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Deceptive Literature

(THE following article, entitled "Deceptive Literature," appeared in the *Review and Herald* recently. We felt impressed to publish it in the Columbia Union VISITOR. Moreover, we are confident that our loyal people in our churches throughout the Columbia Union Conference will appreciate reading this timely counsel and being fully apprised as to the deceptive procedures that are often resorted to by those who would undermine the faith of God's remnant people.—D. A. Ochs.)

In the last few days various church members have sent in to us copies of a certain mimeographed letter and a printed pamphlet they have received. The pamphlet is entitled *Reporting Un-Adventist Activities*. The letter and pamphlet are each signed: "Research Committee of Un-Adventist Activities." They speak of "our churches" in contrast to a certain offshoot, and then declare that "a special investigating committee was organized" to examine the teachings of that offshoot. But a reading of the pamphlet clearly reveals that this "committee" ends up by belaboring the denomination instead of the offshoot.

To all who have inquired whether this literature is Seventh-day Adventist, we would say: This "Research Committee" has *not* been set up by the denomination, nor does it reflect in any way the mind of the denomination or that of any one of its authorized spokesmen. We stress this last point because the pamphlet gives, as its concluding paragraph, a quotation from a General Conference minister. The

reader, seeking for some mark of identification on the pamphlet, turns to the last page, and there finds this minister's name. But this minister has no connection whatever with this propaganda, and his words were borrowed without his permission. The pamphlet and letter are a transparent attempt to deceive. But God's truth is not in league with deception.

Though we feel sure that this pamphlet is simply another attempt by a certain offshoot to secure attention by Seventh-day Adventists, we cannot dogmatically affirm it, and for the simple reason that no name or identifying address of any kind is found on the literature, not even a post office box number. But
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Doctors and Dentists

DURING recent weeks doctors and dentists in Priority 3 all over the country have been surprised, and many dismayed, as a result of receiving from their respective draft boards impressive-looking documents designated SSS Form 100 and DD-390. Form SSS-100 is the regular Selective Service questionnaire. Form DD-390 is the special questionnaire for doctors and dentists.

These are received in triplicate and must be returned in triplicate to the registrant's local board. Failure to do this is a violation of law and carries a heavy penalty. The War Service Commission has been deluged with personal inquiries and inquiries by telephone, mail, and telegraph from Seventh-day Adventist doctors and dentists ask-

ing for information as to what it is all about and requesting counsel in filling out the questionnaires.

The fact is that Priority 3 doctors and dentists are being processed preparatory to being placed in service sometime in the neighborhood of the spring of 1953. These are the preliminary steps in that processing.

What is going on is the taking of an inventory of professional personnel in order to determine availability for military service at
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The Gift Beautiful

WHY do automobile agencies make their showrooms as attractive as possible? Why does the jeweler display his watches and rings on a velvet background? Why do department stores spend time and money decorating their windows?

If you know the right answer to these questions, you can also give one reason why *These Times* is such an effective missionary periodical—beauty helps to sell. From the moment you pick up this beautifully printed magazine with its slick four-color cover you are not only delighted by its eye-appeal, but you feel certain that anything which is so attractive must contain a message of real interest and authority. Somehow the very appearance of the paper exalts the

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truth which it contains. It lets the reader know that here is a valuable product since it is being displayed so beautifully.

And one is not disappointed. As the first page is opened he sees the Bible prophecies placed right alongside today's news happenings in the feature, "Pageant of Prophecy." And from that point on throughout the thirty-six pages of the magazine your interest is captured by one vital phase of truth after another. Without being aware of it, a reader of *These Times* gets the full message—and enjoys it.

We believe that *These Times*, as a missionary periodical, should receive the widest possible circulation. If you want to send a gift to a friend, what better or more appreciated gift could you send than *These Times* for a year? Every month when the new issue arrives your friend will be reminded of your kindness. Every month he will gain a deeper understanding of saving truth. Every month he will be drawn a step nearer to the kingdom.

Send *These Times* now while the special rates are on. See your missionary secretary about the order. Money invested in *These Times* will earn dividends for you throughout eternity.

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such a time as their services are needed. It is expected that they will be needed in the first half of 1953.

Priority 1 and 2 physicians and dentists found to be qualified for service have already been called and are serving. These are the groups that benefited from Army ASTP or Navy V-12, or were deferred to complete their professional training, or who have had only a limited time in the service.

Priority 3 registrants are those not benefiting from the above-mentioned training programs, who were not deferred to complete their training, who have had no military service, or a term of service less than twenty-one months.

Some express themselves as re-

luctant to believe that they will be taken out of long-established civilian practice; others, that it is unlikely a man in his late forties will be disturbed; still others, that a man with three, four, or five children will be called.

This reluctance is understandable, but it better be abandoned. There is an inflexible determination in military and Selective Service quarters to see to it that every Priority 3 doctor and dentist who is found physically fit, and who is not declared essential by the medical adviser at the registrant's State Selective Service Headquar-

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this much we can affirm, on the strength of the only identification that the pamphlet carries, that those who publish it are, as they unwittingly, but correctly, affirm, a "Research Committee of Un-Adventist Activities." We can hardly think of any activities more "Un-Adventist" than those of this "Research Committee." And the pamphlet, which reports the work of this "Research Committee," is also unwittingly, but accurately, named: "Reporting Un-Adventist Activities."

If you wish to read reports of Adventist activities, you will find them in the *Review* and in our other publications, all of which carry the identifying name and address of our publishing houses.

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Make wills and legacies in favor of the New Jersey Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

Jersey City Evangelism

"Look ye upon the fields, for they are white already to harvest."

The members of the Jersey City English, German, Italian, and Swedish Churches are taking this command of the Lord seriously, as once more a wave of evangelism sweeps through the churches.

The opening meeting in the new Jersey City metropolitan effort was

on Sunday evening, September 14, promptly at 7:15 at the Bergen Lyceum, 651 Bergen Avenue.

With a large corps of lay workers from the five churches, the three pastors—James Terzo, Edward Niemann, and the writer—are sharing the responsibilities of the meetings. On the opening night's program was a sound film, "Daniel in the Lions' Den," and the subject of the evening was "God's Great Peace Plan," upon which the writer preached.

A very special feature will be the Wednesday-evening home health kitchen classes conducted by Sister Niemann at 7:30 each Wednesday at St. John's Hall, 130 Summit Avenue. It is believed that the prominent teaching, with demonstrations and samples, of our health message, will make for more solid conversions.

Please pray that the work of God may be speedily finished in this area. Those near by are invited to attend both Sunday and Wednesday evenings to profit by the films, music, messages, and demonstrations.

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Using Our Talents to Glorify God

In the parable of the talents the Lord told how one man received five; another, two; and another, one. In drawing lessons from the parable He showed that it is not as important that we have many talents as that we use properly what is given to us.

Most of us plan to do what we should for the Lord some day. Too many of us by neglect put it off until some future time. This is most unfortunate, for frequently "the more opportune" time never comes.

One way to use our talents to the glory of God is to remember Him and His cause in our wills. In writing the laws the men of our country have been very considerate of the church in regard to inheritance and also in regard to taxes on inheri-