symposium: "Memory Joggers on Giving Thanks"

1. TRY to count the stars, and you will soon see that you cannot number them. Begin to number your blessings, and you will also learn that they are countless.

2. The man who knows about birds will hear and see five times as many birds in a given walk as a man who is ignorant of them. So with any one who cultivates a talent for finding blessings.

3. If you believe in Christ, you will see blessings in much that you had looked upon as calamities. You will begin to see the truth in Christ's beatitudes for the poor, the mourners, the persecuted.

4. Does life seem dull and monotonous? That is probably because our blessings have been so often repeated that they have become familiar. We need reverses to show us the blessedness of repeated nights of slumber, and a little hunger to help us appreciate full meals.

5. A colony of lepers near Baton Rouge, La., were holding a service, and were asked to choose the hymns. One of the hymns they chose was "Count Your Blessings." They had caught the spirit of the Samaritan leper, who returned to thank Jesus.

6. We have often thanked God for a sound body. Have we ever thanked Him for a sound mind? Yet how much greater blessing is mental health than physical health!

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Are you making Thanksgiving band plans early?

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SERVICE BANDS

Not what we give, but what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare.
—James Russell Lowell.

That man may last, but never lives,
Who much receives, but nothing gives.
—Thomas Gibbons.

Prayer and Personal Workers' Band

THE success of the Youth for Youth Movement in your church depends largely upon the Prayer and Personal Workers' Band. We must not only untiringly pray and work for the salvation of definite ones, but we must earnestly seek to enlist other youth in personal soul-winning endeavors for their unconverted companions and for young people not of our faith. God calls every youth, even the careless ones, to service. Notice the following from the servant of the Lord: "I entreat of you, careless, reckless youth of today, be converted, and become laborers together with God. Let it be the study of your life to bless and save others."—*Messages to Young People*, pp. 22, 23. Members of the Prayer and Personal Workers' Band, study how to make the service of God attractive to others. Sometimes our personal work fails to produce lasting results because we cease our efforts when one gives his heart to God. We should continue our labors until the one for whom we are working becomes an active soul winner; for only as he does so can he hold the experience gained or grow up into Christ.

Let us ever bear in mind that an unconverted person cannot be a successful personal worker. We must daily make an unreserved surrender to God. We must daily study to know God's will and seek to bring our lives into harmony with it.

Suggestive Topics for Study and Discussion

1. The Home Life: (a) Religion without meekness, kindness, and courtesy in the home is in vain. M. Y. P., 327: 1. (b) Youth should show self-denial and self-forgetfulness in doing for those in the home. M. Y. P., 326: 1. (c) Neglecting to honor our parents, will cause us to lose eternal life. M. Y. P., 331: 3. (d) Visitors should see that you are striving to conform to God's will. M. Y. P., 342: 1.

Personal question: Do I represent the character of Jesus in my home life?

2. Preparation for Service: (a) "A life devoted to God should not be a life of ignorance." M. Y. P., 169: 1. (b) The most essential education is one that will teach youth how to reveal the will of God to the world. M. Y. P., 172: 2. (c) God is displeased with those who are too indolent to become efficient workers. M. Y. P., 173: 1. (d) "We should not let slip even one opportunity of qualifying ourselves intellectually to work for God." M. Y. P., 174: 1.

Personal question: What am I doing to prepare myself for more efficient service for God?

3. Self-Control: (a) "Strength of character consists of two things,—power of will and power of self-control. . . . The real greatness and nobility of the man is measured by the power of the feelings that he subdues, not by the power of the feelings that subdue him."—T., IV, 656: 1. (b) "He who under abuse or cruelty fails to maintain a calm and trustful spirit, robs God of His right to reveal in him His own perfection of character." D. A., 301: 3. (c) "The warfare against self is the greatest battle that was ever fought." T., III, 106: 2. (d) Self-control includes restraining the appetite. C. H., 609: 1. (e) "Self-control may be yours in the strength of Jesus." T., IV, 501: 2.

Personal question: Am I moment by moment placing every inclination of my heart under the control of the Spirit of God?

4. Discuss the chapter entitled "Consecration" in "Steps to Christ," pp. 47-52. MINNIE E. DAUPHINEE.

Christian Help and Gospel Meeting Band

WE are coming into that time of year in the Northern Hemisphere when those who are poor suffer most. There are no more fresh vegetables in the gardens, and we have only such foods as have been stored or that can be purchased canned. "Ye have the poor always with you," said Jesus. We should encourage those who can, to help themselves, but there will always be the aged and infirm who must live by the gifts of others. Many such people have pensions, or may be helped by charitable organizations, but the lives of such may be brightened by a little extra help and by the personal ministrations of loving hands. Then, too, there are usually those in every community who suffer for necessities of life unless some one is on the lookout to help the needy. The Thanksgiving season (in the United States) is a good time to bring cheer to such. The Christian Help and Gospel Meeting Band should act as a medium for such help. You should know who it is that needs help and have plans for securing and distributing it. If the deaconesses, or some other organization in the church, have this matter in hand, offer your assistance. Or, if some one is looking after the poor in your own church, let your band look out for others who are not receiving such help.

But do not confine yourselves to rendering material aid. It is spiritual help that is needed most of all. With this Thanksgiving basket take a little written message about God's good-

ness, and speak also of His love. Follow with some well-chosen literature. Seek for openings for Bible readings or cottage meetings. The Christian Help and Gospel Meeting Band should definitely plan to bring people into the truth. M. E. K.

Literature and Correspondence Band

"O LORD and Master of us all,
Whate'er our name or sign,
We own Thy sway, we hear Thy call,
We test our lives by Thine."

November, of all months of the year, it seems to me, ushers in a time of appreciation and good will. Doubtless this is because of Thanksgiving Day in the United States, and the Week of Sacrifice among Seventh-day Adventists as a denomination. The spirit that we manifest from day to day, and double upon special occasions such as these, Missionary Volunteers, really is the test of our Christian experience. Christ set the example of denying self and doing for others. As His followers, let us search out every opportunity within our reach for doing good. The Christian Help Band doubtless will be directly responsible for filling Thanksgiving baskets and furnishing supplies to the needy, but you can join them. Select appropriate literature to be slipped into the baskets sent out; go with those who deliver fuel or clothing and supply something for the soul of the individual helped. If some families in your church have duplicate books in their library, perhaps you can place these in homes where children and older people will read them. While the heart is full of gratitude for temporal benefits, people will much more readily read what you give them. If your society is able to supply Bibles, you will be surprised how many homes are destitute even of the Book of books, and some will eagerly receive it. Call attention to one or two texts that you feel may be especially helpful to the particular home where it is placed.

But often people are hungry for more than food and destitute for more than physical necessities. Ask each one in your church to think of at least one person who has helped him, by word or deed, and make it a point at this time to tell him so. You will be surprised how many hearts are hungry for a word of appreciation. If the individual who deserves the praise is far away, write him a nice letter or a card bearing an appropriate message. But do not forget to put the personal touch into it by writing some message on the card.

Then there are the helpless and infirm about you. Are there some who sit with idle hands day after day? It is, oh, so hard to be thankful when there is nothing to occupy the mind except one's troubles. Young people are ingenious. Think of some little thing that these afflicted ones can do, and in a tactful way offer to show them how or to assist them in doing it. As you associate with them, your own gratitude for strength and health will increase, and your cheerfulness and courage will bring fresh spirit and hope into hearts that might otherwise grow bitter.

There are children in poor, hard-working families who rarely hear words of gratitude. Gather some of these about you and tell them stories with lessons of thankfulness. Discuss their little joys with them, and show them how to draw lessons of praise from the homeliest things. Cheerfulness and gratitude are two of the chief principles in Christianity. The boys and girls may be too young to understand our doctrines, but they readily catch these ideals. Teach them songs and short Bible verses and other quotations of praise, which they can sing or repeat as they play or help in the home. Who can tell what may be the result of such seed sown—results for eternity?

E. E. H.

Memory Joggers

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7. You pity any one who is overworked. You should pity one who is underworked, who cannot find work to do, or who is too sick to work. When you count your blessings, don't forget the blessing of work.

8. Let us think back over the eager prayers we have made. The answers have come, the blessings have been given us. Have we then forgotten to say, "Thank you"?

9. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Every day we have opportunities to help others. Do we count those among our blessings?

10. It is not enough to be happy in what God has given us; we should be happy in God, the Giver.

11. Gratefully dwelling on a gift multiplies it and magnifies it. Thanksgiving enhances the joys for which we are thankful.

C. L. B.

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS

This page contains interesting material for use of church elders and conference workers in promoting our foreign mission work.

Studying to Become Doctors

Just before G. F. Jones and his wife left Wairoonga, Australia, to attend the General Conference, he had charge of an afternoon service at that place. During the meeting two Solomon Island boys spoke, Elder Jones interpreting for them. These young men from our Batuna Training School, Anisi and Guso, aged about nineteen, whose ancestors were bitter enemies, have been chosen by the government to receive four years' medical training at the Suva hospital, Fiji. Anisi, among other things, said:

"I want to tell you a little about my home. Long ago we lived in darkness. The people did not walk straight at all; they did not go in the ways of God. When I was a little boy, my people were always fighting. Those who lived around the Marovo Lagoon, New Georgia, would get big war canoes and fill them with people, and go to another island to fight. They would kill many of the people there, and then they would turn back and come home again. I was a very little boy, I did not go. There were some people who used to come over and fight with those in the Marovo Lagoon. When they came, we used to run away into the bush. I know they used to go from the Marovo and fight in Guso's country and kill them. That was the fashion, the way of our people. There was not one that loved the other one.

"When they wanted to talk to the devils, they all gathered together and brought a lot of pigs to give to the spirits. The people used to kill and eat a lot of pigs. A lot of taro and other food was brought to be cooked and given to the spirits of the dead, to win their favor. They thought the spirits of the dead would help them. The Bible now tells us that the dead are dead, and do not know anything, and cannot come back and hurt us. When the people went out on the water, they would talk to the devils, and these devils, or spirits, would rock their canoes and talk to them.

"The deeds of the people were not at all good. But the time came when the gospel reached us. This man here (Pastor Jones) brought the truth to us first in the Solomon Islands. He called the chiefs together and they held a council. 'All right,' they said, 'that is very good. We will have this man and this mission work.' Then we all went to the mission. We were not very strong at first, and Satan came and tried to turn us against the work of God. Then when we learned to pray, the devil fled away. Then were fulfilled the words of Jeremiah 33: 3 [Anisi quoted in English], 'Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.'

"When this gospel came to us, we were very glad to have it. Then we found out the word of Jesus was very strong. Some of our people went to other places to teach them the word of Jesus, and to conquer the work of darkness and bring in the light. So it made many people in the Solomon Islands good, and they remain like that. Now they like the work of Jesus, and they pray to Him all the time.

"Three months ago I followed Pastor Peacock to find some new places. We went to Buni, to Malaita, and to Guadalcanar. The people wanted us, and they asked for a teacher belonging to the Seventh-day Mission. When the missionary went there, they began to live the word.

"We thank you very much, you white people, for sending missionaries to us. We thank you for sending the means to build houses and boats, and such things as we need for school.

"This is my talk to you; it is not very good. I am very glad to be here this afternoon to tell you these things, and to see all your faces, every one of you."

Pastor Jones told us that this young man's father was a real savage, and Anisi also was a little savage and would run away into the bush when Elder Jones first went there. There are still many savages in the Solomons, waiting for the gospel. Anisi had just given his simple testimony, and Pastor Jones added, "These people are not very demonstrative, but they have it inside their hearts. They will do the work. These fellows are fighters, and they will brave anything for the gospel. You could not see a better work than that which some of these young people are doing in the Solomons today."—Reported by Viola M. Rogers.

Farther Into the Jungle

In a letter from A. N. Allen, he tells of having made another trip of exploration back into Brazilian jungles, visiting other Indian tribes hitherto not reached:

"We have just returned from the jungle. We were gone six weeks, and all that time no word had been received here of our whereabouts. We heard from a passing boat that one of our men nearly died from a snake bite. This morning I killed another snake just like it, right in the new house we are building.

"I consider this trip one of the most important we have made. We made friends with a new tribe, the Javaes, and visited several aldeas [villages or hamlets] of Caiajas. When the dry season comes we are going to have all the Indians here we can handle. Wish you might be here once when several canoes full of naked Indians put into port and swarm over the place. They want to look into everything. They tell me the word of our being here and that we treat the Indians good, has gone far among the aldeas.

"Of late I have been very deeply exercised to know how to reach these far-scattered aldeas. They are scattered for over five hundred miles up and down the Araguaya, River of Death, Tapirafe River, the Furro Direto, and far through the jungles. Then there is quite a Brazilian population to be given the message. In all this region comforts, or the necessities of life, are only such as one can carry with one. We have spent many hours in prayer to know how to plan for our work among these people.

"The most feasible plan to us is to provide a large flat-bottomed, wood-burning launch, with a rear wheel so as to run in shallow water. In this we could make a home for workers while plying along these rivers laboring for the people. With a launch like this we could serve many of the aldeas of which we already know, besides those of near-by Indian tribes, the Chivantes, Tapirajes, Cayajas, and Canovas, whom we have not yet visited. Also many Brazilians live along the river and a few miles back. It would become a floating lighthouse to all the inhabitants of the river region. And the cost of such a launch would be scarcely more than that for a mission home. Such a launch provisioned and manned from our head station, working out from here would develop a work which would reach many thousands of souls. Eventually we believe this must be our plan of action."

Burying the Last Trace of Heathen Worship

OVER in the Solomon Islands where the people have found the freedom and joy promised believers in Christ, Missionary R. H. Tutty tells us how one of the very last remaining reminders of their old heathen worship has now been put out of sight:

"Tourists and others have, of late, been treating the skulls in the skull houses irreverently, opening the doors of the skull houses and handling the skulls in a jeering manner. Some have been rightly rebuked by the onlookers. It was suggested that the skulls be buried out of sight in a reverent manner. The heathen, as well as our people, thought it a splendid idea. They were all related to the ancestors whose skulls were lying around in the old deserted skull houses. So we all went to one of the leading skull houses and after a short service, the old ex-witch doctor, who had looked after the skull house, assisted by others of the older men, buried the skulls. A discussion then arose as to what should be done with the carved door. It was unanimously decided to bury that also, and so put all out of sight. By putting out of sight all traces of their old heathen worship, it was properly cleaning up the place. This shows how deserted the skull houses had been: the old witch doctor whose duty it formerly was to burn the first fruits on the altar in front of the house where the carved image was, was very much surprised to find the house split open with decay."

Spurious Propitiatory Sacrifice

SPURIOUS cleansing from sin in heathen devil worship is clearly set forth in an account given by R. H. Tutty, visiting among our people in the Solomon Islands. From this report we may the better understand the terrible depths of degradation from which the blessed truths of God's word has rescued them:

"In their old heathen state there was one sin that was punishable by death, and that was adultery. Thieving and lying were not counted as sins with them then. They knew not the law of God. How true it is that 'the isles shall wait for His law!' The adulterer was to be killed, but he had one hope: he could be redeemed by paying a large sum of native money. It was considered necessary to cleanse away the sin and appease the wrath of their ancestors by killing a pig supplied by the transgressor. The heathen priest killed the pig. All stood around the singeing pig and brushed the smoke over their bodies, thus cleansing them from sin. The heathen priest then took the pig's blood and poured some of it on the fire and some he sprinkled on the people, and the men ate the pig. Paul may well warn the Corinthians not to drink of the cup of devils or partake of the table of devils. 1 Cor. 10: 21. What a contrast to the blood and the body of Christ! The more one thinks of it, the more disgusting it seems. Depending on pig's blood for salvation! One native fitly expressed himself thus: 'Before the missionary came, we believed that blood cleansed us from sin, and that is the reason we so readily grasped the fact that the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.'"

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