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Church Officers' General Instruction Department

Special Appointments for the Month of June

Home Missionary Day June 7

"Be Circumspect"

AFTER God had delivered to Moses in the mount a set of rules, a code of laws setting forth the most just and righteous principles known among men, to be written out and used for the guidance of the new nation He had taken to Himself, on delivering them from Egypt by His mighty outstretched arm, He said:

"In all things that I have said unto you be circumspect; and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth." Ex. 23:13.

This code of morals, so specific, and yet so plainly and simply stated, was delivered to Israel immediately after God had spoken His ten precepts amid flaming fire on Mt. Sinai. These precepts must be considered, therefore, by the setting forth in a more full, explicit manner the sacred principles contained in the law of God itself, and like that law may be considered as God's righteous, living principles to guide in the conduct of life until the close of time. These more than thirty specific subjects dwelt upon in this wonderful code given Moses in the mount and spoken by the lips of God Himself, can hardly be said to form a part of the ceremonial law; for they deal with the actual living principles touching nearly every phase of human life, in the home, in the neighborhood, in contact with one's fellow men everywhere. They are separate and apart from the regulations pertaining to sacrificial offerings, the form of worship there instituted pointing forward to the great sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

In speaking of these judgments and statutes given Moses by the Lord on Sinai, following the giving of His ten commandment law, in "Spirit of prophecy," Volume 1, pages 264, 265, we read:

"He then came still closer to His people, who were so readily led astray, and would not leave them with merely the ten precepts of the decalogue. He commanded Moses to write, as He should bid him, judgments and laws, giving minute directions in regard to what He required them to perform, and thereby guarded the ten precepts which He had engraved upon the tables of stone. These specific directions and requirements were given to draw erring man to the obedience of the moral law, which he is so prone to transgress. . . . The definite directions which the Lord gave to Moses in regard to the duty of His people to one another, and to the stranger, are the prin-

ciples of the ten commandments simplified and given in a definite manner, that they need not err."

Principles of Ten Commandments Simplified

These laws explicitly deal with one's relationship to others in the everyday affairs of life. They relate to one's dealing with servants; to the love and fidelity to be manifested in the home; to the care and helpfulness to be shown the orphan, the widow, the stranger; to how one should deal righteously and justly with one's neighbors, even to the restoration of his property loss resulting from carelessness or negligence; to the helping of an enemy; to instruction regarding the lending of articles or money to a poor brother in time of his need; to honoring those bearing rule; to aiding the judge in arriving at and dealing out justice to the guilty, etc. A wonderful scope indeed is covered by these just and sacred requirements!

Then after the giving of these righteous regulations, God adds, "In all things that I have said unto you be circumspect," meaning, as Webster puts it, be "attentive to, or marked by attention to, all the circumstances of a case or the probable consequences of an action; watchful on every side; cautious; prudent."

Property Loss, Restoration, and Taking of Bribes

Illustrating how the Lord holds one responsible for the consequences of his action, even though it be a careless one, note this:

"If fire break out, and catch in thorns, so that the stacks of corn, or the standing corn, or the field be consumed therewith; he that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution."

And observe how minutely God takes into consideration all the acts of one's life, even though secretly premeditated and under cover worked out:

"Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child. If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto Me, I will surely hear their cry."

"If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be eaten, and shall put in his beast, and shall feed in another man's field; of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard, shall he make restitution."

"If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray [even though no one sees], thou shalt surely bring it back to him again."

Wresting of Judgment Forbidden

Wresting righteous judgment was specially guarded against, a principle underlying all our dealings not only in personal affairs, but in our church relationships.

"Thou shalt take no gift [bribe]: for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous."

"Thou shalt not raise [receive] a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness."

"Thou shalt not wrest the judgment of thy poor in his cause."

"Neither shalt thou countenance a poor man in his cause [just because he is poor, if his cause be not right]."

"Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak [answer] in a cause to decline after many, to wrest judgment."

When a decision is about to be reached, a decision that is right and just, and should be carried out, be not one to wrest that judgment through false sympathy, or for any other cause, by putting in testimony to shake confidence in the testimonies of others having already witnessed to the truth in the effort to reach a just judgment.

"In all things that I have said unto you be circumspect," said the Lord. Be sensible. Use good judgment. Be discreet. Be not an extremist, nor manifest rash judgment. Keep out of fanaticism. Be not among those who "revile the judges," nor of those who "curse the ruler of thy people."

Jesus, in referring to these righteous judgments in His sermon on the mount, so far as we can see, modified only that statement which says, "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth," by enlarging upon our love and forgiveness for an enemy or offender when He said:

"Resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." "But I say unto you, Love

your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." Matt. 5:39, 44.

Coupled with the law spoken from Sinai, it was the keeping of those wonderful statutes to which Moses referred when he said:

"Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is in all things that we call upon Him for? And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?" Deut. 4:6-8.

And likewise it is as we put into practice in our lives these God-given principles of daily living, drawn out by Jesus in His teaching and wrought into His holy life, that we shall be accounted "the children of your Father which is in heaven;" for of the remnant, God purposes to develop through His Son, "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people," and through them to show to the world "the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9.

T. E. B.

True Giving Prompted by Love

ONE of the shortest yet most meaningful statements in the Bible is, "God is love." Many of the acts of God are beyond comprehension, except as they are viewed in the light of the statement that He is love. The fact that He is love explains why God has done and is doing so many things for us. It is because of the fact that He is love, that He has provided the plan of salvation for us. He gives to us because He is love.

In John 3:16 we read, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Notice that it was the love of God for a lost world that led Him to give all that He could give. He gave all that He had to give. He gave up all in order to make it possible for sinful men to be saved.

It is impossible for professed children of God really to serve God until they have learned actually to love God. It is impossible for a man to deal selfishly with God after he has learned to love God. It is equally impossible for a man to deal unselfishly with God as long as he does not love God. A man may compel himself to bring offerings or to pay tithe, and yet receive no blessing in return because he brings his offerings as a matter of duty. The only way to get real joy out of bringing offerings and paying tithe, is by loving God so much that we would rather give than withhold.

Self is the great hindering influence which tends to come between us and our Saviour; and as surely as we serve self, so surely will we be unfaithful in paying tithes and offerings. 1 John 5:2, 3, states: "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous." This scripture proves that commandment keeping is the natural result of really loving God. It is impossible to love God without keeping His commandments. It is impossible to keep the commandments without loving God. A man might compel himself to subscribe to certain standards, and as a result of sheer will power, attempt to harmonize with such standards, but not until a man really has the love of God in his heart can it be said of him that he does delight to do the will of the Father.

Too many times God's professed children neglect to employ system in their giving. Too many times they figure that the grocery bills must be paid, all the necessities of life must be purchased, and then, if there is anything left, an offering can be made to God. However, God's plan, which is based on the principle of loving Him so much that the greatest delight of our life is to serve Him, provides that we give to Him of our first fruits. We read in Proverbs 3:9: "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase." God expects us to love Him so much that we will not neglect His claims upon our income even in dealing with the minutest details. "All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord." Lev. 27:30.

S. A. RUSKJER.

Home Missionary Department

PERSONAL WITNESSING

Suggestive Program for First Sabbath Missionary Service

(June 7)

OPENING SONG: "Throw Out the Life Line." (No. 544 in "Christ in Song.")

PRAYER.

CHURCH MISSIONARY SECRETARY'S REPORT.

FIRST SABBATH OFFERING FOR LOCAL MISSIONARY WORK.

SPECIAL MUSIC OR SONG: "Urge Them to Come." (No. 531 in "Christ in Song.")

BIBLE STUDY: "A Witnessing Church."

ADDRESS: "Personal Witnessing."

TEN MINUTE REPORTS FROM BAND LEADERS.

SYMPOSIUM: "Missionary Work During Vacation Time."

LOCAL PLANS FOR SUMMER MISSIONARY WORK.

CLOSING SONG: "Bringing in the Sheaves." (No. 583 in "Christ in Song.")

BENEDICTION.

Note to Elders and Missionary Leaders

The suggestive program for Sabbath, June 7, covering the subject, "Personal Witnessing," is a very important one. There is a natural tendency to let missionary endeavor lag during the summer months, and we depend heavily upon our missionary leaders to see that this does not occur. The missionary program of every church should be a continuous one. We are told in "Steps to Christ," page 78 (pocket edition): "The Saviour's life on earth was not a life of ease and devotion to Himself, but He toiled with persistent, earnest, untiring effort for the salvation of lost mankind. From the manger to Calvary He followed the path of self-denial, and sought not to be released from arduous tasks, painful travels, and exhausting care and labor."

The church missionary committee should give careful study to the program for this date, assigning parts to those who will make the service interesting. Talks instead of readings are especially desirable in a symposium, and the one contained in the following program will be best presented in this manner. Other missionary activities for summer months will doubtless be suggested by members of your committee, and these may be stressed along with those mentioned.

A careful check up on missionary activities in the entire church should be made at this time, the half-way mark of the year. Earnest and prayerful effort will be necessary if the last six months produce definite soul-winning results. The first six or seven months of the year are usually spent in seed sowing, the remaining time serving as a binding off period and harvest. The prayers of the General Conference Home Missionary Department go with you as you endeavor to lead the forces entrusted to your care into greater fields of missionary endeavor.

E. F. H.

A Witnessing Church

1. THE followers of Christ are sent into the world to continue the work which He came to do. John 17:18.
2. The disciples of Christ have received a commission to preach the gospel to all the world. Mark 16:15.
3. As Christ in His individual body was the light of the world, so He is to fulfill the same mission in His mystical body, the church. Matt. 5:14; Phil. 2:14-16.
4. It is the purpose of God that through the church the plan of salvation shall be made known to all the world. Eph. 3:10, 11.
5. The churches at Rome and Thessalonica were examples of the influence which a consecrated church can exert. Rom. 1:8; 2 Thess. 1:3, 4.
6. Each member of the church is to be a witness. Acts 1:8.

NOTE.—"Christ declares to his followers, 'Ye are the light of the world.' To every soul that accepts Jesus, the cross of Calvary speaks, 'Behold the worth of the soul. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."' Nothing is to be permitted to hinder this work. It is the all-important work for time; it is to be far-reaching as eternity. The love that Jesus manifested for the souls of men in the sacrifice which He made for their redemption, will actuate all His followers."—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. V, p. 456.

"THOSE who have united with the Lord in the covenant of service are under bonds to unite with Him in the great, grand work of soul saving."—*Id.*, Vol. VII, p. 19.

Personal Witnessing

E. F. HACKMAN

SPEAKING about the proclamation of the third angel's message, the Spirit of prophecy says: "As the time comes for it to be given with greatest power, the Lord will work through humble instruments."—*The Great Controversy*, p. 606. It is just like God to do great things through small means. He delights to take uneducated, untalented, and apparently hopeless human material and use it as a channel through which His saving grace may flow to others. D'Aubigné, the great French historian, in his "History of the Reformation," book 2, chapter 1, says: "God takes ages to prepare His work, but when the hour comes, accomplishes it by the feeblest instruments. To do great things, by small means is the law of God."

The knowledge that God is able to use every one who consecrates himself for service should encourage us all. "Every believer, educated or uneducated, can bear the message."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 26. "The Lord has a place for every one in His great plan. Talents that are not needed are not bestowed. Supposing that the talent is small. God has a place for it, and that one talent, if faithfully used, will do the very work God designs that it should do."—*Id.*, p. 27.

There are several instances recorded in the Bible where God has wonderfully used the one talent that was dedicated to His service. Nearly two thousand years ago the Saviour healed two men who were possessed of devils. Both of them requested that they might remain with Jesus, a most natural desire, but He said: "Return to thine own house, and show how great things God hath done unto thee." Luke 8:39. The story does not end here; the record says they published the glad tidings throughout the region of Decapolis, or the ten cities, and "when Jesus returned, the people gladly received Him: for they were all waiting for Him." Verse 40. Was that not a wonderful sequel to the Saviour's personal ministry?

"The two restored demoniacs were the first missionaries whom Jesus sent to preach the gospel in the region of Decapolis. For a few moments only, these men had been privileged to hear the teachings of Christ. Not one sermon from His lips had ever fallen upon their ears. They could not instruct the people as the disciples who had been daily with Christ were able to do. But they bore in their own persons the evidence that Jesus was the Messiah. They could tell what they knew; what they themselves had seen, and heard, and felt of the power of Christ. This is what *every one* can do, whose heart has been touched by the grace of God. . . . As witnesses for Christ, we are to tell what we know, what we ourselves have seen and heard and felt. . . . *This is the witness for which our Lord calls, and for want of which the world is perishing.*"—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 340.

There are many dangers that face the people of God today, but none is greater than the situation confronting many of our churches where the lay members have ceased to bear personal testimony to the power of this message in changing their lives. This should be our greatest concern. If the church fails to recognize its responsibility in this hour, we face a grave situation. The threefold message of Revelation 14 cannot be carried to all the world by paid workers alone; coupled with their earnest work must be personal witnessing on the part of church members. "In the closing controversy now waging between the forces for good and the hosts of evil, He expects all, laymen as well as ministers, to take part."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 116. "This work cannot be done by proxy. Money lent or given will not accomplish it. Sermons will not do it. By visiting the people, talking, praying, sympathizing with them, you will win hearts. *This is the highest missionary work that you can do.*"—*Id.*, p. 41.

The General Conference Home Missionary Department is continually receiving reports of souls won to this message through the efforts of lay members. From the Alberta Conference in Canada comes word of a Ukrainian brother who brought ten persons into the truth through personal work. In a little island of the West Indies, St. Lucia by name, a company of nineteen has been raised up through the efforts of a good lay brother and his wife. This zealous worker walked twenty-four miles to hold services, carrying with him food and clothing for a period of two weeks. Every night during that

time he held a meeting, and when he had finished the series, walked the twenty-four miles back to his home.

Dear church members, are you witnessing for God? Are you telling your neighbors and friends that Jesus is soon coming? How can we ever hope to finish this great work if we ourselves are not alive and on fire with a burden for the lost around us? Many, I fear, are not unlike the poor Brahman who attended an evangelistic meeting where Christians were telling in glowing terms of how Christ had saved them. With a desire to belittle Christianity, he got up and said: "You people say you are saved. So am I. As Christ has saved you, so Krishna has saved me." The missionary in charge of the meeting was wise in replying: "I am very glad to hear that you are saved, very glad indeed. Now we are going down to the outcast quarters, and see what we can do for these poor people. We will share their lives to help them. Will you join us?" The Brahman thought a moment, and then said: "Well, Sahib, I am saved, but not that far." Are we saved, but not that far? What do we answer, you and I?

Missionary Work During Vacation Time

THE first of June presents a season of the year commonly known as "vacation time." The long winter is past, the warm days have come to stay a while, and every one is thinking and planning for weeks ahead. Father must have his vacation, the children theirs, and of course mother must have a change. Every normal family wants to do something different at this time of the year. The very air is full of talk about seashores, country resorts, camping, etc.—and herein lies our danger. In the midst of all this planning, talking, and pleasure, it is easy indeed to leave missionary work out of the reckoning altogether. Somehow, with the advent of warm, sunny days, our missionary zeal has a tendency to go on vacation also, and we are prone to forget that our personal responsibility to carry the message to others is just as great in the summer as it is in winter. Can you imagine the Saviour slackening His soul-winning efforts at such a time? Should we who follow in His steps do less than He would do? No! We are not to measure our service for God by the eight-hour system or by the thermometer, and we should always remember that the soldiers of Jesus Christ are never off duty.

Summer months give us a fine opportunity to spread the message. There are many things we can do at this time that we cannot do in other seasons. During the long winter it is often impossible to reach our neighbors or go to distant towns with literature, etc., but with the opening of spring and the coming of summer we are able to do more visiting and other missionary work, and the following suggestions along this line may prove helpful.

Using the Automobile

One of the greatest blessings of this modern age is the automobile, but it was not given to us for pleasure alone; this marvelous invention is to be used for spreading the message. How easy it is, when the family desires a ride, to drive fifteen or twenty miles to some small town which has never been visited by the living preacher, and distribute *Present Truth*, the Family Bible Teacher, tracts, etc. Many car owners have constructed small magazine and tract pockets for this purpose, and attached them to the back of the front seats of their cars, thus enabling them to give the message to those who perhaps might never have an opportunity of coming in contact with it.

The King's Pocket League

Perhaps you have not heard of this new organization. It is simply a plan to engage every Seventh-day Adventist in the distribution of "a tract a day." The membership fee is 50 cents, for which each person who joins is supplied with a leather pocket, a supply of tracts, a pledge card, and a pin on which are the letters "K. P. L." What a picture this presents to our minds of thousands of our people distributing tracts wherever they go! Surely such seed sowing will bring a rich harvest.

Cottage Meetings

Care must be exercised in the summer time to prevent our Bible studies and cottage meetings from being discontinued. There is a marked tendency coming into our churches today to diminish the number of church meetings during the warm

months. This is doubtless necessary, to a reasonable degree, but we dislike to see the prayer meeting, missionary meeting, and even cottage meetings left out of the summer program because it is occasionally uncomfortably warm. The great adversary of our souls does his work in heat and cold, and we who know this truth should be watchful of every opportunity for its advancement.

There has come into our work recently a real revival of old-fashioned cottage meetings and Bible studies in the homes of the people. Church members are now giving more than 20,000 Bible readings every month, and such work can result in only one thing,—the salvation of souls. A short time ago the pastor of a large city church who felt the need of a spiritual revival and reformation in his congregation, decided that he would try God's program of evangelism as laid down in the Spirit of prophecy which says, "Just as soon as a church is organized, let the minister set the members at work. . . . Let the minister devote more of his time to educating than to preaching. Let him teach the people how to give to others the knowledge they have received."—*"Testimonies," Vol. VII, p. 20.*

After organizing his church for service, this pastor inaugurated the fifteen-minute church missionary service plan, thus giving permanency to the organization, and then called for those who would be willing to take part in soul-winning work. The response was immediate, and nine cottage meetings were started almost simultaneously. Interests sprang up on every side, and the members were stirred to a new devotion. One of the recent bulletins of that church says:

"Last Wednesday the house was filled, and those not present missed a great blessing. The burden of the meeting was for a greater fire to be kindled in this church, that the message may quickly go to those around us.

"On Sunday morning (the pastor has a special meeting of band leaders and cottage meeting workers every Sunday morning for counsel and prayer) all those in the church who had a burden for souls answered the pastor's call, and the Spirit of God was manifest in a very special manner. Every one was profoundly touched by the Spirit which moved the hearts of the brethren. *Something new and different is happening in this church.* A great and mighty work for God is opening. All present laid themselves unreservedly upon the altar for service. Cottage meetings are springing up all over the city. Different church members, who are permitting themselves to be used by the Lord's Spirit, are getting their friends and neighbors to go to the meetings in their particular vicinities. *Surely this is the latter rain,* the refreshing from the presence of the Lord, which He has promised."

Nothing succeeds like success, so this experience is influencing other churches, and the good work goes on. We believe such an incident as this is a fulfillment of the word contained in "Testimonies," Vol. IX, page 126, where the servant of God saw a great reformation among God's people, hundreds and thousands going from house to house, opening before the people the word of God, and "on every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth."

Outdoor Ministry

The outstanding feature of the gospel commission is "go." The message of salvation is to be taken to those who know it not, here in the homeland as well as in foreign fields. We must go from home to home, and we may also take the good news to groups of people in cottage meetings or outdoor services. In cities, meetings may be held in parks or on the streets, thus reaching many thousands to whom the message could be brought in no other way.

In parks people may gather under the trees, and the head lights from automobiles will serve to give necessary light for an evening's service. A "spot light" can be arranged to furnish light for the speaker and song leader. A spirited song service, a brief Bible study, and a closing prayer will often touch hearts. Rural folks enjoy a good "sing," and usually follow with interest studies covering the truths of God's word for these last days.

In foreign communities a Bible "story hour" may be engaged in with the children. Our Book and Bible House secretaries are in a position to supply books containing suitable material for this work, and through the children adults may become interested.

Surely we should take advantage of the fine summer evenings to do earnest work for the Master, who carried on His earthly ministry almost wholly out of doors, in the cities and towns, along the highways, or by the lakes.

Suggestions for Church Elders and Other Missionary Leaders

THE following story, which we believe contains suggestions of interest to every church elder and leader, was sent to the General Conference Home Missionary Department by Elder W. A. Ernenputseh, superintendent of the Alto Parana Mission in the Austral Union, South America:

"The apostle Paul says, 'Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine.' 1 Tim. 5:17.

"During our annual meeting, held in Posadas, Misiones, from October 25 to November 2, we had the privilege of receiving a new church into the sisterhood of our organized churches in the Alto Parana Mission. One of our brethren who had come over from Germany many years ago, and who has been one of our veteran canvassers, settled with his family in Alvear, Corrientes. It was his desire that his children should engage in the work and be in the full sense of the word 'home missionary workers.'

"With this in view, his son, young Brother Braek, began to work for others. He labored first with the hired man on the farm, then with his relatives, and after a period of a little more than a year presented eight converts ready for baptism. After this our young brother began to work with periodicals, tracts, and other literature among the neighbors of the newly added members, and six months later I was called again to administer baptism to seven more. At this time we felt free to organize the little group into a church with twenty-four members, and ordain young Brother Braek as elder, after he had been unanimously elected by his brethren.

"It was a joy and pleasure to see the new church take up its duties in home missionary work, such as Harvest Ingathering, Big Week, distribution of literature, etc. The young elder, in spite of being but twenty-three years of age, took the lead. He organized young and old in a home missionary band, and worked the town and neighborhood systematically with *El Atalaya* (our Spanish paper) and tracts. New people became interested in the truth, and just a few weeks ago our home missionary secretary had the privilege of baptizing eight more who had taken their stand for the Lord. Such personal work on the part of our youngest church elder is surely encouraging. If all our church elders would engage in such a program, it certainly would help finish the work."

The first Sabbath service for July covers the subject: "From Door to Door with the Book of Books," and the fifteen-minute church missionary service topics follow:

July 5. Vacation Missionary Work.

July 12. Open Air Services.

July 19. Soul-winning Experiences.

July 26. Home Bible Study League Report.

Suggestions for all these services will be found in the July CHURCH OFFICERS' GAZETTE, but church elders and missionary leaders should give them advance attention.

The Personal Christ

- I. THE insufficient principle. Lev. 18: 5; Rom. 3: 20; Gal. 5: 22-25; Rom. 10: 4.
- II. The call to the person. Matt. 11: 28; John 7: 37.
 1. For salvation. Acts 4: 10-12; 1 Peter 2: 24.
 2. For guidance. John 10: 11, 27; 14: 6.
 3. For service. Matt. 4: 19; John 14: 12.
 4. For life. John 11: 25; Mark 10: 17-21.
- III. The all-sufficient Christ. John 3: 27; Mark 10: 27.
 1. For salvation. Rom. 8: 1; Heb. 7: 25.
 2. For guidance. John 14: 6; Matt. 28: 20.
 3. For service. Eph. 6: 5-8; Matt. 21: 21.
 4. For life. John 10: 28; Gal. 2: 20.
- IV. The abiding Christ. John 14: 23; 15: 4-8.
- V. The living Christian. John 15: 4-8; Gal. 2: 20.

The Church Missionary Service

Suggestive Program

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

Suggestive Missionary Service Program for Sabbath, June 7

MISSIONARY TOPIC: "Hospital and Prison Work."

TEXT: Matthew 25: 34-36.

SUGGESTIONS: Primarily the text referred to has to do with those who are in prison for Christ's sake. As His followers suffer, the Master suffers, for He is touched with the feeling of their infirmities. But the text also has to do with our responsibility to visit men and women in need of the spiritual help we should be able to give. Those behind prison bars have souls to save, and the very fact of imprisonment may have brought them to the place where they will be serious in consideration of the message of salvation. Prison work is a very real part of the mission program of the church, and needs to be carefully planned. Recently the General Conference Home Missionary Department received word of a prison service which was held in one of the cities of Australia. It was a good meeting, with nearly all the inmates of the institution present. Our own people in that city rallied in strong force, and there was barely room for them all to be seated on the platform. "What a Wonderful Saviour!" was used for the opening hymn, followed by prayer, vocal and instrumental numbers, and a short spiritual talk. The men were moved. Their eager, upturned faces, some with moistened eyes and others with twitching lips, betokened the deep moving of the Spirit of God. One, at least, wept as he marched out to the tune of "God be with you till we meet again." On behalf of the prisoners and himself the officer in charge thanked those who had given the program, and appointments were made for later services.

Hospital work offers an even more favorable opportunity for helpful ministry. While confined for a time, many of the patients are lonely, and their meditations lead them to serious thought. Spiritual help is welcomed by many who have been unmindful of eternal realities, and interests may be aroused that will result in the salvation of souls. Hospital officials are agreeable to properly conducted religious work, and tactful effort will open a pleasing and profitable field for soul-winning endeavor.

Suggestive Missionary Service Program for Sabbath, June 14

MISSIONARY TOPIC: "Christian Help Work."

TEXT: Acts 10:38.

SUGGESTIONS: What a wealth of meaning in this verse, "He went about doing good." The followers of Christ are to labor as He did. We are to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and comfort the suffering and afflicted. We are to minister to the despairing, and inspire hope in the hopeless. And to us also the promise will be fulfilled, "Thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy rearward."—"The Desire of Ages," p. 350. There are many forms of Christian help work which may be engaged in by our churches. Visiting the sick, distributing flowers, giving away clothing, feeding the hungry, sympathizing with the suffering and the oppressed, speaking words of kindness, shaking hands with strangers in the church, helping the blind, assisting the unemployed, visiting jails and hospitals, and helping the tempted. Additional material may be found in "Christ's Object Lessons," pp. 370, 371. The poem entitled, "Something for Jesus," will also be timely.

Suggestive Missionary Service Program for Sabbath, June 21

MISSIONARY TOPIC: "Soul-Winning Services."

TEXT: Acts 15:12.

SUGGESTIONS: The person who is working for souls during the week will have something to report on the Sabbath, and nothing will so stir our nonworking church members to activity as to know that their brethren and sisters in the faith

are doing successful soul-winning work. One of our sisters, in the Northern Union, a nurse doing full-time duty, recently sent a letter to the conference office, asking that *Present Truth* be sent for one year to 213 names. She is endeavoring to bring this message of truth to the 506 people in the county where she lives, and has started with approximately half of them. Surely this is an example which, if followed by others, would give ample experiences to be reported on the third Sabbath of the month at the time of the church missionary service. If possible, speak in advance to one or two who are to relate their experiences, that they may be well prepared. Stress the point that the joy of salvation is great, but the joy of leading others to the Master is greater. "We are not to wait for souls to come to us; we must seek them out where they are. . . . There are multitudes who will never be reached by the gospel unless it is carried to them."—"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 229.

Suggestive Missionary Service Program for Sabbath, June 28

MISSIONARY TOPIC: "Dorcas Society Work."

TEXT: Galatians 6:10.

SUGGESTIONS: The words of the text contain the primary objective of the Dorcas Society,—the giving of assistance to those among us who find themselves in straitened circumstances. Warm-hearted, sympathetic, Christian love to those of our brethren and sisters in distress, is our duty as well as our privilege, and special help should be given those who are in need as a result of having taken their stand for the truth. More and more as we come into those trying times just before the second coming of our Lord and Saviour, will there be the necessity of service on the part of generous-hearted men and women in bearing the burdens of some of those who have left the world with its remuneration, for this truth. The command given in the text, however, does not limit our work to those within our own ranks. Wherever a church is established, plans should be laid to give aid to worthy people in the local community, irrespective of their religious belief or whether they believe in God at all. As a result of such effort as this, many souls have been won to the truth. If your church does not have a Dorcas Society, arrange for the formation of one today. Full information may be obtained from the leaflet entitled, "The Dorcas Society—Organization and Work," which may be ordered from your Book and Bible House. Careful plans should be laid in advance by the church missionary committee, and a copy of this leaflet should be placed in the hands of every church member, that all may be familiar with the work and scope of this branch of the church missionary organization. If your church is blessed with a Dorcas Society, use the topic time of today's service for the presentation of its objectives to the entire church membership, possibly including a report of the work it has already accomplished.

Something for Jesus

You're longing to work for the Master,
Yet waiting for something to do;
You fancy the future is holding
Some wonderful mission for you;
But while you are waiting, the moments
Are rapidly passing away.
O Christian, awake from your dreaming!
Do something for Jesus today.

Go rescue that wandering brother
Who sinks 'neath his burden of woe!
A single kind action may save him,
If love and compassion you show.
Don't shrink from the vilest about you,
If you can but lead them from sin;
For this is the grandest of missions,—
Lost souls for the Master to win.

O never, dear Christian, stand waiting!
Be willing to do what you can;
The humblest service is needed.
To fill out the Father's great plan.
Be winning your stars of rejoicing
While earth life is passing away;
Win some one to meet you in glory;
Do something for Jesus today!

—Selected.



Words of Cheer From Brazil

ELDER L. G. JORGENSEN, superintendent of the Bahía Mission of East Brazil, tells how he organizes the churches in that field for missionary activities:

"Since coming to the Bahía Mission as its director, I have had opportunity to put into practice many home missionary ideas. The church in the city of Bahía has been organized into five groups or bands,—prayer, literature, correspondence, Christian help, and Bible workers. It is the first time such an organization has been effected here, and I can surely testify to the fact that the members are enjoying the work outlined for them. Although the most of them are very poor, yet they can carry on a good missionary program when properly organized. Twenty offices are supplied with the Portuguese *Watchman* each month. Three cottage meetings a week are in progress, and Bible readings are held with other families. Last Sabbath we wrapped 400 papers at the correspondence band meeting. There are fifteen members in the literature band, and they are doing good work. Truly, a working church is a live spiritual church. The larger part of the baptisms during the past year were the result of lay members' work. In one group eight were baptized through the efforts of one faithful home missionary worker."

Present Truth Demonstrates Its Ability to Win Souls

MANY of our people throughout the United States are having rich experiences in connection with the systematic distribution of *Present Truth*. A recent letter from O. J. Forman, proprietor of the Monmouth Blank Book Co., Monmouth, Ill., says:

"We have made systematic use of *Present Truth*, and have found it a great help, not only to the people who receive it, but to those who carry it to their doors from week to week. It has been my privilege to study with a prosperous young farmer and his wife living about eighteen miles from here. They have accepted the Sabbath, and as many of the doctrines as we have presented. Feeling a burden for the souls of those in the church to which they belong, they immediately carried the good news to them. The elders and deacon, together with the teacher of the adult class and several members of the class, met with us yesterday afternoon for study. This young farmer is having *Present Truth* sent to these and other members of his former church. We have a wonderful message. It is consistent and appeals to the honest and logical mind. Beginning with the new year, we expect to have a young lady devote her entire time to the systematic distribution of *Present Truth*. The results of this experiment you will, of course, be anxious to learn. I have worked considerable territory myself, and know that this is the way to find people who are willing to take Bible studies. It is my desire to get my business in shape so I can devote the most of my time to the giving of this message."

Church Missionary Service Helps

THE following paragraph was taken from one of the letters written to the General Conference Home Missionary Department by Elder L. V. Finster, home missionary secretary for the Far Eastern Division:

"I wish also to bear witness to the fact that wherever I have been able to get the fifteen-minute church missionary service started, wonderful results have been attained. Just let me give you one instance: The reporting membership for North China during the first quarter of 1928 was 16 per cent. The brethren began to work along the line of increasing the reporting membership, adopting the fifteen-minute plan. Their reports gradually went up quarter by quarter until they finally showed a

reporting membership of 115 per cent. This shows an increase of 760 per cent since the first quarter of 1928. That is surely most encouraging, is it not? In Korea the membership has gradually risen until at the end of the third quarter of last year their percentage stood at 87 per cent, and Brother Watts feels sure that the fourth quarter will show more than 100 per cent reporting members."

Testimony Study on Missionary Work

COMPILED BY J. H. BEHRENS

Every Christian a Soul Winner

"THE work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 117.

"Every believer, educated or uneducated, can bear the message."—*Id.*, p. 26.

"Every one who is added to the ranks by conversion is to be assigned his post of duty."—*Id.*, Vol. VII, p. 30.

"Every true disciple is born into the kingdom of God as a missionary. No sooner does he come to know the Saviour than he desires to make others acquainted with Him. The saving and sanctifying truth cannot be shut up in his heart."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 102.

"It is a fatal mistake to suppose that the work of saving souls depends alone on the ordained minister. . . . All who receive the life of Christ are ordained to work for the salvation of their fellow men. . . . Whatever one's calling in life, his first interest should be to win souls for Christ. He may not be able to speak to congregations, but he can work for individuals."—*Id.*, p. 822.

Seriousness of Refusing to Work for Souls

"Where there is no active labor for others, love wanes, and faith grows dim."—*Id.*, p. 825.

"All can do something in the work. None will be pronounced guiltless before God, unless they have worked earnestly and unselfishly for the salvation of souls."—*Testimonies*, Vol. V, p. 395.

"Many, many are approaching the day of God doing nothing, shunning responsibilities, and as the result they are religious dwarfs. So far as work for God is concerned, the pages of their life history present a mournful blank. . . .

"Those who neglect their duty in the home and among their neighbors, are by their unfaithfulness separating themselves from God. . . . In the day of God how many will confront us and say: 'I am lost; I am lost! and you never warned me; you never entreated me to come to Jesus. Had I believed as you did, I would have followed every judgment-bound soul with prayers and tears and warnings.'

"In that day the Master will demand of His professed people, 'What have you done to save the souls of your neighbors?' . . .

"No one who professes to love Jesus can long retain the favor of God if he feels no interest for sinners around him. . . . In hiding their talents in the earth, they are throwing away their opportunities to obtain a star-gemmed crown."—*Sowing Beside All Waters*, pp. 20, 21.

"Christ gave His own life to save souls, and yet you who have known His love make so little effort to impart the blessings of His grace to those for whom He died. Such indifference and neglect of duty is an amazement to the angels. In the judgment you must meet the souls you have neglected. In that great day you will be self-convicted and self-condemned."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VI, p. 425.

The Reward of Service

"There the redeemed ones greet those who directed them to the uplifted Saviour. They unite in praising Him who died that human beings might have the life that measures with the life of God. The conflict is over. All tribulations and strife are at an end. Songs of victory fill all heaven, as the redeemed stand around the throne of God. All take up the joyful strain, 'Worthy, worthy, is the Lamb that was slain,' and hath 'redeemed us to God.'"—*Ministry of Healing*, pp. 506, 507.

"USEFUL occupation is the antidote for sorrow."

Junior Missionary Volunteer Meetings

Suggestions to Junior Superintendents

Vacation Time may mean a change of Junior superintendents in communities where the Junior Society nucleus is the church school. It is our hope, however, that during the school year an associate Junior superintendent has been working with the church school teacher, and he can now readily step into the rôle of Junior superintendent.

This is a wonderful month to get the Juniors out of doors. In many places groups will attend summer camps. When they return, you might devote a meeting to hearing reports on "The Most Interesting Thing We Did at Camp."

If your conference does not have a summer camp, you might provide an outing at least once a month, and then, after such an outing, have the Juniors report on the "Finest Thing I Saw on the Trail." This will help them to develop a keen sense of observation, and thus enjoy God's great out of doors more thoroughly.

Sabbath Observance is one of our program topics this month. It would be a good time to encourage each child to select some person to whom he can give the truth. A Junior can repeat portions of Scripture learned in the Progressive classes to some invalid, or read a Junior Reading Course book to a shut-in child. A group of Juniors could practice songs and go to a hospital to sing and distribute bouquets and magazines. This will bring real joy to the hearts of the sick as well as to those Juniors thus observing the Sabbath. Then, too, there are some Juniors who are learning to give Bible readings by taking the Junior Standard of Attainment, and observing and assisting older people as they give studies.

Spending Money is another program topic. Summer is a good time in which to earn as well as to study how to use money. Juniors can learn to make many useful things. Such objects as picture frames made from bark, pin cushions, and baskets woven from pine needles, are serviceable and sell readily. Encourage them to use minds and hands in creating salable objects. Every cent earned should be tithed, and a certain amount put in a savings bank to help in reaching the Companion class requirement of \$2 in the bank. Thus the Junior is preparing for that class by being thrifty and diligent in business. (See article, "Spending Myself," by M. E. Kern, in the April 22 *Youth's Instructor*.) JULIA A. LELAND.

Keep a Level Eye

(Program for Week Ending June 7)

BY HARRIET HOLT

Song Service. (Nos. 22, 111, 269, in "The Gospel in Song.")
Opening Song: "Can the World See Jesus in You?" (No. 21 in "The Gospel in Song.")

Scripture: Proverbs 4:18-27.

Prayer.

Reports and Announcements.

Special Song: "Beacon Lights." (No. 1 in "Sunshine Songs.")

Superintendent's Talk: "Men of Might."

Chalk Talk: "Your Eye on the Mark." (By the superintendent. Have Juniors stand. Make a dot on blackboard, and see who can look at it most steadily while you count to ten. Choose any object, and let all keep a level eye on it for a short time. That is only one way of keeping a level eye. Ask Juniors to watch for other ways all through today's program, and give a short time at close of meeting to list on blackboard their ideas for keeping a level eye.)

Exercise: "Keep a Level Eye."

Talk: "Open Windows."

Poem: "The Barefoot Boy." (This poem by Longfellow would be appropriate for any Junior Law program.)

Song: "Let Your Lights Shine." (No. 108 in "The Gospel in Song.")

Close by Repeating Together Psalms 19:14.

Talk: "Men of Might"

In our nation's capital lies a beautiful park surrounding the body of water known as "The Basin." Thousands of visitors revel in the gardens of rare flowers or the daintiness of the rows of blossoming cherry trees that rim the lake. But beauty of scene or rarity of flowers, though brought from the ends of the earth, adds only a little to the real features of that park. The multitudes that come there come to see two great monuments and do honor to the men whose names they commemorate.

(If possible, obtain pictures of the monuments of Washington and Lincoln and show them.)

One is a great shaft of gray granite piercing the heights; the other, a lofty and colonnaded chamber of marble which houses a great statue of Lincoln. The monuments are as different as the men they honor. What brought them together in the hearts of their countrymen?

Washington was born in a home of wealth. He was educated carefully, surrounded by refinement and culture. Abraham Lincoln was born in poverty, given no opportunity to study except as he used the hours of rest for reading. The two men were as different in the opportunities of boyhood as it is possible for circumstances to be different.

And yet, have you ever stopped to think how much these two were alike? Both these heroes of ours had a keen sense of honor. Both regarded truth and fair dealing as dear as life itself. Both were sincere, and ready to stand for a just cause, though they must stand alone. (Here some one may tell of the time Washington killed his mother's favorite colt, and immediately told her of it. Another can tell of the pound of tea that Abraham Lincoln misweighed, and how he walked many miles to make his mistake right.)

The greatness of such men was built upon the honor of their youth. We find no trace of anything small or underhanded. They were men of power because they were men in whose hearts truth and honor found a home.

God's last message to a lost world must be blazoned out in pure lives—lives that stand out from the multitude. It must be built into the characters of boys and girls to honor and guard truth as they would their lives. Then let us keep a prayer in our hearts as we say, "By the grace of God, I will keep a level eye."
H. H.

Exercise: "Keep a Level Eye"

ROBERTA (Studying the Junior Handbook and thoughtfully reading snatches): "The eye that can look straight into another eye without finching . . . is an honest eye and a pure eye. . . . It takes an honest life to make an honest eye. . . . It takes a pure life to make a pure eye." It's all so plain when I read it in the Handbook, but what shall I say at investiture?

LOUISE (Bursting into room without waiting for response to her knock): O Robie, you look as serious as an owl. (Slips her arm around Roberta.) Forget it, whatever it is, and come out for a hike. Edith has found a new trail. We're eager to follow it.

ROBERTA (Throws down Handbook and jumps up): Oh, I'm so glad! (Hesitates.) O Lou,—I—guess—I can't.

LOUISE: Now what's the matter?

ROBERTA: You see, I was absent three days last week, and Miss Casey said she'd not mark my grade down if I'd hand in the two pages of arithmetic problems by tomorrow. I must have them done.

LOUISE: What problems are they?

ROBERTA: These, here. (Opening book and pointing to the pages.)

LOUISE: What luck! I have those problems home—all corrected. Miss Casey told me they were the best I'd done. Of course, you don't need to copy, but they'll help you so it won't take you long. So—where's your hat?

ROBERTA (Starts to get it, but slowly, as though not quite convinced; then straightens up): I can't do it, Lou. Miss Casey might never know I'd copied, but I'd know those problems were a lie. I'd know down in my heart that I was a sneak.

LOUISE (Putting her arm around her): I didn't think you'd do it.

EDITH (Rapping on door): What is keeping you so long?

LOUISE: Rob cannot go because she won't copy my arithmetic paper.

ROBERTA: Edie, you are a Friend. What does "Keep a level eye" mean?

EDITH: That's right. You'll get your pin next week, won't you?

ROBERTA: And I have to tell about that part of the Junior Law.

LOUISE: Well, you have proved you can keep a level eye.

EDITH: Why, Robie, that is what I had to talk about when I received my pin.

ROBERTA: What did you say?

EDITH: Some way, every time I thought of it, I remembered what Jesus said about the eye.

ROBERTA: I don't remember He said anything.

EDITH: He said, "If therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness."

LOUISE: Now just how does that connect up with our law?

EDITH: Don't you see that if we have light inside of us, it must shine out through our eyes. Jesus is our light; if we keep thinking of Him, our eyes will reflect Him, and the truth of His life will keep them level.

Each M. V. should plan a summer work and recreation schedule.

ROBERTA: I know just what you mean because that is the way Miss Casey's eyes look.

EDITH: And when we forget Jesus and do our own ways, or follow Satan in the underhanded or selfish little things that he soon leads us into, we are full of darkness, and our eyes cannot be clear and honest.

ROBERTA: Well, you have certainly helped me with my talk. Thanks just heaps.

EDITH: And we must run along or the afternoon will be gone. Sorry you can't come. Perhaps next time? (Louise and Edith go out.)

ROBERTA: I wouldn't have enjoyed it one bit if I had gone. Somehow it seems good to know that you are playing square. So here's where I dig for my problems, and "Keep a level eye." H. H.

Talk: "Open Windows"

It was a stormy, dark night, and the wind swept hard against me as I forced my way down the street toward home. The chilling rain drove me to thinking of how good a blazing fire would feel. Then, just ahead I saw something that made me warm all over and gave new energy to meet the storm.

It was a big window, almost as large as the end of the house. The curtains were parted wide, and a bright, warm glow shot out into the dark night. At the farther end was my dream fire blazing out cheer and warmth. The family were gathered, and there was laughter and contentment. Although doors and windows were shut, I could almost hear the fun, and my heart joined with the happy family. I have often wondered if those good folk knew how much they were doing in the world by just sharing their happy, warm room.

There is another house not far from where I live that always has drawn curtains. Sometimes a pale light struggles through, so that you know some one lives there. Neighbors call it the "Unhappy House," for from the inside come sounds of bitter quarreling. Perhaps the shades are drawn for shame of what might be seen inside should the light shine out.

The eye is the window God has given our souls. If we can keep it open so that unselfishness, honesty, and cheerfulness shine through, that is what God asks of every boy and girl. We are told in "Ministry of Healing," page 470, that the world is to be convinced of the reality of Jesus by His characteristics shining out in our lives. This is our "hedge."

Nothing can cloud that window of the soul quite so quickly as deceit or impure thinking. Perhaps we can "get by;" we may even convince ourselves that it was not real deceit and that it was necessary, but inside we know that we are not on the level. We may force our eye to meet that of another, but something is gone. We can never quite forget, and down in our heart we know that we cannot meet the eye of God. God calls to us to let His light shine through a clear, unstained window. H. H.

Our Sabbath Day

(Program for Week Ending June 14)

BY M. E. CHAPMAN

Opening Song: "My Sabbath Home." (No. 608 in "Christ in Song.") Repeat the Fourth Commandment in Unison.

Prayer by Two Juniors.

Secretary's Report, Missionary Reports, and the Offering.

Special Music. (Instrumental, or No. 274 in "Christ in Song.")

Reading: "A Blessing in the Sabbath."

Poem: "Sweet Day of Rest."

Bible Study: "Who Made the Sabbath?"

Talk: "How Shall I Keep the Sabbath?" (Follow this with a discussion of Sabbath keeping among yourselves.)

Closing Song: "Day of Rest and Gladness." (No. 386 in "Christ in Song.")

Repeat Together Isaiah 58:13, 14.

Note to Junior Superintendent

Let us help the Juniors to see more of the beauties in Sabbath observance. Instead of dwelling upon the "don'ts," lead them to see so many enjoyable things that can be done upon the Sabbath day that they will look forward to it as a time especially set apart for them to bring joy and cheer to others, or when they can learn the secrets of all other things which God has made. Encourage each to keep a notebook page on which to jot down things that he wants to do and which are proper to do on the Sabbath. This will help the Juniors to look forward to the day when they can do those things.

Reading: "A Blessing in the Sabbath"

WHEN I was a little boy, my parents moved from Indiana to the hill districts of Tennessee. In a few months we became acquainted with a young couple, Seventh-day Adventists, who

had come into this rural section to work for their Master. My parents, although thinking it a peculiar doctrine, were open to conviction if it were the teaching of the Bible. After considerable study, reading, and a series of lectures, we decided that what they taught was the truth, and began to keep the Sabbath.

Keeping the Sabbath made quite a change from the weekly routine of the past. Generally, we boys (my brother two years my senior and I) went to the country village a mile away and, with other boys of the neighborhood, played ball so as to be in practice for the game the following day. But now it was different. Sabbath morning at nine o'clock we started the hike of about two and one-half miles through the dust, rain, mud, or snow, whichever it might be, to the home of the above-mentioned young couple for Sabbath school. Were we disappointed because of the change? Like all children, we enjoyed playing, and may have been at first, but it soon became a pleasure. Those good lessons about Joseph, David, Daniel, and others of the patriarchs, attracted us and made Sabbath school interesting. The afternoon ball practice was soon forgotten, because of the interesting articles in the *Little Friend*, *Youth's Instructor*, and *Review and Herald*. And soon the Sabbath became a blessing, and was anticipated all the week with the keenest of interest.

As I look back over the few Sabbaths I have kept here, and think of the blessings they have brought to me, I thank my Saviour for the truth that came to me in my boyhood, and rejoice in the assurance of the prophet, that we will worship our Creator on the holy Sabbath in the new earth. (Read Isaiah 66:23.) M. E. C.

Sweet Day of Rest

Six days of toil and care,
I bid you all adieu;
And now, O peaceful Sabbath hours,
I gladly welcome you.

My heart with rapture turns
To Eden's vale so fair;
Then forward to the heavenly world,
And view the Sabbath there.

Sweet day of rest, through thee
Shall memory faithful prove
To Him who made the earth and sea,
And starry worlds above.

—Selected.

Bible Study: "Who Made the Sabbath?"

(Give out the texts to Juniors in advance, and ask them to explain in their own words.)

Did you ever visit a little playmate, and find that he had a small wagon he himself had made? How interesting it was as you played and he told you how he made each part! You thought it much more wonderful than if it had been a wagon he had bought. So with everything, it becomes more interesting if we know the maker. Let us examine a few scriptures, and see if the Sabbath was made, and if so, who made it, when it was made, and why it was made.

1. Was it made? Mark 2:27.

2. Who made it? Col. 1:14-16. (The one who redeemed us through His blood is Jesus, and all things were created, or made, by Him.)

3. When was it made? The first chapter of Genesis tells us what Jesus created on each of the first six days. Genesis 2:1-3 tells when and how He made the Sabbath. (See also John 1:1-3, 14. The Word was the only begotten of the Father, and this is Jesus.)

4. Why did He make it? Mark 2:27. (After making "the heavens and the earth" and "all the host of them," God rested on the seventh day. He blessed and sanctified it. [Set it apart for holy use.] Why? "Because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made." So He made it in honor, or for a memorial, of creation. And He made it for man.)

Are you not glad Jesus loved us so much that He gave us a Sabbath when we can lay aside our work to think of and talk about and to Him? M. E. C.

Talk: "How Shall I Keep the Sabbath?"

MANY people who keep Sunday keep it more as a holiday than as a Sabbath. They seldom go to church, and instead go visiting or for an outing. The Jews who believe in the seventh-day Sabbath have practically all stopped observing it because it is the best day to trade and make money. Am I to follow

Are you using Self-denial Banks in your Society?

the ways of the others, or how am I to keep the Sabbath? (Read Isaiah 58:13, 14.)

The Sabbath commandment (Ex. 20:8-11) says: "Remember the Sabbath day." Remember it! Not just begin to think of it on Friday evening about sundown, but remember it all through the week, so that we shall not make any appointments for work or play to come on the Sabbath. If we "remember the Sabbath day," we will plan our work so that it will be finished Friday or can be taken up again the following week; we will have our clothes in readiness, shoes polished, baths taken, before sundown Friday so we can start it right.

That very first sentence of the Sabbath commandment says further: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." What makes a thing holy? (Read Exodus 3:5 and Joshua 5:15.) In these texts we find that the presence of the Lord makes a thing holy. So Jesus, by resting on the seventh day, blessing and sanctifying it, made it a holy day. And in order to keep that day holy, I must be holy, which means to have Jesus living in me. How appropriate it is, then, to start the Sabbath with prayer, for that is the way we invite Jesus into our hearts. Of course, He should be there all the time, but on the Sabbath we want a special blessing, so let us give Him a special invitation.

But, you say, if I am not to speak my own words or find my own pleasure, what am I going to do all the time when I am not in Sabbath school and church? You enjoy talking to your friends and having them talk to you. Why not spend this one day of all the seven visiting with Jesus, talking to Him and letting Him talk to you? He talks to us through the Bible, and in stories or articles found in *Our Little Friend*, the *Youth's Instructor*, or other of our good papers. He talks to us through nature, so a stroll in the out of doors to look at the beautiful trees, flowers, and birds, and to think of the wonderful things of God, is proper on the Sabbath day. Remember, Jesus made them all for us because He loved us, and then He made the seventh day for us on which to rest and think of Him.

M. E. C.

The Junior and His Money

(Program for Week Ending June 21)

BY BERT RHOADS

Song: "Give of Your Best to the Master." (No. 594 in "Christ in Song.")

Repeat Together John 3:16.

Prayer by Two Juniors.

Announcements and Reports.

Bible Study on Money. (See Note to Superintendent.)

Exercise: "Genuine Coins."

Song: "A Child of the King." (No. 514 in "Christ in Song.")

Discussion: "How Should a Junior Use His Money?" (Led by an older Junior. Superintendent should plan practically and discuss with the Juniors how to use their money.)

Offering. (Organist playing softly, "Hear the Pennies Dropping.")

Poem: "Two Ways of Giving."

Song: "Buy up the Opportunity." (No. 596 in "Christ in Song.")

Note to Junior Superintendent

In this program we wish the Juniors to understand that money is a talent to be used for God. The Bible study should be given by the superintendent, but have Juniors give the illustrations contrasting the foolish and the wise rich men.

Bible Study on Money

1. WHAT does God say money is? Eccl. 7:12 (note margin).
2. In what kind of bags does God want Juniors to put their money? Luke 12:33.
3. What should we not do with money? Haggai 1:6.
4. Is it right to love money? 1 Tim. 6:10.
5. Who owns all the precious metals of the world? Haggai 2:8.
6. What is our relation to money? Matt. 25:14.
7. Give illustrations of men who loved money, and note what this love of money brought them. 2 Kings 5:20-27; Luke 12:16-21; Matt. 19:16-22; 1 Sam. 25:2, 38.
8. Give illustrations of people who made a wise use of their money, and note the results. Matt. 2:1, 11; 1 Chron. 22:3, 14; Luke 7:2, 5; Acts 10:1, 2.

B. R.

Exercise: "Genuine Coins"

(Assign parts to seven Juniors. Let each hold up a large cardboard circle with \$ on one side and one of the seven qualities—"value," "durability," etc.—on the reverse. Hold up the \$ side, and give money qualities; then Juniors could feign to go to their seats, but instead march in a circle and face the audience again, this time with the seven words on their cards showing. Then proceed to liken Juniors to coins.)

1. Value. There must be something in it or on it that makes people want it.

2. Durability. It must not spoil or wear out quickly.

LEADER: Good money has seven very necessary qualities:

3. Portability. That means that it must be light enough to be carried or shipped easily in large amounts. What would we do with iron dollars as big around as automobile wheels if we wanted to carry them with us to a distant State to buy a \$5,000 farm?

4. Homogeneity. That means some pieces of money cannot be larger and nicer than other pieces of the same value. The pieces must all be alike.

5. Divisibility. That means good money must be easily broken up into smaller amounts, so one can buy little things as well as bigger things.

6. Cognizability. That means it must be easily recognized as money. It must always have marks and lines on it that mark it so you can easily tell it from worthless paper or metal that might look like it. And it must not be easily counterfeited.

7. Stability. That means that the coin, if it is a dollar, must be worth 100 cents 365 days in the year as long as it is in the hands of men.

LEADER: Juniors are like coins. It is one of the most blessed things in the world to know that we are God's coins and have stamped on us the image of God. Good, true Juniors have the same qualities as good money.

1. A good Junior has value. There is something in him that makes his fellows want him.

2. He has durability. The Latin part of that word, "dura," means *hard*. When temptation comes, the Junior with durability does not yield like a soft piece of lead or tin. Like a good tool, he does not lose his edge.

3. He must be portable. The portable Junior can be taken easily from place to place where he is needed. He fits into small places as well as larger ones.

4. He has homogeneity. He doesn't boast or try to look wiser or better or bigger than other boys.

5. He has divisibility. He can tackle a big problem and concentrate all his might on it, or he can perform in the same time a multitude of little but necessary tasks.

6. He has cognizability. He is easily known in his every action as being a true man of God and no counterfeit. He does not have to tell folks he is a Christian. He has the mint marks of heaven on him.

7. He has stability. He does not change. He does not lose his dependability, and become absolutely worthless as soon as some great need arises. You can lean on him.

LEADER: Before men became quite expert in making money, bad men would file off bits of gold so that a coin would lose much of its value. To stop this, man has placed on the gold and silver coins the milled edge. That is the rough edge like a file that we find on the rim of all gold and silver coins. Every human coin of God has on it the milled edge of God's law. As the milled edge preserves the coin, so God's law preserves His Juniors.

B. R.

Discussion: "How Should a Junior Use His Money?"

WHILE the man of the world calls money a medium of exchange, or something to trade with, God by His Spirit calls it a talent—something to be used by His people for Him. Of course there is no question about where the first dime of every dollar of the Junior's increase in money should go. In fact, that dime isn't his to start with. That first dime is the Junior's test on little things to see if he will be faithful in bigger things. It is the test dime. And every dollar of increase has that test dime in it, too.

But what about the other 90 cents? And the question about it is not, For what may I spend it and not sin? but rather, How can I spend it to glorify God? Man—and that means all Juniors—has three needs,—food, shelter, and clothing. For these three needs it is proper to spend money. By "food" we mean food for the mind as well as food for the body. So it is proper to spend money for books and papers of the kind that are food and not poison. By "clothing" we mean spiritual as well as physical clothing. When we spend our money that others may have God's life come to them, we are making a proper use of our money. By "shelter" we mean the home roof and everything in that home that can make it a place where God would want to dwell. It is right to spend money for the home.

Let me say as an older Junior, one brought up in the church from babyhood, that our church is not a joy killer. In fact, I'm just as sure as I can be that the doors of the church have never shut me away from a single pleasure that was worth having. But those doors have shut me in where there was life, with death shut outside.

But you will say, "Isn't it ever right for a Junior to spend his money for firecrackers, and tops, and candy, and gum, and

Why not start a Savings Account with your Vacation Earnings?

kites, etc.?" The answer is easy. If you can spend your money for any of these things and glorify God, it is all right. I think it may be possible to buy these things occasionally and glorify God. But this buying can very easily step over the line and be sin. And when we learn the story of Jesus as He wants us to learn it,—when we learn that though He was the King of heaven, He became poor that we might be rich,—we shall all want to spend our money for others rather than ourselves. When the soldiers at the foot of the cross divided among them all that Jesus had, they didn't find a penny in His pockets. He had given everything for you and me. He was without money that we might be rich. He wore the garments of the poor that we might be clothed in royal robes. He went hungry that we might eat at His great supper table. He wept and prayed alone that we might in His eternal kingdom sing and rejoice together. He died that we might live. Shall we not live to spend and be spent for others? B. R.

Two Ways of Giving

"If I could find a dollar,"
Said little Tommy Gill,
"A-lying by the roadside,
Or rolling down a hill,
I'd send it to the heathen
As fast as it could go;
For they are needing money—
My teacher told me so."

"I now can give a penny,"
Said little Willie Pool,
"And that will buy a paper
To start a Sabbath school;
I'd better give a penny,
And give it right away,
Than wait to find a dollar
To give another day."

So Willie gave his penny;
A wish gave Tommy Gill.
Which one do you think, children,
Did the Saviour's will?
—Author Unknown.

God's Keeping Power

(Program for Week Ending June 28)

BY MARJORIE WEST

Opening Song: "Because He First Loved Me." (No. 17. All songs for today are in "The Gospel in Song.")

Scripture Lesson. (Suggest the week before that each Junior bring in a text that shows God's keeping power.)

Prayer.

Report and Offering.

Superintendent's Talk: "God's Keeping Power." (Use original material; also see article, "What to Do With Doubt." The idea of the cork in the bottle can be used as an object lesson to show how Juniors must open their hearts before God can keep them.)

Blackboard Talk: "Trust." (Have a Junior draw on the board a nest of hungry birds, mouths wide open, and the mother bird flying to them with a worm. The mother and father birds supply all the needs of their young, build the nest, and feed and protect the little ones. God is our great Father. Shall we not trust this Father to protect us and provide for us? Use also the poem, "Because of Unbelief," p. 14.)

Song: "His Eye Is on the Sparrow." (No. 192.)

Symposium: "Results of Failing to Trust." (See article, "The Fruits of Doubt," p. 14. These paragraphs about the Mississippi flood can be given to different Juniors to read or to tell the incidents in their own words.)

Closing Song: "Love Is Shining." (No. 245.)

Closing Prayer. (That God may keep us ever trusting.)

Note to Junior Superintendent

If your children have planted gardens, a discussion of them will also bring in a lesson of trust in God's keeping power.

"But this we know—
We drop a seed into the ground,
A tiny, shapeless thing, shriveled and dry,
And in the fullness of its time, is seen
A form of peerless beauty, robed and crowned
Beyond the pride of any earthly queen,
Instinct with loveliness, and sweet and rare,
The perfect emblem of its Maker's care."

—John Owenham.

Bring out the children's trust in the Maker of the seed to form another plant. God can cause to grow in their lives the beautiful things, if they will but plant them and cultivate them. If, when the Juniors are small, they believe God can keep them, this little seed will grow into a beautiful plant of trust in their heavenly Father when they are older. M. W.

Talk: "What to Do With Doubt"

To doubt is one of the easiest things in the world. The very atmosphere seems to be surcharged with it in these last days, and it is like a deadly miasma lurking everywhere to blight and ruin lives by its deadly contagion. To harbor doubt in the soul is to harbor death. To believe, to hope, to trust, is the way to life. (Read John 3:36.)

One is not likely to overcome his doubts by studying the quibbles and unbeliefs of others. In fact, there is a real danger in following such a course. David Hume, who in his youth was a firm believer in Christianity, was appointed in a debating society to advocate the cause of infidelity, and familiarizing himself with the subtle sophisms of skepticism, became a life-long deist. Voltaire, it is said, at the age of five, committed to memory a skeptical poem, and the impressions made upon his mind were never obliterated. No, never listen to the doubts of others!

Are you troubled with unbelief? Does doubt struggle to possess and control your heart? Tell it to Jesus, and to Jesus only. Tell Him all about it. He is your best Friend, and if you will go to Him, He will help you out of your doubts and fears. Resolve to get better acquainted with Him; for when you truly know Him, you will realize that you are dearer than life to Him, and that He will never permit one thing to come to you that will not in some way be for your good. Unbelief is really a distrust of this wonderful Friend. And as long as we are filled with doubts we are shutting out of our lives the blessings that He desires to grant us.

Doubt in the heart is like a cork in a bottle. It will do no good to hold the bottle under the faucet to be filled. The cork must be removed; then filling becomes an easy matter. So if we will pull the cork of doubt out of our hearts, heaven's blessings will flow in and fill our lives with cheerful service for God and the salvation of souls. Because of doubt, many hearts, filled with fear and trouble, are shutting out peace, comfort, and happiness.

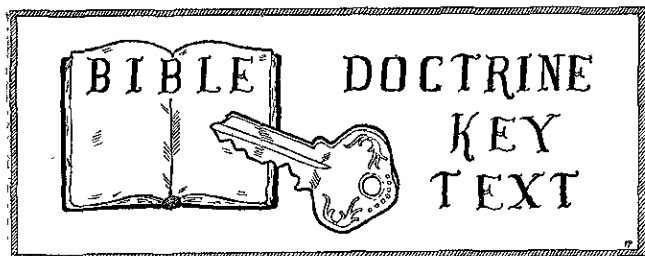
Doubt is sure to cripple one for efficient service. Sediment in the water of a steam boiler retards the circulation and cuts down on the power. So it is with the young Christian whose heart is filled with doubt. He becomes a weakling, and can neither draw himself nor others to Christ. His spirituality is paralyzed; for his doubts shut Christ out of the heart, and Christ says, "Without Me ye can do nothing."

But when doubts have been removed, courage takes the place of discouragement; peace, the place of fears; power, the place of weakness; victory, the place of defeat; and success, the place of failure in service for others. "All things are possible to him that believeth." This is the wonderful declaration Jesus made when He came down from the mount of transfiguration. And this declaration comes down through the ages, and challenges each one of us to keep the channel of life open, that the love of God may flow through us to others.

The greatest need of the world today is young men and young women of faith,—faith that will cling to God and His truth when on every hand the majority of the people are turning their backs upon God and His work. In your own strength you are powerless, but "by yielding up your will to Christ, your life will be hid with Christ in God, and allied to the power which is above all principalities and powers. You will have strength from God that will hold you fast to His strength; and a new light, even the light of living faith, will be possible to you. But your will must co-operate with God's will, not with the will of associates through whom Satan is constantly working to ensnare and destroy you. Will you not, without delay, place yourself in right relation to God? Will you not say, 'I will give my will to Jesus, and I will do it now,' and from this moment be wholly on the Lord's side?"—"Testimonies," Vol. V, p. 514. C. LESTER BOND.

"MANY have fainted and become discouraged in the great struggle of life, whom one word of kindly cheer and courage would have strengthened to overcome."
—"Testimonies," Vol. V, p. 613.

Senior Missionary Volunteer Meetings



We suggest that the one conducting the key text drills this month, study and bring in thoughts from "Christ's Object Lessons," chapter "Like Unto Heaven."

Subject for June: "Conversion—the New Birth"

Key Text for June 7: John 3:3.

"The religion that comes from God is the only religion that can lead to God. In order to serve Him aright, we must be born of the divine Spirit. This will lead to watchfulness. It will purify the heart and renew the mind, and give us a new capacity for knowing and loving God. It will give us willing obedience to all His requirements."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 156.

Key Text for June 14: 1 Peter 1:23.

"Ever since the fall of man, Satan has been sowing the seeds of error. It was by a lie that he first gained control over men, and thus he still works to overthrow God's kingdom in the earth, and to bring men under his power. A sower from a higher world, Christ came to sow the seeds of truth. . . . Every seed brings forth fruit after its kind. Sow the seed under right conditions, and it will develop its own life in the plant. Receive into the soul by faith the incorruptible seed of the word, and it will bring forth a character and a life after the similitude of the character and the life of God."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, pp. 37, 38.

Key Text for June 21: Acts 3:19.

"I saw that none could share the 'refreshing,' unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action."—*Early Writings*, p. 71. (Read entire page. Also see "Testimonies," Vol. IV, p. 40, last two paragraphs.)

Key Text for June 28: 2 Corinthians 5:17.

"There is no evidence of genuine repentance unless it works reformation. If he restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, confess his sins, and love God and his fellow men, the sinner may be sure that he has passed from death unto life."—*Steps to Christ*, p. 63. (See also "Acts of the Apostles," p. 476.) J. L. McCONAUGHEY.

The Missionary Attitude

(Program for Week Ending June 7)

Song Service. (Nos. 41, 701, 796, 133, 53, 532, in "Christ in Song.")
 Bible Doctrine Key Text Drill. (See p. 11.)
 Song: "They Call Us." (No. 624 in "Christ in Song.")
 Reports and the Offering.
 Scripture Reading: Romans 12. (Call attention to the fact that this chapter embraces almost every Christian quality. Stress verse 3 for the program today.)
 Prayer. (That God will help us to be broad-minded in dealing with others.)
 Talk: "The Missionary Attitude."
 Special Song: "The Larger Prayer." (No. 830 in "Christ in Song.")
 Recitation: "With a Thought of Him."
 Talk: "The Missionary's Adaptability."
 Discussion. (Thoughts on the topic for today and how these principles can be used in our missionary work in the home field right here.)
 Closing Song: "The One Thing Needful." (No. 780 in "Christ in Song.")
 Silent Prayer.

Notes to Leaders

Recently one of our General Conference departmental secretaries remarked, "I did not realize when I was a student in college that there were among the boys who sat with me twenty college presidents, as well as scores of conference presidents, business managers, and missionaries."

And so you, dear leader, may not dream of the future accomplishments of your Missionary Volunteers, however unpromising they may sometimes seem. The great world field calls for strong young men and women. Can you project yourself a little way into the future and see some of the boys and girls in your society toiling in the heart of Africa, others on the highlands of Tibet, and still others on the sweltering

plains of India? Does it not thrill your heart to think that the correctness of their ideas of just what the life of a missionary involves?

Try today to stimulate the imagination of your members, and help them to see themselves away out yonder in some heathen you have a part in training these future missionaries? And have you stopped to think that the future success (or failure) of these prospective missionaries will be largely determined by field doing what they can to "help others and to finish the work of the gospel in all the world." And then discuss very earnestly just what attitude on their part will spell success. Some missionaries have failed and come home discouraged because they did not understand the practical suggestions in this program. Others have marred the work and suffered much before they learned these things.

Help those who give the talks to do their best to put over these principles of success in foreign mission work, and then, in the discussion, let the young people tell how these same principles apply to their work here and now.

M. E. K.

Talk: "The Missionary Attitude"

IN the fourth chapter of 2 Kings we are told a quite remarkable incident in the life of Elisha the prophet. The son of the "great woman" of Shunem had died, and Elisha was urgently requested to do something about it. He saw at once that the only thing he could do was to restore the son to life again, so he sent Gehazi, his servant, instructing him to put his staff upon the dead child's face. Gehazi did this, but without any result. The child was not awakened. Verse 31.

After this experience, Elisha went at his task in a somewhat different way. First of all, he closed the door and prayed. Verse 33. Then he prostrated himself over the cold body of the child, "his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child." Verse 34. After this effort to adapt himself to the position of the child, he saw his first result: "The flesh of the child waxed warm." He had to repeat this effort of stretching himself or adapting himself to the child before the child opened his eyes and saw the light.

It is this ability to adapt oneself to his surroundings which is such a necessary qualification in our missionaries. Once in a while we see a missionary coming home from the mission field to stay because he could not adapt himself to conditions in the mission field.

First, "eyes upon his eyes." As missionaries we must learn to look through the eyes of the people for whom we work. This is a much harder task than it appears. It really requires a missionary to forget temporarily all the standards of his own civilization and culture and to measure the new and unusual things he meets, not from a "foreign" point of view, but from the viewpoint of the native,—he must try to see these things through the eyes of the native.

If the missionary will make an earnest endeavor to look at his own customs and manners with the critical eye of the native, the result will be startling. In fact, it will make it much easier for him to adapt himself to the new situation. He will have only one settled conviction,—that Christ is needed by every one in the world. But when it comes to the question of Western or Oriental civilization and culture, he will not have any pronounced ideas, but will be ready to learn and to weigh and to compare. This very attitude will bring him into a state of mind that will make him agreeable to natives in any country.

Bring your eyes into the same position as the eyes of the child. Look at things in the native way. Look at African things in the African way; that will help you. Then look at English things in the African way; that will help you still more. But while you let the natives feel that you are not suffering from any superiority complex, and that you do not come to them with any settled conviction of the superiority of the civilization that you represent, make it very plain that you bring them the message of the One whom they need just as much as does the rest of the world,—Christ. Be like Paul, who said that he was "determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." 1 Cor. 2:2.

Then put your mouth upon the mouth of the child. If you want to understand the views of those for whom you are working, if you want to "think black or brown or yellow," if you want to make any headway in the sometimes difficult process of adapting yourself, you must learn the language of those for whom you are working.

When the writer recently visited Africa and saw a number

Be sure to read all Footnotes this month.

of our workers talking to the natives quite fluently in their own language, he was very glad. We need vernacular evangelists. When Christ was preached at Pentecost, the Holy Spirit saw to it that all those present heard the message in their own idiom. Let us think this over. It will help us in the sometimes tedious task of learning vernaculars.

Once a missionary has learned these two great lessons, there is no question but that he will gain the right understanding of his task, that he will love those for whom he is ministering, not in a condescending way, but genuinely, and that he will be ready to stay with them all his life and become their apostle.

It is such young men and women that we need today,—men who are ready to give their lives to the country to which they go as missionaries.

E. Korz.

With a Thought of Him

If ever Jesus has need of me,
Somewhere in the fields of sin,
I'll go where the darkest places be,
And let the sunshine in;
I'll be content with the lowliest place,
To earth's remotest rim;
I know I'll see His smiling face,
If it's done with a thought of Him.

I'll fill each day with the little things,
As the passing moments fly;
The tsndril, which to the great oak clings,
Grows strong as it climbs on high;
I'll trust my Lord, though I cannot see,
Nor let my faith grow dim;
He'll smile—and that's enough for me,
If it's done with a thought of Him.

The lowliest deed will be reckoned great
In the book that the angels keep,
If it helps another along the road
That is often rough and steep.
A kindly word may let sunshine in,
Where life's rays are sadly dim;
And love can win a soul for God
If it's done with a thought of Him.

—Charles H. Gabriel.

Talk: "The Missionary's Adaptability"

"BRETHREN, I beseech you, be as I am; for I am as ye are." Gal. 4:12.

Before Seventh-day Adventists had a single missionary in the heathen fields, Elder S. N. Haskell made a prospecting trip around the world. He told of asking a missionary, "What is the first requisite of a foreign missionary?" The missionary replied, "Adaptability." "Then what is the second requisite?" "Adaptability." "And the third?" "Adaptability."

The readiness to be "as ye are" is one of the first requisites of a successful missionary. He need not expect to influence the people greatly unless he takes the trouble, first of all, to learn well their language. He must also be reluctant to criticize the native customs, but rather strive to see the good points in their ways of doing things. He must lay aside all race prejudice, and manifest a sympathetic, understanding attitude, recognizing that he with them belongs to God's great brotherhood of men.

There is no need always to dress the same as they do; but on the other hand, no effort should be made to Westernize their dress. There is no need to live in the same kind of hut as they do, but certainly we should be very careful not to erect a "palace" that, in addition to being costly, is contrary to the architectural style of the country, thus emphasizing constantly that the missionary is a "foreigner."

The missionary must also preach, "I beseech you, be as I am." That exhortation will be much easier when he has said to the natives by his life and attitude, "I am as ye are." The missionary's call to the people to follow him is not a call to adopt foreign customs or costumes, but refers to the acceptance of Christ and His righteousness, which will transform them morally and spiritually. As the missionary manifests the grace of Christ in loving-kindness, long-suffering, purity, and the spirit of helpfulness, so he may ask the people to be as he is.

As "love is the fulfilling of the law," so love is the fulfilling of the missionary calling. God so loved that He gave His Son. Jesus so loved that He gave Himself. We must so

love that we will go to save the lost. Jesus laid aside His glory, left His Father's presence, and came to a dark and dreary world of sin and death. Here He trod the vale of sorrow and suffering. He toiled wearily over the hills of Palestine, ate the food that was given Him, and suffered the privations of the poor. And at the very end, just before the shameful death on the cross, it could be said, "Having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end."

Unless the missionary candidate can love those who are filthy, naked, and ignorant; unless he can see the image of God in every human being, however repulsive and degraded he may be; unless he can work tirelessly, unselfishly, and lovingly to uplift the fallen; unless he is willing, like Paul, to become all things to all men, he is not ready for appointment for such a sacred work.

The test of our fitness for the larger missionary call is the spirit of earnestness, love, and adaptability we manifest in our missionary work right here.

M. E. K.

Health for Summertime

(Program for Weeks Ending June 14)

BY NINA FLEETWOOD, R. N.

Bible Doctrine Key Text Drill. (See p. 11.)
Songs. (Nos. 13, 17, 20, 25, in "The Gospel in Song.")
Bible Study: "Health."
Prayer. (For more eagerness to know and willingness to follow the details of His plan for our lives.)
Talk: "Relief From Heat."
Talk: "Some Foods Heat the Body; Some Are Cooling."
Talk: "Water."
Story or Discussion. (See Notes to Leaders.)
Reports and the Offering.
Special Duet or Song: "Why Not Love Him?"

Notes to Leaders

"That which corrupts the body tends to corrupt the soul. It unfits the user for communion with God, unfits him for high and holy service."—"Ministry of Healing," p. 230. In view of this statement, how important that we should study to keep ourselves in the very best of health!

There are many topics, besides those suggested here, which could be discussed profitably, and it may be others should be substituted in order to make the program most benefiting to your Missionary Volunteers. Or some of these needful topics might be brought in at the discussion period. For instance, "Germs Carried by Mosquitoes and Flies," or "Food Supplies and Location for a Picnic or Camp."

HELPS.—*Life and Health* for April and June contain articles on "The Happier Health Way," "Recreation in Sleep," and other phases of health. If you do not have regular access to this magazine, you should have these numbers at least. Price, 10 cents each.

The story of how the people of other countries bathe is an interesting one, printed in the booklet, "After the Rain," by Grace Hallock. Price, 25 cents. Address: The Cleanliness Institute, 45 East 17th Street, New York City. The book, "Homs Nursing," used in the classes conducted by the General Conference Medical Department, also will be a valuable aid in preparing this program.

Bible Study: "Health"

(It is the purpose of this study to show that the Lord loves us and His plans for us are best. Stated negatively, it is unnecessary for us to have unwholesome food in order to have good food; to dress unhealthfully, to be well dressed; or to work or play excessively, to meet the demands made upon us.)

1. **WHAT** is the nature of the gifts we receive from our heavenly Father? James 1:17.
2. What did the Lord give man for his home? Ps. 115:16.
3. When was it given to him? Gen. 1:26.
4. What provisions were made for him before his creation? Genesis 1. (Answer: Air, water, sunshine, foods, animals for his service.)
5. What provisions were made for him immediately following his creation? Genesis 2. (Answer: The Sabbath, human associations, and a home.)
6. After sin entered the world, what did the Lord provide? Gen. 3:15. (Answer: The plan of salvation.)
7. How did the Lord still feel toward His children? Jer. 31:3.
8. How should this love make us feel? Ps. 144:15.
9. Has the Lord expressed any preference with reference to our physical habits?
 - a. Food. Isa. 55:2; Deut. 14:3. (Read also "Ministry of Healing," p. 280, section on "Diet.")
 - b. Bathing. Heb. 10:22.
 - c. Clothing. Ex. 19:10. (Read also "Ministry of Healing," p. 279.)
10. When Daniel and his companions chose the food that

pleased the Lord (Dan. 1:8), what blessing did He bestow upon them? Dan. 1:20.

11. What wish did the apostle John express for his friend? 3 John 2. N. F.

Talk: "Relief From Heat"

Effects of Heat Upon the Body.—(1) Mildly stimulating. (2) Increases pulse rate. (3) Increases rate of respiration. (4) Increases the elimination, particularly through the skin. (5) Heat continued over a period of time produces a feeling of depression. (6) Moist heat is more depressing than dry heat; artificial heat, than the natural heat of summer.

Suggestions for Relief From Heat.—Sun and air baths are undoubtedly beneficial. Tanning of the skin is desirable, but should be done very gradually. Sunburns are never agreeable and are sometimes dangerous. A light burn over more than half the surface of the body has proved fatal. Exposure to sunlight on or near the water gives a double amount of burn, because of both direct and reflected rays. Seant bathing suits may be stylish, but are inadequate protection from burns, and are not conducive to a high degree of morality.

Since heat rises, when using the electric fan or other device for cooling the house, it should be placed on or near the floor.

Light-colored clothing reflects or throws off the heat of the sun, and therefore is better than dark clothing.

Talking and fretting about the weather does not help. An important rule for hot weather is to keep cool about it.

N. F.

Talk: "Some Foods Heat the Body; Some Are Cooling"

Heating Foods.—(1) All forms of sugar, sirup, candy, and all sweets. (2) Starches, cereals, bread, macaroni. (3) Fats, cream, butter, oil, fried or greasy foods. (4) Protein foods—eggs, beans, etc.—stimulate heat production.

Cooling Hot-Weather Foods.—Fresh fruits and green vegetables, especially if served without sugar or fat or oil.

Discussion.—“In the year 1923 the people of the United States spent \$390,000,000 for candy. This would purchase approximately 1,000,000,000 pounds. Candy is practically all sugar. Sugar is a source of heat, yet it is not necessary for that purpose, since this is found naturally in fruits, and is made from the starch which is found in our diet.” Sugar is sometimes called a one-sided food, since it furnishes material for heat and energy only. “If, for example, a man required 3,000 calories for hard work and he should get it all from sugar, he would have his calories and nothing more. If instead he made up his 3,000 calories from milk, whole-wheat bread, and a vegetable, he would not only get his needed energy, but would also get building material, mineral, and vitamins thrown in. The more closely one confines his diet to foods just as nature grows them, the greater is his chance for having all his needs supplied without planning on his own part. The more he eats refined foods like sugar, candy, white flour, the less of the needed mineral and vitamins he gets ‘gratis.’ One of the most serious effects of candy is that which lessens or destroys the appetite for milk, vegetables, and other important foods, so that it crowds them partially or entirely from the diet.”—“Cutting Down on Candy,” by Lydia J. Roberts.

It is apparent that if one eats freely of candy, ice cream, and drinks containing sugar, he is furnishing fuel to make greater heat in the body. Sweet beverages do not quench the thirst, and are much more appropriate for winter than summer use.

The result of a poor diet is illustrated by the diet of sailors in past centuries. In the year 1769 Captain James Cook started on an exploring trip to the South Sea Islands. The disease of scurvy was so common among sailors at that time as to make such a trip very hazardous. The diet of the sailors consisted largely of salt meat and cereals (so stale they were frequently wormy), with a few canned goods. But Captain Cook made his sailors eat fresh food and fruits whenever it was possible to get them. Sometimes it would be coconut milk, or orange or lemon juice. Sometimes he gathered grass from an island, and served cooked grass to his men. Occasionally a man refused to eat the food provided, but generally the men respected him and obeyed his orders, though they grumbled some at his ideas of food. This trip lasted more than three years, and was a great achievement from the view-

point of discovery. But one of the greatest achievements was the fact that during the entire time he lost only one man from disease.

Fresh fruits and vegetables are now more available and should be used much more freely, especially in the summer, because they contain essential elements not to be found in dried and canned goods. They are the least heating of foods. N. F.

Talk: "Water"

Water Cools You Off.—Do not be afraid of it. Use it freely inside and outside. It is important that one drink plenty of it, at least six to eight glasses daily.

Bathing for Cleanliness.—A warm or tepid bath cools the skin by evaporation. A cool bath heats the skin because of the reaction. The nineteen square feet of skin area of the average individual contain approximately 2,400,000 sweat glands through which about a quart of water is eliminated daily. Bathe the skin and keep these pores open to do their work.

Bathing for Pleasure.—Choose a lake or bathing beach that is under State or government inspection. The water of many harbors of the United States is polluted by sewage, and care should be taken to bathe in water that is reasonably free from pollution. If you do not swim well, you should not wade where the water is deeper than the middle of the chest. Do not go where there are no life guards. Do not bathe sooner than two hours after eating. Do not wade with your hands above your head. Do not depend upon inner tubes or water wings; they are treacherous. Do not go into the water when overheated. Do not go into the water while suffering from a cold or other head infection, as it may drive the infection into the ears or sinuses.

N. F.

Why Not Love Him?

(Tune: No. 34 in "The Gospel in Song.")

LOVEST thou the Lord who gave His life to save thee?
Think how much we owe to Him who freely gives
Life, and health, and food, and home, and joys unnumbered,
Best of all, the hope of life where Jesus lives.

Chorus:

Why not love Him (with all thy soul)?
Why not choose Him (with all thy heart)?
Why not choose the things that please Him every day?
Why not love Him (with all your strength)?
Why not trust Him (with all your mind)?
You'll be happy if you let Him choose the way.

If you love Him, you will choose the ways that please Him,
In your dress and in your food and in your work.
In these details of our lives are strong temptations,
And it's in these very things where dangers lurk.

If you love Him, you will trust His love and wisdom,
Know the laws that He has made are for our good.
Every "Thou shalt not" is only for protection,
And His will is always best when understood.

NINA FLEETWOOD.

The Sanctuary and the Sabbath

(Program for Week Ending June 21)

Songs for Today. (Nos. 628, 371, 59, 379, 359, 887, 890, 369, 361, 386, in "Christ in Song.")

Bible Doctrine Key Text Drill. (See p. 11.)

Prayer by Two Missionary Volunteers.

Reports and the Offering.

Special Music.

Bible Study: "Sabbath Reform." (See "Bible Readings for the Home Circle," pp. 464, 466, questions 6-12; or "Senior Standard of Attainment Studies on Bible Doctrines," p. 57, questions 1-3.)

Talk: "The Sanctuary and the Sabbath." (Base on "Origin and Progress of Seventh-day Adventists," by M. E. Olsen, pp. 177-181; or "Story of the Advent Message," by Mrs. E. E. Andross, pp. 49-51; 55, par. 2. See also the Notes to Leaders.)

Talk: "How the Sabbath Truth Came to the Adventists." (See "Story of the Advent Message," pp. 55, 56; or "Origin and Progress," pp. 188-191; or "Pioneer Stories," by A. W. Spalding, pp. 240-247.)

Recitation: "Sweet Day of Rest." (See p. 8.)

Close by Repeating in Concert the Fourth Commandment (Ex. 20:8-11) or the Third Angel's Message (Rev. 14:9-12).

Notes to Leaders

Our May denominational history program took us ahead of our story, in order to introduce camp meeting at the time when it would be held in some sections of the country; but in this sixth program of the series, let us go back to the dis-

appointment of 1844. We find God's people perplexed but not forsaken. When they were driven from their churches, God helped them begin a new organization which was destined to grow rapidly. (Studied in our April program.) Then, as the program today brings out, great light and blessing were just ahead in the Sabbath truth that had not yet been revealed to those earnest seekers after God.

In the talk, "The Sanctuary and the Sabbath," stress three points especially: The third angel's message; how diligent Bible study revealed the mistake in the sanctuary question; and in what way the Sabbath truth was brought to the attention of these seekers for truth. Point out also that there have always been in the Christian church a few faithful Sabbath keepers. This is touched upon lightly in "Origin and Progress," page 181. It would be well to glean a few additional thoughts from "Bible Readings for the Home Circle," pages 457-462, the chapter on "The Sabbath in History." E. E. H.

Doubt

(Program for Week Ending June 28)

BY C. LESTER BOND

Opening Song: "Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus." (No. 105 in "Christ in Song.")
 Bible Doctrine Key Text Drill. (See p. 11.)
 Prayer.
 Minutes, Offering, Missionary Reports.
 Solo: "Able to Keep." (No. 255 in "The Gospel in Song.")
 Bible Study: "Unbelief." (Select eight or ten texts from "Bible Readings for the Home Circle," pp. 687-689.)
 Talk: "The Fruits of Doubt."
 Recitation: "Because of Unbelief."
 Talk: "What to Do With Doubt." (See p. 10; also "Steps to Christ," chapter "What to Do With Doubt.")
 Consecration and Testimony Service.
 Closing Song: "I Am Coming, Lord." (No. 101 in "Christ in Song.")

Talk: "The Fruits of Doubt"

DOUBT is one of the outstanding sins prevalent everywhere in the world today. "The words of Jesus addressed to this generation may well be regarded with sorrow and awe. He asks, 'When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?' Christ looked down the ages, and with prophetic eye marked the conflict between the antagonistic principles of truth and error. He saw how real Christianity would become almost extinct in the world, so that at His second advent He would find a state of society similar to that which existed before the flood. The world would be engaged in festivity and amusement, in theatrical shows, in the indulgence of base passions. Intemperance of every grade would exist, and even the churches would be demoralized, and the Bible would be neglected and desecrated. He saw that the desperate revelries of the last days would only be interrupted by the judgments of God.

"Society is now in a state of demoralization, and this will ripen until the nations become as lawless, as corrupt, as were the inhabitants of the world before the flood. The degradation that is found in the world today is largely due to the fact that the Bible no longer exerts a controlling influence upon the minds of men. It has become fashionable to doubt." —Mrs. E. G. White, in *the Signs of the Times*, April 21, 1890.

The doubts that many people have regarding the warnings given of physical dangers, well illustrate the attitude of thousands toward God and His message of salvation. A striking illustration of this is given by Edward A. Marshall in an article which appeared in the *Sunday School Times* shortly after one of the severe floods in the Mississippi Valley:

"After spending six weeks in four States in the flooded area of the Mississippi Valley, I have come to the conclusion that the chief thing that caused the loss of life and movable property was plain, old-fashioned unbelief.

"Unbelief destroyed living, active faith in the word of authority. Government and State bulletins, giving accurate details of the approaching danger, were frequently posted by accredited engineers. Telegraph, telephone, radio, and special messengers carried the word everywhere. I saw people read the bulletins, and then step back and express the opinion that the statements had been issued to 'scare folks.' One man later said, 'I read the bulletins and had my goods all packed to go. Then my neighbor came home and said he didn't think the water would reach our houses, so I unpacked. Now my place is flooded.' This man neglected the authorized warning of men who knew, and trusting the false message of a man who guessed, he lost. Forsaking God's word and trusting

human reasoning brings spiritual disaster, which is worse than this. . . .

"Procrastination was very general. A young man informed me that he was sent out to bring in a farmer with his family and goods. When he arrived, the farmer told him to come back in the afternoon. He made a second trip, but was told to come in the morning. When he went the next morning, he was told that they were not packed up yet and was asked to come the following day. The next day he went in a boat, and found the house flooded and no man in sight. Thousands of people in the Mississippi Valley now understand from experience why procrastination is called a thief. . . .

"With some, unbelief took the form of indifference. A farmer was repeatedly warned to flee, but always turned a deaf ear because no flood could be seen. He retired at night as usual and slept. A scouting band of cowboy rescuers saw his cattle, and drove them away to safety without consulting him. Later the waters surrounded his home. In the night a rescue party came in a boat, awakened him, and took him away. . . .

"Unbelief develops a false self-confidence. I drove through one town that the flood had wrecked. A merchant in another place told me that they had sent automobiles and trucks to the little place as soon as they heard that a certain levee had broken. They warned and begged the people to come away to safety, promising them every assistance, but the villagers laughed and said, 'Oh, the flood will never break through the barricade we are building.' They ordered every store closed, and told every man, woman, and child to come to the river. Old women held sacks while youths filled them with dirt. Men carried them up to raise the bank and hold back the oncoming waters. Their pride was aroused, and they resented being told that their feeble efforts could never master the fifty miles of flood which was on the way. They thought they were brave, but those who knew the truth called them foolish. In a few hours the flood did its deadly work, and once more a self-confident people abandoned their tower of Babel.

"Thousands of people are rejecting God's spiritual warnings today, and building false barriers which will be swept away at the judgment. . . .

"Jesus once said: 'O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken.' Human nature is the same today. Unbelief is just as natural to the human mind, just as subtle and fatal, as it ever was. Only those who trust the infallible revelation of God's word will be safe in the coming judgment."

"When shall I doubt? Not while
 He guides my feet,
 Not while He feeds my soul
 With manna sweet,
 Not while He sees and knows
 My slightest needs,
 And e'en with food of earth
 My body feeds.

"When shall I doubt? Not yet,
 Till God forgets,
 And soul a-hungers goes,
 No manna gets,
 Not till my God cares not.
 Whom will that be?
 When time is not, n'r e'en
 Eternity."

C. L. B.

Because of Unbelief

THERE was a town in Galilee, when Jesus walked the earth,
 Wherein His coming brought no joy, His going left no mirth;
 No leper hailed Him from afar, no crippled child was brought,
 No blind man groped a way to Him, no sick His healing sought.

He could not free them from their sin, or give their pain relief,
 He could not work His miracles, because of unbelief.
 The hand that fashioned all the worlds and spread the heavens
 above,
 The mighty hand of power divine, the tender hand of love,
 Was impotent to help or save, or cast the demons out;
 The arm of strength grew weak and small before men's scorn-
 ful doubt.

Today as then Christ's mighty works the world will not receive;
 Omnipotence is powerless when men will not believe.

—Annie Johnson Flint.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SERVICE BANDS

In the great judgment day those who have not worked for Christ, those who have drifted along, carrying no responsibility, thinking of themselves, pleasing themselves, will be placed by the Judge of all the earth with those who did evil.—“Christ's Object Lessons,” p. 365.

Prayer and Personal Workers' Band

THE work of the members of this band is more than many take it to be. It does not consist wholly in attending the weekly band meetings, having a daily prayer list, working for those on this list, and conducting a prayer band. These are essential, but the *successful* personal worker at all times and under all circumstances is watching for opportunities to speak words that will encourage and inspire hope in others. Use the church service, Sabbath school, and young people's meeting as places to get acquainted with and gain the confidence of suitable subjects for personal work. Ask God for wisdom to do personal work with your bosom friends and relatives. Remember that one way to help Christians is to help them work for others. If you have access to a telephone, at least once a day make a missionary call by telephone.

Suggestive Topics for Study and Discussion:

1. Soul Winning: (a) Our first work should be to bring our own hearts into harmony with God. T., V, 87:4. (b) Pray with souls; get them to look to the Saviour. T., VI, 87. (c) Show animation and determination in your work. T., VI, 418:1. (d) Do not pride yourself on your own ability. G. W., 194:1. The persevering prayers of humble workers who trust always in God will bring souls to the cross. T., VII, 27:2.

2. Conditions of Answered Prayer: (a) We must feel our need of help. S. C., 99:1. (b) We must not cling to any known sin. S. C., 99:3. (c) We must be faithful stewards, not withholding tithes and offerings. C. O. L., 144:4. (d) If we have wounded others, we must make the wrong right. C. O. L., 144:2. (e) We must exercise faith. S. C., 100:1. (f) We must persevere in prayer. S. C., 101:3.

Personal Question: Can the Lord hear my prayers for the salvation of souls if I am failing to meet even one of the conditions He has laid down?

3. Dress: (a) God has a preference in regard to the dress of those who serve Him. T., VI, 96:2. (b) He instructs us to dress modestly. 1 Tim. 2:9; Isa. 3:16-26. (c) It is dangerous to disregard this instruction. T., IV, 645:1; T., I, 270:1.

Personal Question: Dare I modify or reject God's instruction?

4. Self-denial: (a) Self-denial is an essential condition of discipleship. T., III, 388. (b) The Lord would have His children deny appetite, and thus save money to support missionaries. T., IX, 157:2. (c) We should deny ourselves of needless ornaments and articles of dress. T., IV, 511:2. (d) Money should not be wasted on unnecessary things. T., IX, 55:1.

Personal Question: Is my life an example in self-denial, or do I purchase unnecessary things with money which should be in God's cause?
MINNIE E. DAUPHINEE.

Christian Help and Gospel Meeting and Literature and Correspondence Bands

ARE you doing anything for those whose crimes have brought them behind prison bars? This is work that needs careful consideration, and one which both the Christian help and gospel meeting band and the literature and correspondence band could combine in doing. Some of our older Missionary Volunteers have done very acceptable prison work. Preference should be given to the home missionary workers of the church, if they desire to do this work. It should be considered on the missionary committee of the church, and if it is assigned to the Missionary Volunteer Society and you have quite mature young people in your band, make the effort. Lay your plans, and then see the prison authorities. You might begin by offering to sing to the prisoners or to help teach in the prison Sunday school, or distribute religious literature.

After you have gained the confidence of the prison authorities by your promptness in meeting the appointments and your good sense in your attitude toward the prisoners (the authorities do not want any unwise sympathy shown toward prisoners or any listening to pleas for help in getting them out), then you may find an opening for conducting short meetings for prisoners. Imprisonment sometimes inclines persons to serious thought and repentance. There are jewels for God's kingdom in the prisons. Let us search for them.

The magazine *Life Boat* has for years carried the message of God's love to prisoners. If it is not going to the prison you visit, write to the *Life Boat*, Hinsdale, Ill., for the price of a club, and see what can be done. (Be sure to read the article by Mrs. I. C. Hoffman on this page.)

Study the best methods of hospital work, and how you can improve and extend what you are doing. A band of singers, even only two or four, can bring cheer to the hearts of those who are depressed by physical infirmity. Some young people have made weekly visits to a children's hospital for years with *Our Little Friend*, pictures, etc.
M. E. K.

Echoes From Behind the Walls

IT is doubtful if there is any more fruitful soul-winning opportunity than the one presented by the reformatories and prisons. Locked away from friends and loved ones, many of these men and women are thinking seriously for the first time. They begin to see the emptiness of a life of sin. This is just the moment to place before them the way of salvation.

From the narrow confines of a prison, comparatively all the men there are looking up through the cold and chilly bars, waiting for something to arise on that far-flung horizon of hope. They know not what that something is. God is calling to them, but with the prison bars in front of them, God and heaven seem far away. Yet there is that longing in many a heart for a better life. Truly they realize the "wages of sin."

Personally, I have been interested in this line of missionary endeavor for several years, but it is within the last year that I have taken up active work for their uplift. I read in the *Life Boat* magazine of some prisoners who wished that some one would correspond with them. My husband and I sent to the office for several addresses, and received eight at that time who seemed to be very promising prospects.

Here are lines from several, expressing their inmost feelings:

"I received your very kind letter and poem and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to you and Mr. Hoffman. Your kindness will never be forgotten. I take some of the words from Whittier's beautiful poem in expressing my thoughts.

'So little it takes to make us glad
Just a cheering clasp of a friendly hand.'

This letter comes from Pittsburgh, Pa.:

"Just a few lines to inform you that I received your kind letter in which you told me that you sent some Christian literature (Hungarian), which I requested sent to my uncle in West Virginia. I wish to thank you very much. I hope to write a few lines to him soon, and then I will inquire about the books you sent. The books you sent me arrived. They are fine books, as I see it. I wish to inform you that if you desire to send more books, send a few of the following, which I can make use of in a profitable way: 'Health and Happiness,' 'After Many Days,' and 'Steps to Christ' are the ones I can use freely to give to the new men coming in, as I work in the library. All that really points to Christ I can handle for this purpose. I liked the poem you sent. It is true that I have many things to be thankful for in spite of my trouble, and His grace is more than wonderful in a broken life like mine."

Still another prisoner from Pittsburgh writes:

"I was more than pleased with such a long letter. You people surely have a big heart to want to help a mere convict. Neither you nor Mr. Hoffman know how I feel about this. I never had friends like you before in all my life. Both of you will never regret or be disappointed for having helped me and having been my friend. I would not gain anything by being a fake. My friendship is sincere. I want to thank Mr. Hoffman for the poetry he sent and that he thought of me so much I'll be glad to improve myself while here and take Fireside Correspondence studies. Send any subjects that you wish me to take. I never knew Christ until I read about Him in the book, 'The Desire of Ages.' I enjoyed 'Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing' so much also."

From across the United States come these lines:

"You should see me the night I receive the *Life Boat* magazine. Everything else is forgotten until I read all of it. I have been praying that God would give me an opportunity to study Seventh-day Adventist doctrines, and now I have the opportunity. I wish to take advanced Bible doctrines and practical nursing from the Fireside Correspondence School. These subjects will help me in my future missionary work."

One young man is taking three subjects from the Fireside Correspondence School,—New Testament history, rhetoric, and general history. He is finishing this month with an excellent record, and plans to continue in one of our schools.

Our local Missionary Volunteer Society had a program last fall in the interest of prison work. We took up donations for subscriptions to the *Life Boat* magazine and for our periodicals and publications to be sent to interested ones. Much enthusiasm prevailed when we realized results so soon and so effectively. Several have written to prisoners and souls are being helped. Their eternal destiny is at stake. Some will never see the outside world again. There are those who will go down to their graves known only by their prison number. The gospel must reach them now. It is the only thing that will transform their broken lives. "Over there," some one may say to you, "I was in prison and ye came unto me. That is why I am here."
MRS. I. C. HOFFMAN.

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS

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

Yes, the African Appreciates the Gospel

G. S. JOSEPH, in writing from our Rusangu Mission, Northern Rhodesia, says:

"The question is sometimes asked by people who are interested in mission work, 'Do the native people really understand and appreciate the gospel?' In answer to this question I quote the words of Chief Hamaundu, who called at the mission a few days ago to see us. He said:

"Until a few years ago my people were living in great darkness. We believed in and practiced many things that were wicked and cruel. We worshiped the spirits, trees, stones, and horns. But for the past four years we have had a teacher and a school in our village, and many of our boys and girls have learned to read and write. We are very happy because today we are worshipping the true God. We have proved that the Creator loves us, and that He hears and answers our prayers. He gives us good crops and helps us in all our troubles. Instead of the terrible fear of the spirits, we now have great peace. Our children are happy and are becoming educated. Our homes are clean, and we are learning what to do in times of sickness. In the old times we made beer for the evil spirits, but we have given up this bad custom, and we are now helping the mission so that the good news can be taken to others who have not yet learned the way of peace. We know that nothing can separate us from the love of God."

"There are many hundreds of people who, like Chief Hamaundu, have found Jesus to be a Saviour indeed. His testimony in favor of the gospel could be duplicated many times. In this area alone, within a radius of fifty miles, there are now more than 2,600 native believers. A really wonderful transformation has taken place in the lives of many of these people, and to our friends who want to know the facts as they are, we can say, Yes, the native peoples can understand and appreciate the gospel. The gospel is indeed, 'The power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.'"

Those Final Farewells

WHEN the young missionaries leave home, and those last farewells are said, no one knows whether it will prove to be a final farewell or not, caused by a fresh mound on some mission field forefront, or one made near the old homestead in the homeland. One missionary tells a little of his experience of this kind, illustrative of many another such which might be recorded:

"My wife and I are happy in the work. Both of us were brought up under moderate circumstances, and it has helped us here. We were used to hard work and little money, so the change was not a trial for us in that respect. There is one thing that pulls hard at the heartstrings—our loved ones left behind. I am glad my wife has not had to bear the sorrow of the loss of any of her family. In the long days she has spent alone at the mission she has not had to think of loved ones departed. We have been in our field a little over three years, and naturally we look forward to our furlough. And I trust my wife need not feel any pangs in going back. I must go home to find two graves that were not there when I left—my brother's and father's. My brother died while we were still on our way here. I sorrowed greatly for my brother. It seemed so dreary here in the foreign field thinking of the last good-by which became the last on earth. Then later came the sad message telling of father's death, causing another sorrowful wound. It seemed almost unbearable.

"Then one night I dreamed. It seemed it was the time of trouble. I was in a place where I suffered terribly. It seemed as if I could not last much longer, and I thought of the rest of the family. Were they, too, suffering? And then such a peaceful thought came to me to know that H— and father were safe asleep where no cruel hand could ever disturb their rest. I was happy, and felt that all was well. Mother told me that the burden of father's prayer always was, 'Keep J— and R— from becoming discouraged.' That was his last prayer for us, and I greatly prize the remembrance.

"I can say from my heart, 'Thy kingdom come.' There is nothing to live for here except to hasten God's work."

Tired With the Wrong Book Agent

FROM Mexico C. E. Moen passes on this experience related by a colporteur, Brother Villagarcia, at a prayer meeting:

"Brother Villagarcia was canvassing the municipal secretary in ——. The secretary, when he knew that his caller was a book agent, was very cool, and went on about his business. As the secretary was standing near a window reading a letter, Brother Villagarcia sent up a silent prayer to heaven. The

secretary came over to him and said: 'You people make me tired. Now sit down here, and I will tell you something of the real conditions in the world.' He then said that he had a dream, and in his dream he saw a book that told of the condition of the world and the coming of Christ. At once Brother Villagarcia took out the little book in Spanish, 'What Is Coming?' The man was overjoyed to see the book that he had dreamed of, or at least it was about the same thing. He embraced our brother in gratitude, and has become interested in the truth."

Forsaking All for Christ

AND it was a boy who did it. It took place down in British Guiana, and James T. Carrington tells us about it:

"Precious souls dwell on the banks of the Pomarou River. Having heard the pleading voice of the Saviour calling through the trumpet tones of the third angel's message, several have responded to follow the leading of the Good Shepherd. Their Christian experience is characterized by loyalty. One example will illustrate:

"The message of truth gripped the heart of a lad of fifteen and he obeyed the voice of duty. When he would not compromise his faith, he was ill treated and finally driven from home by an angry father. He exchanged a home of plenty for a life of want; comfort and ease for toil and suffering; love of parent for the sympathy of friends. For three years he has braved the torture of destitution, and all this in a sickly, feeble state of health. When it was thought that he was reduced to the lowest extremity, he was offered the chance of enjoying his father's wealth, with the assurance of an easy living, if he would only give up 'that foolishness,' as his religious practice was called. But this he would not do, 'esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures' of his father, for he has 'respect unto the recompense of the reward.'"

Gain in the Baltic Region

FROM the Baltic Union Conference T. T. Babienco sends on this cheering word:

"Last year was the best year in our field. The Lord has blessed the work wonderfully. We had a gain of 100 per cent in souls, and 85 per cent in funds during the first nine months of 1929 over the same period in 1928. Our book sales this year showed a gain of 40 per cent. We are very thankful for such blessings of the Lord. The work in our field is conducted in five languages,—Latvian, Estonian, Lithuanian, German, and Russian."

Others Deeply Interested in Our Mission Work

NOT long ago W. K. Ising, superintendent of the Arabic Union Mission, sent us a copy of their first Ingathering mission number published in Arabic. It certainly looked good to us, and evidently even better still to those who could read it. And here is what some said when they first saw and read it, as told by their field secretary, C. Reickmann:

"When we got the papers from the printer, he said: 'I have lost ten or fifteen dollars on this job, but I do not mind that so much, because this paper, being the first of its kind ever printed in the Arabic countries, will advertise our printing plant.' Thus even the printer hopes to get some good from the paper. And how much more should we expect from it! When we sent out last week some thirty parcels of the paper to the different parts of our field, our postmaster, who most likely had never received so many packages in one or two days, asked about the contents of these parcels. To answer his question and to give him a reward for the special work, we brought a copy of the Arabic Harvest Ingathering paper to him. The next day I asked him if he had read the paper, whereupon he began to sing a song of praise of our mission work. This is another experience of how a favorable impression is created through the medium of this paper. We know that this experience will be repeated over and over many times during our Ingathering campaign. People will get acquainted with our work and will be willing to support it."

What a Growth!

WRITING from Northern Rhodesia, G. S. Joseph, director of the Rusangu Mission, is able to tell of the good hand of the Lord with them:

"In the past year more than a thousand converts have been won to Christ by this station. This has been made possible because our many friends have contributed to the cause of missions. We now have seventeen outschools besides the training school at the main station. Many calls are reaching us from the surrounding villages for help. During the present month, chiefs from four different villages have brought in delegations pleading for teachers. These must wait until further funds are available. Turning away these pleading people without help is very hard, but we cannot go beyond the available funds."

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