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EDITORIAL

THE LORD SENDS FORTH!

Some months ago we made reference editorially to the need of workers in respect to the challenging need of our time. Facing a critical situation—the crying need of pioneer evangelism on the home and foreign fields—we were distressed at the shortage of manpower. The doors were open, the need was obvious, and the people of our churches demonstrated their willingness to give financial support to an aggressive programme of evangelization, but there seemed no more than enough workers to give proper pastoral care to our established churches. An exhortation was sent forth to obey the scriptural injunction and “pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers.” This appeal was responded to by many and fervent petitions began to ascend to the Lord of the Vineyard.

Action has been taken in reply and God is raising up and sending forth Spirit-filled, zealous and eager workers.

One man, honourably discharged from the Army, has taken up studies at Bible School within the past month. Another who gave four years service in the R. C. A. F., has offered himself for service in the work of the Kingdom of Christ, will take up work in a God-chosen field very soon. Two young men of the R. C. A. F., serving overseas, have declared their call to the ministry, and have taken up courses of study while awaiting release from active service. A school teacher, highly successful in his profession, lately revealed in public of the Lord's leading to the Gospel ministry. From Grand Manan, among the “isles of the sea,” comes word that a young man of sterling character and marked ability, feels the Spirit-born urge to leave his boat and a flourishing business to follow the Master who called His first disciples from like circumstances. Besides these, there are some of our licentiates serving in the Armed Forces, awaiting a change of status and consequent opportunity to serve as the Lord directs.

There is also God-directed action in respect to the foreign fields. A young woman of exceptional ability and splendid character, has arrived in Africa to take up supervision of our hospital work there. Another young woman,

at present on the teaching staff of a Canadian college, has offered herself for service in “lands afar,” and a young man now in Belgium with the C. A. M. C., writes that the Lord has laid His hands upon him for missionary work in Africa.

God answers prayer! More concerned with the growth of Christ's Kingdom and the salvation of the lost, than we can be, He is eager to cooperate with us in this great work.

It is our move again. To give these consecrated young people the kind of support they need and deserve, we must give liberally, pray fervently, and labour ardently. “Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest.”

SAVING TIME

By the Associate Editor

“Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”—Eph. 5:16.

When we read the foregoing words by the Apostle Paul, we are again reminded of Peter's writings: “In all Paul's epistles are some things hard to be understood.” II. Peter 3:16.

Perhaps we find it rather difficult to explain all that the apostle meant by “redeeming the time.” One thing we feel quite certain that he did mean is that we should not waste or squander time. Some one has called minutes “the gold dust of time.” In commenting on these words, they stated that in the U. S. mint where gold coins are made, there is a very fine screen which catches the gold dust, and by that means many dollars worth of gold is saved. In connection with this exhortation on redeeming time, the apostle also said: “Walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time,” etc.

In other words, walk, looking about you, looking for opportunities to spend time profitably. It is not enough for us to abstain from doing wicked, wrong things, and saying “Well, I am doing no harm.” As one has said, “We must be on our guard against that “NO HARM devil.”

To redeem the time seems to mean that we must spend our time doing profitable things that are constructive to the cause of righteousness, and that will be helpful to our needy fellow creatures. We think that redeeming the time may be comprehended in another scripture spoken by the great apostle: “Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.” 1 Cor. 10:23.

In order to redeem it effectively, it would seem that all the powers or faculties of the entire man must be engaged. We say that we have five gate-ways of knowledge: We see, hear, smell, taste and feel. These same gate-ways by which we obtain valuable knowledge, may also become channels through which we let much precious time leak out, run to waste. And this opens to our minds a great field for thought.

The word of God warns us against a wrong use of our faculties. Let us note some of these warnings. First, our thought life. Have you ever checked your thoughts and noted how often your mind dwells upon things that are of no value, even if they are not positively wicked? Well, here is Paul's remedy for wasting time through your thoughts. “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things

are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” Phil. 4:8.

We not only waste time by wrong thinking but every evil, wicked, sinful act has its beginning in our thoughts; hence, keep your mind filled with good, helpful, pure thoughts, and the evil cannot get into your heart and life.

Notice again how important it is that we see and hear right. It was when Satan tempted Eve and she SAW that the forbidden fruit was “pleasant to the eyes” that she partook of it, and fell, and brought the curse on all mankind. Isaiah says, “He that dwells on high (keeps God's blessing), will shut his eyes from seeing evil,” and we have often thought, since this immodest style of abbreviated skirts has become so common among women, that if a man does not want to see more of a woman than any man ought to see, except her husband, he will very often have to just shut his eyes.

Furthermore, we believe that it is a disgrace to womankind, and a reproach to the cause of Christ, when women get up before the public to sing sacred songs, in religious services, with skirts reaching only to their knees. They look much more like the pictures of movie actresses that we see, than they do like the holy women that the apostle describes who “adorn themselves in modest apparel.” One Christian young man, when commenting on immodest dress said: “I can keep my heart and life clean, but I find it difficult to keep thoughts of evil out of my mind.”

Well, perhaps this writer is wasting time by writing on this subject. If so, he will not waste any more now. But we may offer some more suggestions on the subject later.

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EBENEZER

R. Barclay Warren

Before Samuel had succeeded Eli to the judgeship, Israel suffered an ignominious defeat at the hand of the Philistines. Four thousand men of Israel sought to use God and brought the Ark of Covenant of the Lord into the battlefield. But the Philistines captured the ark and slew thirty thousand more men of Israel.

Twenty years later another battle was fought between Israel and the Philistines on the same battlefield. Israel's attitude toward God was different this time. At the exhortation of Samuel (1 Sam. 7), they put away their idols and prepared their hearts and served the Lord only. They confessed their sins and Samuel prayed unto the Lord for them. God thundered with a great thunder upon the Philistines and discomfited them. Israel pursued and recovered the cities that had been taken from them.

Along the route of pursuit Samuel set up a stone and called it Ebenezer, saying, “Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.”

Ebenezer gave glory to God. It was a memorial of victory and the way to victory. It pointed out the way for a successful future.

Could we not more fully prepare our hearts and then not fail to raise our Ebenezer as an acknowledgment of God's help and a token of assurance for the future.