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## God's Call to Evangelism

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"The Lord is coming very soon, and we are entering into scenes of calamity. . . . Let us work now as we have never worked before. . . .

"If we are making the life and teachings of Christ our study, every passing event will furnish a text for an impressive discourse. It was thus the Saviour preached the gospel in the highways and byways; and as He spoke, the little group that listened to Him swelled to a great company. Present-day evangelists are to be workers together with Christ."

"Church-members, let the light shine forth. Let your voices be heard in humble prayer, in witness against intemperance, the folly, and the amusements of this world, and in the proclamation of the truth for this time. Your voice, your influence, your time,—all these are gifts from God, and are to be used in winning souls to Christ. . . .

"Strive to arouse men and women from their spiritual insensibility. Tell them how you found Jesus, and how blessed you have been since you gained an experience in His service. Tell them what blessing comes to you as you sit at the feet of Jesus, and learn precious lessons from His word. Tell them of the gladness and joy that there is in the Christian life. Your warm, fervent

words will convince them that you have found the pearl of great price. Let your cheerful, encouraging words show that you have certainly found the higher way. This is genuine missionary work, and as it is done, many will awake as from a dream.

"Even while engaged in their daily employment, God's people can lead others to Christ. And while doing this, they will have the precious assurance that the Saviour is close beside them. They need not think that they are left to depend on their own feeble efforts. Christ will give them words to speak that will refresh and encourage and strengthen poor, struggling souls who are in darkness. Their own faith will be strengthened, as they realize that the Redeemer's promise is being fulfilled. Not only are they a blessing to others, but the work they do for Christ brings blessing to themselves.

"There are many who can and should do the work of which I have spoken. My brother, my sister, what are you doing for Christ? Are you seeking to be a blessing to others? Are your lips uttering words of kindness, sympathy, and love? Are you putting forth earnest efforts to win others to the Saviour?"—*"Testimonies," Vol. IX, pp. 62, 63, 38, and 39.*

fore them lay the waters of the Red sea; how could they obey such a command? With unflinching faith in God's omnipotent power, Moses stretched his hand out over the waters; they divided, and the host of the Lord passed through the midst of the sea on dry ground, while the Egyptians who followed them utterly perished in the returning waters.

Today "our General, who never makes a mistake, says to us, 'Advance. Enter

new territory. Lift up the standard in every land. "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."'"—*"Testimonies," Vol. VI, pp. 28, 29.*

From the beginning of our experience in mission endeavor no note of retreat has ever been sounded. Steadily and irresistibly the work has moved forward, winning new conquests in every land where our missionaries have gone.

But the hour is growing late; the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Only a little remnant of time is left in which to finish the great task our Lord has assigned us ere He shall return. Will He then say to each of us whom He has called to devote his life wholly to His sacred work, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant"? Are the people whom He has entrusted to our care as "overseers" of the flock of God, doing their best in the great, grand work of soul saving?

These are questions that, at this time, we do well seriously to ask ourselves. Another year has passed into eternity. Its record is closed. But a new year lies before us. Its opportunities for effective service will be greater than we have ever known before. The Holy Spirit in the latter rain is being poured upon the people. Thousands all through our division are appealing to us for help. The year 1928 was a good year. Large numbers were induced to turn away from their sins and to find refuge in Jesus, the Saviour of sinners. It is too early to say how many were buried with their Lord by baptism into death, but we believe it was the best year we have ever had.

On every hand the fields are white unto harvest. Literally multitudes are turning toward God's commandment keeping people for help and salvation. The task is too great for us to accomplish alone. We must have help. We are bound about by our limited funds. It is impossible to place other missionaries in the fields to answer the many calls for help except our treasury be replenished.

### ONWARD, EVER ONWARD

"With God nothing shall be impossible." When God's ancient people were encompassed with impassable barriers; when humanly speaking there was no way of escape from death or bondage at the hands of their infuriated enemies (the Egyptians), in clear unmistakable tones of authority God spake to Moses saying, "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." Be-

But notwithstanding the many difficulties in the way of advance, and notwithstanding the insurmountable barriers which say to reason "thus far shalt thou go and no farther," the command comes again from heaven saying, "Go forward."

"It is not a vain thing (no empty word) for you; because it is your life." Thus spake Moses, the great leader of Israel, concerning God's immutable law just before his death. It is not for us to say obedience to God's command is impossible however difficult, or seemingly impossible it may be. He has a thousand ways to accomplish His purpose of which we know nothing. "With God, nothing shall be impossible." To go forward in obedience is life, to fail now is death.

This is no time for folding our hands or slacking our efforts. Let every worker, let every believer, gird himself anew for the fray. Let us go forth resolutely determined in the strength of the Mighty One to do more than ever before to win men and women and children to their Saviour during 1929. Let us ever remember that "the greatest victories gained for the cause of God are not the result of labored argument, ample facilities, wide influence, or abundant means; they are gained in the audience chamber with God, when with earnest, agonizing faith men lay hold upon the mighty arm of power."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 259.

Although we may not be able immediately to add another worker to our pay-roll, we can rally our believers and train every one to do something to help save the lost; we can teach them greater faithfulness in rendering to God His own in tithes and offerings; we can unitedly pray "the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Such an effort will meet with ever increasing success. We can go forth with the "five loaves and the two small fishes" the Master has placed in our hands knowing as we pass these out to the people the soul-satisfying food will multiply, and the throngs begging for the bread of life will be filled.

God has been very gracious to His people, and especially to those toiling in His vineyard. Let us show our sincere gratitude and our deep abiding love for the Giver of every good gift by consolidating our forces, by extending our lines, by winning new conquests, by adding new territory and new languages in which the message is to be proclaimed and in which its glories are to be revealed.

"For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth." Isaiah 62:1.

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### EVANGELISM: THE BATTLE CRY

The declaration of David, "The battle is the Lord's" as he went forth to meet Goliath, the Philistine, in the valley of Elab, is true in relation to the conflict that Seventh-day Adventists are engaged in today. Our great Commander has planned for this final struggle to redeem souls from the power of Satan, and has given detailed instruction concerning the preparation for the conduct of the campaign.

This cooperation has not been withheld because the counsel of our General has been rejected, but because the recommended plan of the campaign is so simple that its value has not been appreciated. Are we not justified in having confidence in the One who has the reputation of never having lost a battle? Does not the One, who guides the heavenly planets in their orbits so accurately that their punctuality constitutes a great clock for the universe of

"Visit your neighbors, and show an interest in the salvation of their souls. Arouse every spiritual energy to action. Tell those whom you visit that the end of all things is at hand. The Lord Jesus Christ will open the door of their hearts, and will make upon their minds lasting impressions."—*Mrs. E. G. White*.

the Creator, know the best plan of campaign in winning souls that have been deceived by Lucifer?

It is indeed fitting and important that, at the very beginning of another new year, we should study anew the order of battle and our relationship to it. As we study the definite instructions which have been outlined regarding the most successful methods of winning souls from the ranks of the enemy—for that is our objective in this great battle—we cannot fail to see that the delay has been in the training camps. Idlers have developed because officers have not followed the program of special instructions.

The results of this negligence have been far reaching. Not only has the setting up of the everlasting kingdom been delayed, but persistent slackers have been court-marshalled in heaven. Listen to the sentence: "There will be no idler, no slothful one, found inside the Kingdom of heaven."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VI, p. 434. That is a solemn statement, but notice upon whom God places the responsibility for this state of idleness: "Because the church-members have not been properly instructed by those whom God has placed as overseers, many are slothful servants."—*Id. Vol. VI*, pp. 434, 435. Will the idler be shut out of the kingdom of God and the one who is responsible

for the idleness be allowed to enter? This is the question to which "overseers" should give careful consideration.

"The greatest help that can be given our people is to teach them to work for God, and to depend on Him, not on the ministers."—*Id. Vol. VII*, p. 19.

"Ministers, preach the truths that will lead to personal labor for those who are out of Christ. Encourage personal effort in every possible way. Remember that a minister's work does not consist merely in preaching."—*Id. Vol. IX*, p. 124.

"There should be no delay in this well-planned effort to educate the church members."—*Id. Vol. IX*, p. 119.

These orders call for speeding up the work of the training camps. There must be no slackers. Every member is to enlist and be trained for service. The time has come for a great forward movement, and for *universal action*. "Let the gospel message ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action."—*Id. Vol. VII*, p. 14. This should be our rally cry for the year 1929.

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### EVANGELIZING ALL NATIONS

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." Although nearly two thousand years have passed since Jesus issued this command it comes ringing down to us through the ages with all its original authority and positiveness. Literally, the commission asks the church to go into all the world and "evangelize," and is in accord with the message of God to earth for these last days: "I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue and people." Rev. 14:6. From these statements of scripture it is clear that the limit of the gospel is the ends of the earth. Wherever humanity is found the message of light and salvation is to go.

In the great Inter-American Division field, with its multiplied millions of peoples of various languages and tongues, the light of the gospel, in the setting of God's last message, is to be proclaimed. On every hand Providence has thrown open the doors. We need not longer wait for openings; they are numerous on every hand. With our slender force of workers on a wide front with such a vast extent of territory where millions are waiting for the joys and blessings of the light of the gospel, our responsibilities increase to the extent of the limit of our possibilities. This includes every worker, whether minister, teacher, preacher, departmental or office secretary. Every one who is called to the work in the mission field is an evangel-

istic worker. Every part and department of our work must come to be more and more recognized as an *evangelizing* factor for the advancement of the work. There are no wheels or machinery just to keep the organization in motion. No! Every worker, in whatever capacity, is a factor in the great work of evangelism. With our altogether inadequate staff of workers we must utilize every force at our command, to the fullest possible limit, in the great work before us. Every reserve must be called into active service.

Not only should the workers sense their individual responsibilities and privileges before God as those called directly and fully into service, but the *unlimited* reserve power of the thousands of our lay members must be harnessed for service. The possibilities before us are almost unlimited, if only every latent talent and resource of *all* our people were utilized. "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.*

Now that we have just passed over the threshold of another year, would it not be well for each worker and every believer to take an inventory and ask himself if the record of 1928 is fully satisfactory in the matter of souls saved? And at the same time he should set an aim for the new year just opening up before us with all its opportunities. These latter years are speeding by so quickly that unless very definite aims are set the days swing into weeks, and the weeks into twelve quickly passing months, and we are soon made to realize that a year has passed with only a small portion accomplished of that which was desired. It, therefore, seems most fitting that every one entrusted with the light and truth of God for these last days, set himself most definitely and conscientiously to the task before him of winning souls for the Master.

May the year 1929 witness the greatest advance in evangelism ever made in our field; may each one so faithfully do his part that the "well done" may be accorded every believer in our great Inter-American Division.

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### GOD'S GREATEST PASSION— EVANGELISM

Our Lord's greatest passion is soul-winning. He has made every other work subordinate to this. Peter tells us that He is "not willing that any should perish," and John pictures the angels of light holding in check earth's closing international complications for the one purpose of saving souls. (2

Pet. 3:9; Rev. 7:1-13.) His loving solicitude for the hopelessly lost is touchingly portrayed by the prophet Hosea, often called the "the prophet of love," and "the John of the Old Testament." Each chapter exhibits the unfaithful subject, cold, indifferent, and careless, in contrast with the constancy, devotion, and the unwavering love of God. Apostasy, idolatry, and abandonment are manifested by a heartless, ungrateful people. Yet the Lord keeps wooing, entreating, promising and brooding, unceasingly endeavoring to draw them to the well-springs of salvation. As one reads the astonishing story we can almost discern a merciful God sobbing as He implores the people to turn, until the climax of anxiety is reached in the outburst exclamation of a breaking heart, "How shall I give thee up?" Hosea 11:8. This ejaculation of His bleeding heart demonstrates the depths of the divine longing to save men,—all men, each man. It adds a sidelight to the story of the Father seeing His child a great way off, and running to meet

"Could we the love of God discern  
For sinners dying in their sin,  
Or penetrate His throbbing yearn  
Those wayward souls by grace to win,  
His "GO," would make us strain all pow'r  
To keep soul-saving every hour."

him; and is duplicated by a weeping Saviour as He cries amidst tears of grief, "How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings and ye would not." And it is a thought that every Christian should ponder well, that the loss of a soul makes Divinity weep.

James gives a picture worthy of our most earnest consideration and study today. "Behold," he says, "the Husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it." The constant delay tests His patience. His longing and loving are so great that today He is yearning for the harvest we are striving to reap. It reveals an inexpressible expectancy that can scarcely be restrained, that will never be subdued, and which we can put into the command of Jesus, "GO YE." The desire of God is proved by two things, the gift of His only begotten Son, and the concentration of all power of heaven and earth in the soul-winning purpose.

To whom shall we go? "To every creature." Not one may be passed. God wants every one; and in this kind of work Jesus says, "I am with you always." After His ascension He added—lest we forget—that no racial barriers must be allowed to minimize the supreme importance of this work: every nation and kindred must hear. No language is dis-

qualified; every tongue must lisp His praise, until the "earth is lightened with His glory." Rev. 14:6 and 18:1.

In taking our nature Jesus intensified and strengthened the ties that bind humanity to the heart of God: "In taking out nature, the Saviour has bound Himself to humanity by a tie that is never to be broken."—*"Desire of Ages," p. 25.* He wants us to tell men so. "Go ye," for "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.*

"The very life of the church depends upon her faithfulness in fulfilling the Lord's commission."—*"Desire of Ages," p. 825.*

"The Saviour longs to manifest His grace and stamp His character on the whole world."—*Id. p. 827.*

And "if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." Surely if there is any work more supremely important than any other in Christian activity it is that of winning souls. Let the love of Christ constrain each one of us to do it. HERBERT J. EDMED.

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### WILL WE DO IT?

There is but one gospel—the everlasting gospel, made possible through the gift of the one Saviour. In all ages it was making known this gospel which constituted the supreme work of God's people. The propaganda of the gospel has, however, been always linked up with the developing and the carrying forth of some definite task which varied according to the times and the circumstances.

In Noah's day the command was, "Make thee an ark." Abraham was sent upon a pilgrimage extending over many years, during which he lived under tents. To Moses the word came: "Let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them." Joshua was told: "Arise, go over this Jordan and take the land." Of Solomon God decreed: "He shall build an house for my name," and to Ezra and Nehemiah the task was assigned of rebuilding the temple. The commission of Christ to the apostles was: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

All of it had to do with the proclamation of the everlasting gospel, but there were "differences of administrations" and there were "diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all." 1 Cor. 12:5, 6.

What will God have us to do? To us, the command given to the apostles: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," comes with double emphasis in view of the

times in which we live.

The present world differs vastly from the apostles' world. Then, the population of the world was comparatively small and was not distributed as widely as it is now; communications were slow and tedious. Before that generation there stretched out centuries of history yet to be. Today the church faces a parish of sixteen hundred million scattered over the earth. The present generation faces no other generation which will follow it. The course of history ends with the passing of the present generation. On the other hand, facilities are multiplied; possibilities of transit and communication are rapid and almost universal.

Fitting the message to modern conditions and to the urgency of the hour, the word that comes to God's people at this time is not to build or to do, but "RUN"—run to and fro! "and knowledge shall be increased." The prophet says: "I saw another angel FLY in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell in the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people." Every nation is to receive the witness. (Matt. 24:14.) The messengers are to run; and are to fly with the last message to every nation and tribe. God will cut the work short. (Rom. 9:28.) "The final movements will be rapid ones." The King's business demands haste.

"The great work of the gospel is not to close with less manifestation of the power of God than marked its opening. The prophecies which were fulfilled in the outpouring of the former rain at the opening of the gospel, are again to be fulfilled in the latter rain at its close."—*Great Controversy*, p. 611.

All this points to a gigantic task to be done in a short time by a few men. How will it be accomplished? While God's people are but small in number, ample provisions have been made for the carrying on and finishing of the work. Our Captain has given us a wonderful and unique organization with which to accomplish the great work. Everybody connected with the movement has a definite place in the organization, and a definite task assigned him; nobody is forgotten. It is our privilege and duty to put this organization to work; everybody is to busy himself about the King's business; every force is to be marshalled; every resource is to be tapped and harnessed for service.

Will we do it? H. E. BAASCH.  
*Barranquilla, Colombia.*

"We cannot expect to be mowers,  
And gather the ripe golden ears;  
Until we have first been sowers,  
And water the furrows with tears."

### "LETTING THEM DIE"

A newspaper recently carried an item telling of a man deserting a young woman in deep water, and she was drowned. He knew how to swim; she didn't, and he let her die. There were others who tried to save her and with this man's help she would have been saved. But he let her die. Terrible! of course; and he is in prison for this criminal neglect.

But listen to this message from the Lord: "Souls are perishing out of Christ, and those who profess to be Christ's disciples are letting them die." *Vol. VI, p. 434.* Out in the great ocean of humanity there are multiplied millions going down, and God has given us a commission to save them. Surely each passing day makes the Master's command, "Go," more imperative and more emphatic than it was the day before. The

"The battle is the Lord's" and our responsibility is simply to obey orders and follow the outlined plan. In an earthly army, to do otherwise would be treason; but the triumph of God's campaign in this earth has been delayed many years because there has not been cooperation on the part of delegated officers and the rank and file of his army. C. E. WOOD.

need increases as time shortens, and much will be lost because we delay our share of the work so long. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray YE therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Matt. 9:37, 38. Help the Lord to answer this prayer by being a "Harvest Laborer" yourself.

Startling fulfilment of prophecy is lightening the darkness for all who will see that the end is very near. Only eyes darkened by the god of this world fail to see the need of haste in finishing God's work in all the world. Only ears deaf to the Spirit's pleading are unmindful of the Saviour's appeal to sacrifice and service. Only the hearts hardened through neglect of God's way fail to thrill at the marvelous progress of the Third Angel's Message in all the world. The latter rain is falling, and bright showers have come to many darkened lands, and to many trusting hearts.

This time—TODAY—is the most wonderful time in the history of God's work. His last work is being finished in many hearts and in all the world. How blessed it is to have a share in this greatest of all endeavors in the history of humanity. What rejoicing to share in the Saviour's glory when the task is finished. "Now is the time for God's people to show themselves true to principle. When the religion of Christ is

most held in contempt, when His law is most despised, then should our zeal be the warmest and our courage and firmness the most unflinching. . . . At this time we must gather warmth from the coldness of others, courage from their cowardice, and loyalty from their treason." *Vol. V, p. 136.*

Let every believer go forth with courage and faith to do his best to save souls from ruin. *We must not let them die* without an opportunity to know the way of life. "Go . . . Lo, I am with you." —*J. A. Stevens, Secretary Gen. Conf. Home Miss. Dept., in the "Pacific Union Recorder." August 16, 1928.*

### "LOVE NEVER FAILETH"

The real secret of finishing the work of God and carrying the advent message to all the world in this generation is MORE love for souls.

"God so loved the world, that He gave"

"Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it"

"We ought to lay down our lives for the brethren"

This love like a holy fire has burned in the hearts of God's missionaries in all the ages of the past.

"To thee, O Lord, I offer myself, my wife, my children and all that I possess."—*Raymond Lull.*

"I want to wear out my life in His service, for His glory. I rejoiced in my necessity of self-denial. I cared not where or how I lived or what hardships I went through, so that I could but gain souls for Christ."—*David Brainerd.*

*This love* for Christ, manifested in our service for others, is to be seen today among the remnant people of God even in a greater measure than ever before. Because of the gross darkness of the people and the all-prevailing, overwhelming iniquity now seen and manifest on every hand, and because of the world-wide indifference and apostasy and general falling away from the eternal fundamental principles of the law of God and from the Word of God, today those whom Christ spoke of as "the light of the world" WILL let their light shine as never before. This principle of giving something for the good of others is the real fundamental, basic principle and test of all true love. It is the underlying principle that should actuate every believer in the advent message today. Without it, brethren, we cannot succeed.

"Come out of her, my people." It is God's plan to call out a people from the darkness of this generation that will measure up to Christ's *divine test of love* as found in John 14:15, "If ye love Me, keep my commandments."

The success of this world-wide evangelistic program is largely, if not wholly, dependent upon the manifestation in the

hearts of His people and the working out of this divine principle of love to God and love to our fellow-men. If we truly love God with all our hearts we will not only praise and adore His holy name for the revelation of His love to us and for revealing to us a saving knowledge of the truths for this time, as found in the three angels' messages of Rev. 14; but with the love of God shed abroad in our hearts and burning like a holy fire within us, we will do everything within our power to carry to others a knowledge of the special truths for this generation.

Surely, brethren, the love of Christ should constrain us to spend or to be spent in the Master's use. Christ left His happy home in heaven where He was worshipped and adored by all the angels in glory to come to earth and make the *supreme sacrifice* for our salvation. *It was His love for us*, brothers and sisters, that prompted Him to come and go through the most humiliating experiences that wicked men and demons could invent.

Paul said, "Now abideth faith, hope, charity (*love*), these three; but the greatest of these is charity. The "faith of Jesus" is ours, brethren, as is also the "blessed hope" but that which transcends them both is *love*. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." Without love as the actuating principle of all our mission work and personal evangelism, our faith and hope is nothing but sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. "Love never faileth." The thought is beautifully expressed in the following poem by Louis Ginsberg:

*"Love that is hoarded moulds at last  
Until we know some day  
The only thing we ever have  
Is what we give away.  
And kindness that is never used,  
But hidden all alone,  
Will slowly harden till it is  
As hard as any stone.  
It is the things we always hold  
That we will lose some day;  
The only things we ever keep  
Are what we give away."*

So with this blessed message, brethren, if we hoard it and keep it to ourselves alone, we will awaken at last to find that the message, or at least our *love* for the message, has completely passed from us. "Take heed, therefore," said Christ, "that the light which is in thee be not darkness." Luke 11:35. It is only as we pass it on to others, brethren and sisters, that we can hold it fast.

"Love will, some day, some how, find a way to enlighten others concerning God's last soul-saving message for this generation. Jesus said, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake

and the gospel's, the same shall save it."

It is really dangerous, brethren, for us to plan on excusing ourselves from some kind of active service for those who have never heard of the solemn message that *the judgment hour is come*.

If you feel that you lack the spirit of love for souls today, and are content to settle down at ease in Zion in such a time as this, I beseech you to return to your first love quickly and seek God with all your heart for a baptism of His Holy Spirit. The need of the church today is a mighty spiritual revival.

This love for souls should prompt every believer in the advent message to plan and systematize his work so that he can put in the maximum amount of time in missionary work in 1929. A mighty pentecostal shower is coming

Today the great plan of human probation is almost finished, the sands of time are almost run and probation's hours are almost gone. "The moments now granted to us are few," is the declaration of the Spirit of Prophecy. What we do must be done quickly. Today, then, as never before, we who have heard and accepted the call of God and have identified ourselves with the work of God for this time, should be led daily by the spirit of that love that counted not the cost. L. L. HUTCHINSON.

soon. Do you want some drops to fall on you?

This love for souls that is burning like a holy fire in our hearts, that prompted men and women of God in times past to care not where or how they lived, nor what necessity or self-denial was theirs, nor what hardships they endured so that they could win souls for Christ, is the spirit that will actuate believers in the remnant church today. "Love never faileth."

L. L. HUTCHINSON.

*Cristobal, C. Z.*

#### IN SUCH A TIME AS THIS

"Not all the world are lawless and sinful; not all have taken sides with the enemy. God has many thousands who have not bowed the knee to Baal, many who long to understand more fully in regard to Christ and the law, many who are hoping against hope that Jesus will come soon to end the reign of sin and death.

"In such a time as this, every child of God should be actively engaged in helping others. As those who have an understanding of Bible truth try to seek out the men and women who are longing for light, angels of God will attend them. And where angels go, none need fear to move forward. As a result of

the faithful efforts of consecrated workers many will be turned from idolatry to the worship of the living God."—*"Prophets and Kings," p. 171.*

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Daniel 12:3.

What a mighty challenge! What a challenge of the Almighty! In such a time as this, fellow believers, you and I live. In such a time as this, we have an unction from on high. In such a time as this, angels are prepared to touch our lips with live coals from off the altar. In such a time as this, God is going to stretch forth His hand and finish His work and cut it short in righteousness. In such a time as this Jesus is going to lay aside His priestly robes and declare, "It is finished." In such a time as this, the conflict of the ages will end; the cause of truth will triumph gloriously.

We all long for that glad day. But if we want to hasten it, we must arise—every child of God—and engage in evangelistic work. We who have an understanding of Bible truth must seek out these thousands and teach them the better way. As we carry the glad tidings, angels of God will attend us and as a result many will turn to the worship of the living God.

W. H. WINELAND.

*San José, Costa Rica.*

#### "WHAT MANNER OF PERSONS?"

The Apostle Peter was writing to the laity when he made this most emphatic appeal: "What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?" Following as it does a vivid description of the dissolution of all things material here, he is appealing especially to the brethren to think of the consequence from being the wrong manner of person.

What manner of person, then, should the minister and leader be? It is he who is expected to talk courage when others talk doubt. It is for him to possess a buoyant spirit when others are at the verge of despair. It is his assignment to be, and by energy, tact, and persistence cause others to be the right manner of persons. His failure has greater consequences than that of others of the church.

The atmosphere of the man assigned by the Great Shepherd to care for his flock is perhaps more sensibly felt by the lambs than by the older members. He may be so busy with his own thoughts that he passes without a look or word. Having met the hardness of the world, many in middle life do not judge by a single experience, but wait till the tenth or the twentieth meeting has come before deciding that their

leader is prejudiced and can not treat them with the same open-heartedness that he does others. Not so with the youth and the children.

This is particularly true when the servant of God feels his responsibility to maintain the high standard of the church and in no uncertain words and even tones brings the guilty one to judgment. The interest taken in that particular soul prior to this inquiry has much to do with the outcome of this interview.

A soul's grip upon things eternal becomes less and less firm as doubt and discouragement press in. What a delicate situation for the shepherd of the flock, when the sheep is not certain of his way to the fold. If there is a call of tenderness based upon a definite interest of the past, confidence is restored and leading home is promptly accomplished. If, with a tone of censure, the caretaker shouts, "What reason can you give for straying so far from the appointed pasture?" it is almost certain that the response will be in the same spirit.

As guardian of the flock, and sponsor for the doctrines and discipline of the church, you may think it necessary to come right out with the "reproof" and the "rebuke," but in no case should you fail to be "longsuffering."

What manner of person ought the teacher in the Third Angel's Message to be? His life, his facial expression, his attitude toward the problems of youth, his sympathy toward their interests, both great and small, are photographed as upon sensitized plates in a camera wherever he meets youth. If he makes the mistake of making a charge of maliciousness when it is ignorance, if he mistakes timidity for laziness, or earnest activity for desire to be greatest, something in his atmosphere will reveal this fact to the struggling soul. The slender hope that yet remained has thereby been crushed and both bitterness and hardness take possession. The sweet spirit of love, accompanied by a deep sense of the value of a soul, effects wonderful changes in the "manner of person" manifested by God's successful workers.

*Obispo, C. Z.*

C. L. STONE.

### THE CALL TO EVANGELISM

"The evangelization of the world is the work God has given to those who go forth in His name. They are both to be collaborators with Christ, revealing to those ready to perish His tender, pitying love. God calls for thousands to work for Him, not by preaching to those who know the truth for this time, but by warning those who have never heard the last warning message of mercy. Work with a heart filled with an earnest longing for souls."—*Counsels on Health*, p. 499.

The Lord has mapped out our work here in this statement of the Spirit of Prophecy,—the giving of this message to all the world. Our hearts would faint at such a gigantic task were it not for the privilege we have of being collaborators with Christ. Not one phase of His work has failed in six thousand years, and we may be sure that the last great warning message to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people will be given. There is evidence of this in our churches today as we see how the message is taking hold of the hearts of the people.

A year ago last October we organized a little church in Costa Rica with seventeen members, and the work has continued to grow until at the present time there are forty-seven members and a baptismal class of fifteen. Individuals whose lives were once a reproach to the community are now singing the songs of Zion, happy in the freedom of a life redeemed from this sin-cursed world.

What a wonderful privilege! What a glorious work is committed to those who know God and live in such a time as this! When we as individuals begin to appreciate fully this privilege, when every member senses his individual responsibility and rises to meet the challenge of the Lord of Hosts, He will pour out the latter rain upon us and use us as the agency to finish His work and "cut it short in righteousness." And they that cooperate with God in this plan will turn many to righteousness and will "shine as the stars forever and ever." W. H. WINE-LAND.

Great is the joy of the faithful worker whose efforts have helped to bring about such transformations in the lives of individuals. Truly, the hour is here when each worker in this great cause should lay all on the altar of service and go forth as never before to bring the truth to a dying world.

Notice how many God is calling to help in this world-wide work. I believe that the thousands mentioned in the above quotation represent many in our churches who are waiting for some one to teach them how to labor for the salvation of souls. The servant of the Lord has said: "The best help that ministers can give the members of our churches is not sermonizing, but planning work for them. Give each one something to do for others."—*Christian Service*, p. 69. May the dear Lord give wisdom to our ministers and workers in knowing how to carry out this good instruction in our churches.

There is great danger of ministers hovering over the churches and not going out into new territory where the message has not yet been given. Shall we not all endeavor to hold at least one

effort where there is no church during 1929 and advance the light of the Third Angel's Message as far as possible? May the Lord help us to make this year a year of soul-saving; and may we be willing to spend and be spent in the great task of carrying the gospel to a perishing world, that we may soon go home to rest throughout eternity.

C. B. SUTTON.

*Port Limon, Costa Rica.*

### "IT MUST BE BETTER"

"Yes, it has been a good year," said the older worker, "and I do thank God for the progress made in the Sabbath school work in our field; but now we have entered a new year, and *it must be better.*"

These words, "it must be better," kept ringing in my ears. May we count on you, dear Sabbath school member, to make this a better year? If every other member in your school follows your example this year, will it be a better school than it has ever been in the past?

The new book, "The Soul-Winning Sabbath School," will help the officers and teachers in our schools everywhere to make 1929 better than 1928. It deals with Sabbath school problems and gives their solutions. I believe it will help us to find our missing members, to push our two-seal honor card membership far above the 20 per cent line, and help us to bring to the school regularly many of the 1,500 to 2,000 that are absent in the division each Sabbath.

Let every Sabbath school have a strong training course class this year, that officers and teachers and others may study together this wonderful textbook on Sabbath school work. And let all who love the Sabbath school firmly resolve that this year we will

*Bring in all the missing members  
Strive for greater faithfulness in daily study*

*Strive for better attendance each Sabbath, and*

*Endeavor to increase our offerings to missions.*

Can we do it? Yes, with God's help, we can do it if we will all do our best.

### PROGRESS IN THE SOUTH CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE

The following extracts are from the report presented at the recent sixteenth biennial session of the South Caribbean Conference by the president, Pastor C. E. Andross:

"As an evidence of the wonderful working of God through the labors of our conference workers, colporteurs and lay members, we are privileged to bring a report to the conference of the baptism of five hundred and ninety-nine candidates since the beginning of this biennial period, and a report of many

others in baptismal classes anticipating the privilege of that sacred rite before the close of 1928. Let us praise God for the mighty power of the everlasting gospel in its culmination as revealed in the Third Angel's Message—a message which is to triumph gloriously and prepare a people in this generation to stand without fault on the sea of glass in the presence of God. 'Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.' Zech. 10:1.

"The biennial period of 1925 and 1926 opened up with a membership of 1,705 and closed with a membership of 1840, showing a net gain of 135. The present biennial period beginning with a membership of 1,840, showed a membership of 2,287, September 30, 1928,—a net gain of 447 for the year and nine months of the biennial period. With forty-seven already baptized during this fourth quarter, and the prospects of other large baptisms before the quarter closes, it is evident that this gain of 447 will be still further materially augmented before the close of the biennial period. For this splendid gain we give God the praise, and, taking courage from what God has wrought, dedicate our lives anew to a more zealous service in His cause than ever. Eight churches have been organized and will be presented to the delegates for acceptance in the sisterhood of churches in the South Caribbean Conference. They are, in the order of their organization: Checker Hall, Rio Claro, San Juan, Cedros, Maracas, Basseterre, Cumana and Grande Riviere. Six of these eight have been organized within the past year.

"Tent efforts have been held during this biennial period in San Juan, Williamsville, and Separia; and special evangelistic meetings have been conducted in sixteen places in Trinidad, Barbados, Grenada, and Tobago.

"A resume of evangelistic work in this field would be incomplete without reference to the splendid and practical home missionary work that has been done in many of our churches. As for example: I visited the church at Mitan one Sunday, about a year ago. Six candidates were baptized that day. A large temporary extension had been built at the entrance of the church to accommodate the many visitors who were in attendance at the services in the afternoon, when those who have been baptized were received into fellowship. I was informed that all six baptized that day had been won to Christ through the efforts of the lay members of the church. Similar references might be made to the work recently done at La Brea, and, in fact, to work being done in many of our churches.

"During the past year our colporteurs have delivered over \$7,500.00 worth of

**TO THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS**

Dear Missionary Volunteers:

A most happy New Year to each and every one of you! My heart rejoices as I recall how faithfully many of you have toiled in the past; and my confidence in your devotion to this blessed work is a great encouragement to me. I feel that the leaders can safely count on the young people doing their best in our great soul winning campaign for 1929.

I hope you are of good courage, and determined to do more than ever before to win souls for Jesus. Shall we not keep the thought, "Win One" ringing in our ears every day during 1929? No matter where we are or what we are doing let the sentiment of that thought be the underlying principle of our lives.

Our Missionary Volunteer goal for this year will help us in winning souls and in being prepared to be better workers for the Master. Our goal for the entire division is:  
**6,000 Missionary Volunteers in our societies,**

- 4,000 Morning Watch observers,
- 1,000 Bible Year certificates,
- 400 Reading Course Certificates,
- 275 Standard of Attainment certificates, and
- 500 Young people converted and baptized.

Somehow, I think we can sweep far past every item of this goal, and I see no reason why we should not double the last one. What do you think about it? and what will you do about it?

books.

"We are glad to report a membership of 2,549 in our Sabbath schools, to whom 3,792 honor cards for perfect records in attendance and daily lesson study have been issued. Seven new Sabbath schools have been organized.

"Our Missionary Volunteer societies have a present membership of 781, and show a gain of five new societies."

**HERE AND THERE, No. 2**

Well, it seems good to be back in the home field again; but I must tell you a little more about our stay in Europe. Leaving the delightful hilltop in Germany where we had such good meetings during the European council, we took the train to Mainz, where we boarded the "Kaiser Wilhelm" for an all day trip down the famous Rhine. That stream is rightly famous. Never, I think, did I take a more interesting trip nor feast my eyes on more remarkable scenery. The country skirting the river changed from plains to mountains. The banks were covered with the world-famed terraces of vineyards, studded here and there with castles, monuments and clusters of trees, or they were crowded back by villages and cities that demanded the space on the water's edge. So all the way from the stream to the

somewhat ragged horizon the picture was one of ever changing beauty.

One of the famous places we passed on the way was Bonn, the home of Beethoven, the world renowned musician. About six o'clock we reached Cologne. After a good night's rest we visited the noted cathedral there, which has defied the elements through several centuries, and also spent some time in the International Printing Exposition. While the exposition halls were full of graphic illustrations of the wonderful progress made in the art of printing, there was no other nook quite so interesting to Mr. Andross and me as the corner where our literature was on display. Among the many papers there were some from our field. The *Centinela*, the *MESSENGER*, and some of the other papers there, looked like the faces of good old friends.

Our next stop was Berlin. Most of our journey from Cologne to Berlin took us through a large manufacturing district, though we also saw some delightful farming country. Berlin is a beautiful city of about 4,000,000 population. While there, we spent a little time in Potsdam, the place where the royal family of years ago had some of their beautiful homes. It is a lovely park of about 10,000 acres. In it are said to be eleven palaces, and these are surrounded by some of the most beautiful gardens I ever saw. We visited one of the palaces in Potsdam and also one in the city. Today these are used chiefly as museums. The walls, the furniture, the floors, the old stoves,—some like huge pieces of rare pottery—all were fascinating; but I think what interested me most was the desk at which we were told that the ex-kaiser sat when he signed the declaration of war August 1, 1914. I could not help wondering if he has not often regretted the stroke of his pen that fatal day.

But the thing that cheered our hearts most while in Berlin was the sight of our host of believers in that great city. There is a marked contrast between that city and Paris. The cities are about the same size; but whereas Paris has only one church, Berlin, in the land of the great reformation of the 16th century, has thirty churches. It was indeed inspiring on the Sabbath to see between 3,000 and 4,000 believers gather for the worship of God upon His holy day. What a monument to the truth in that great metropolis! Not far from the city we have a sanitarium that seems to be doing splendid work under the leadership of Dr. Conradi, son of Pastor L. R. Conradi, our old pioneer who is still in active service.

Sunday morning we took the train for Copenhagen, Denmark. It was a delightful trip, as the beautiful agricultural land hurried past the windows on either side of our coach. Twice our

coach was drawn onto a large ferry boat. The first time was when we bade farewell to Germany. We were between two and three hours being ferried across an arm of the Baltic sea. When we began speeding over *terra firma* again, we were on one of the beautiful islands of Denmark. Rich harvest fields on every hand were calling to the reapers to hasten to gather the golden sheaves with which the fields were studded in great profusion. Our second ferry trip was a short one, lasting only about thirty minutes, and brought us to the island on which Copenhagen is located.

We very much enjoyed the few days we were privileged to spend in the beautiful, hospitable, and delightful sanitarium in Skodsborg, about eight miles from Copenhagen. This is one of our largest sanitariums, and in the summer season its patronage often hovers around the 400 mark. I think there were between two hundred and three hundred patients there when we visited the place. That institution is wonderfully situated near the sea. From the spacious parlor overlooking the briny deep one can see Sweden peeping up over the billows in the distance. Back of the sanitarium are the famous birch forests belonging to royalty.

Mr. Andross and I spent one day in Copenhagen, and the place we remember best there is the Thorwaldsen museum where we saw the awe-inspiring statues of Christ and His disciples. We gazed long at the wonderful group; and returned to the hall once again for a farewell look before leaving the building. There in the center stood the silent figure of Christ with appealing face and outstretched arms. It spoke to our hearts a sacred message of cheer and called us anew to loving service for others.

Soon we were back in England; and from that point Mr. Andross sailed for America to attend the Autumn Council, while I came direct to Trinidad to see our relatives there and to attend the biennial meeting of the South Caribbean Conference. As we look back over our visit to Europe, we feel thankful for the privilege of meeting with fellow-believers there, and for the interest in the work in this field that was evinced everywhere we went. Somehow I realized as never before that many in other lands are praying for the work in this widely scattered field—praying that we may each be faithful in his place and be blessed with health, strength, protection, and success in these times of danger and perplexity.

And, somehow, as we now stand upon the threshold of a new year, I wish to join you in renewing my promise to the Master for more and better service in His cause this year, if life is spared. May heaven's choicest blessings be yours all along the way.

### 3,000 NEW BELIEVERS

While assembled in Division Council last year the great burden upon the hearts of the workers was the cries of the millions sitting in darkness in this widely scattered territory where God has called us to serve. Those present firmly resolved to do all in their power to make 1929 the greatest soul winning year yet in the history of our work here. The following was placed on record at the time study was given to this important matter: **WE RECOMMEND**, "Setting before our people the importance of evangelism and that the goal for souls won throughout the Division be set at 3,000 for 1929."

Think what it means to add 3,000 new believers in the Inter-American Division during this year! 3,000 more to help finish the work! Think what it will mean to the Saviour who died to save them! 3,000 new believers this year! We believe this can be accomplished with faithful effort on our part and His blessing. Let that definite aim ring like a slogan through our ranks everywhere! Let us work as never before for the lost around us; and dear brethren and sisters, I verily believe as we do this that God will be pleased to do abundantly more for us during 1929 than we have yet dared to believe.

*Balboa, C. Z. F. L. HARRISON.*

### TRANSFORMED BY READING "GREAT CONTROVERSY"

The teacher in one of the public schools in Haiti was very much opposed to the teaching of Seventh-day Adventists and took advantage of every opportunity to persecute our young people who attended his school. We knew that the persecution was the result of ignorance concerning our position, and decided to place "Great Controversy" in his hands, praying that the Spirit of God might speak to him as he read this book.

After fifteen days we received a good letter from him, in which he said: "I cannot sleep, my mind is so agitated. I am profoundly perplexed. The other night I arose one hour after midnight and read the book for four hours. I am a troubled man."

During the following week one of the students informed us that the teacher was announcing the message to the pupils. At the close of the month he returned the book with these encouraging words: "I have finished reading the 'Great Controversy,' and it has transformed me. Truly this book is a marvel. It appeals to every intelligent man." Many people testify to the transformation that has been wrought in this man since he came in contact with the truth.

A. J. BAPTISTE.

*Gonaïves, Haiti.*

"For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

### WITH OUR WORKERS AROUND THE CIRCLE

Those who have been praying so earnestly for Brother and Sister Cott will be glad to learn that these faithful workers from Mount Roraima attended the East Caribbean Union meeting as well as the South Caribbean Conference session. They were of splendid courage, and brought with them a trunk full of articles, representing the first tithe from the Mt. Roraima Indians. Our hearts overflowed with gratitude as Brother and Sister Cott told us of the story of their lonely station on that far flung line of missionary advance.

The year that has just closed brought many changes in our field. We lost quite a number of our workers, and we greatly miss their faces around the circle; but we thank God for the splendid new recruits that have come to fill most of these vacancies. Prof. L. H. Gardiner has taken up the reins of the East Caribbean Training College that serious illness tore out of the hands of Prof. C. J. Boyd, Pastor J. M. Cole has come to lead out in the work in the Leeward Islands Conference, and Pastor W. R. Elliott fills the East Caribbean Union Conference presidency left vacant by Pastor M. A. Hollister.

Just as the year was closing, Brother Demetrio Peralta came to strengthen our forces. The MESSENGER extends a most hearty welcome to all the new workers in Inter-America and wishes them God's speed in this great needy field.

Congratulations to the South Caribbean Conference. That field which has had so many changes has recently welcomed two new missionaries which call for no place on the conference pay roll. These abide in the homes of Brethren Christian and Carter. About noon, Friday, December 14, little Edwin Ernest, weighing 7¾ lbs., arrived in the home of Brother and Sister R: J. Christian, and shortly after midnight a little baby girl came to live in the home of Brother and Sister C. H. Carter.

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