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## The Ministry of the Home

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THE restoration and uplifting of humanity begins in the home. The work of parents underlies every other. Society is composed of families, and is what the heads of families make it. Out of the heart are "the issues of life;" and the heart of the community, of the church, and of the nation, is the household. The well-being of society, the success of the church, the prosperity of the nation, depend upon home influences.

The importance and the opportunities of the home life are illustrated in the life of Jesus. He who came from heaven to be our example and teacher spent thirty years as a member of the household at Nazareth. Concerning these years the Bible record is very brief. No mighty miracles attracted the attention of the multitude. No eager throngs followed His steps or listened to His words. Yet during all these years He was fulfilling His divine mission. He lived as one of us, sharing the home life, submitting to its discipline, performing its duties, bearing its burdens. In the sheltering care of a humble home, participating in the experiences of our common lot, He "increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

During all these secluded years His life flowed out in currents of sympathy and helpfulness. His unselfishness and patient endurance, His courage and faithfulness, His resistance of temptation, His unflinching peace and quiet joyfulness, were a constant inspiration. He brought a pure, sweet atmosphere into the home, and His life was as leaven working amidst the elements of society. None said that He had wrought a miracle; yet virtue—the healing, life-giving power of love—went out from Him to the tempted, the sick, and the disheartened. In an unobtrusive way, from His very childhood, He ministered to others, and because of this, when He began His public ministry, many heard Him gladly.

The Saviour's early years are more than an example to the youth. They are a lesson, and should be an encouragement, to every parent. The circle of family and neighborhood duties is the very first field of effort for those who would work for the uplifting of their fellow men. There is no more important field of effort than that committed to the founders and guardians of the home. No work entrusted to human beings involves greater or more far-reaching results than does the work of fathers and mothers.

It is by the youth and children of to-day that the future of society is to be determined, and what these youth and children shall be depends upon the home. To the lack of right home training may be traced the larger share of the disease and mis-

ery and crime that curse humanity. If the home life were pure and true, if the children who went forth from its care were prepared to meet life's responsibilities and dangers, what a change would be seen in the world!

Great efforts are put forth, time and money and labor almost without limit are expended, in enterprises and institutions for reforming the victims of evil habits. And even these efforts are inadequate to meet the great necessity. Yet how small is the result! How few are permanently reclaimed!

Multitudes long for a better life, but they lack courage and resolution to break away from the power of habit. They shrink from the effort and struggle and sacrifice demanded, and their lives are wrecked and ruined. Thus even men of the brightest minds, men of high aspirations and noble powers, otherwise fitted by nature and education to fill positions of trust and responsibility, are degraded and lost for this life and for the life to come.

For those who do reform, how bitter the struggle to regain their manhood! And all their life long, in a shattered constitution, a wavering will, impaired intellect, and weakened soul-power, many reap the harvest of their evil sowing. How much more might be accomplished if the evil were dealt with at the beginning!

This work rests, in a great degree, with the parents. In the efforts put forth to stay the progress of intemperance and of other evils that are eating like a cancer in the social body, if more attention were given to teaching parents how to form the habits and character of their children, a hundredfold more good would result. Habit, which is so terrible a force for evil, it is in their power to make a force for good. They have to do with the stream at its source, and it rests with them to direct it rightly.

Parents may lay for their children the foundation for a healthy, happy life. They may send them forth from their homes with moral stamina to resist temptation, and courage and strength to wrestle successfully with life's problems. They may inspire in them the purpose and develop the power to make their lives an honor to God and a blessing to the world. They may make straight paths for their feet, through sunshine and shadow, to the glorious heights above.

### An Object Lesson

The mission of the home extends beyond its own members. The Christian home is to be an object-lesson, illustrating the excellence of the true principles of life. Such an illustration will be a power for good in the world. Far more powerful than any sermon that can be preached is the

### HAPPY THE HOME

Happy the home when God is there,  
And love fills every breast;  
When one their wish, and one their prayer,  
And one their heavenly rest.

Happy the home where Jesus' name  
Is sweet to every ear;  
Where children early lisp His fame,  
And parents hold Him dear.

Happy the home where prayer is heard,  
And praise is wont to rise;  
Where parents love the sacred Word,  
And live but for the skies.

Lord, may we in our homes agree,  
This blessed peace to gain;  
Unite our hearts in love to Thee,  
And love to all will reign.

—Selected.

influence of a true home upon human hearts and lives. As the youth go out from such a home, the lessons they have learned are imparted. Nobler principles of life are introduced into other households, and an uplifting influence works in the community. . . .

### Hospitality

Our sympathies are to overflow the boundaries of self and the enclosure of family walls. There are precious opportunities for those who will make their homes a blessing to others. Social influence is a wonderful power. We can use it if we will as a means of helping those about us.

Our homes should be a place of refuge for the tempted youth. Many there are who stand at the parting of the ways. Every influence, every impression, is determining the choice that shapes their destiny both here and hereafter. Evil invites them. Its resorts are made bright and attractive. They have a welcome for every corner. All about us are youth who have no home, and many whose homes have no helpful, uplifting power, and the youth drift into evil. They are going down to ruin within the very shadow of our own doors.

These youth need a hand stretched out to them in sympathy. Kind words simply spoken, little attentions simply bestowed, will sweep away the clouds of temptation which gather over the soul. The true expression of heaven-born sympathy has power to open the door of hearts that need the fragrance of Christlike words, and the simple, delicate touch of the spirit of Christ's love. If we would show an interest in the youth, invite them to our home, and surround them with cheering, helpful influences, there are many who would gladly turn their steps into the upward path.

### Life's Opportunities

Our time here is short. We can pass

through this world but once; as we pass along, let us make the most of life. The work to which we are called does not require wealth or social position or great ability. It requires a kindly, self-sacrificing spirit and a steadfast purpose. A lamp, however small, if kept steadily burning, may be the means of lighting many other lamps. Our sphere of influence may seem narrow, our ability small, our opportunities few, our requirements limited; yet wonderful possibilities are ours through a faithful use of the opportunities of our own homes. If we will open our hearts and homes to the divine principles of life, we shall become channels for currents of life-giving power. From our homes will flow streams of healing, bringing life, and beauty, and fruitfulness where now are barrenness and death.

[*"Ministry of Healing,"* pp. 349-355.]

### THE SAN BLAS INDIANS

It always brings a new thrill of life along the advancing lines of Jehovah's vanguard when the news arrives that a new field has been entered. Battles must be fought; advance ground must be won, and, if necessary (but only to gain a more advantageous position), temporary retreat must be suffered. The campaign will not end until, in every nation, every captive who will accept Jesus shall have been set free by the proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom.

For many years those responsible for the giving of the message in Latin America have studied the problem of carrying it to the San Blas Indians. One or two attempts have been made to help them; but up to twelve months ago, almost nothing had been accomplished. Schools had been established by other denominations, in Colon and elsewhere. Here some of the ambitious San Blas boys, who had acquired a taste for learning, enrolled. However, since the Republic of Panama is avowedly Catholic, the teaching of much Protestantism is looked upon with disfavor and these young men were prohibited from continuing their school work in Colon. As soon as they heard of our West Caribbean Training School, they were very anxious to continue their education here. Only three or four came at first; and last year it was possible for only two to continue throughout the year. At the close of school they were transferred to Costa Rica, along with the Spanish

department of our school.

Since then two other groups of five each have come to the West Caribbean Training School, asking that they be given their education in English. Most of them speak Spanish; a few speak a little English, and one or two speak neither English nor Spanish. Two of this group, evidently not as ambitious for an education as for a place to get easy board, departed.

Those, who have been in regular attendance at their classes, have brought much encouragement to the teachers who are responsible for their development. Three classes were arranged for them immediately—Bible, English, and Spanish. All students in the West Caribbean Training School are required to take Spanish; and, since these young men could not take English classes, with any degree of success until they were acquainted with the English language, a special class in Spanish was organized for them. From the first they have taken great interest in the English.

Their teacher, Mrs. Stone, had no spoken or written language answering to theirs. Only the language of action and illustration was common. In a short time words began to group themselves into sentences and more and more, as the meanings were grasped, real conversation began to take place in the classroom. Original methods by an experienced teacher have been worked out; and as the new semester opens, a basis has been laid, upon which rapid strides will be taken between now and June.

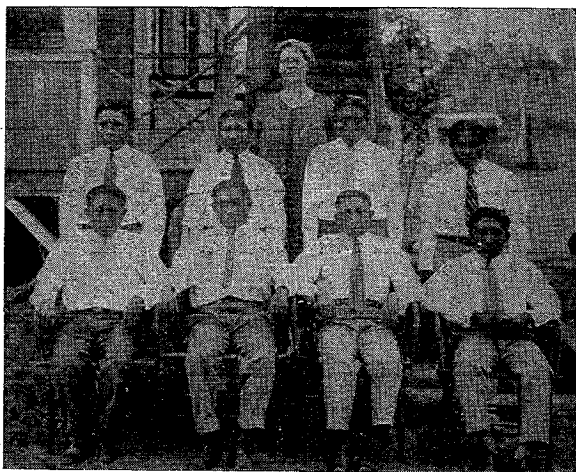
When two of the Indian boys had left, some of them were asked why they had remained when the others left. They said, "We have the same religion as Thomas Hilton, and therefore wish to stay here to learn more." Thomas Hilton was here at school for a short time, and has the best knowledge of English, as well as of the gospel, of any of the entire group. He expected to return to continue his education, but for some reason has been detained. He writes to me that he is teaching his fellow men the gospel at every opportunity.

In the Bible classes the boys began to learn Bible verses; and many of these have been recited at the students' testimony meeting on Friday nights. It is the hope and prayer of those who are in charge of the West Caribbean Training School that these young men may be trained to do efficient work in their own field, and that soon we may have a large number of their people responding to the Third Angel's Message.

I feel assured that we shall have the prayers of the believers throughout the Inter-American Division, and that, with God's help, we soon shall see definite results from proclaiming the Third Angel's Message to this long-neglected people.

C. L. STONE.

*Obispo, Canal Zone.*



Sister C. L. Stone and the eight San Blas Indian boys studying in the West Caribbean Training School

## OUR WORK IN JAMAICA

[Extracts from the President's address at the Biennial Conference]

One and a half years have past since we last convened in conference. The months have been freighted with trials and difficulties, problems and perplexities; but, as we have reviewed the varied experiences we have had from time to time, and as we have recognized the guiding hand of God through them all, we can truly say, "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised."

During the last year and a half much has been accomplished in Jamaica. Pastor Methuselah Jones, in the west end of the island, has cooperated most faithfully; and continually his efforts have been to build up, strengthen, and encourage the churches under his supervision. Much has been done. One of these churches (Marchtown), and, I think, one of the most active missionary churches in our ranks, has witnessed the baptism of nearly 40 persons this last year; and Sister Innis, the faithful leader of this church, informs me that there are nearly 25 in the baptismal class at the present time.

Brother H. P. Lawson has conducted an effort at Craig. Nineteen persons were baptized and many more are now in a baptismal class. Sister Lawson has been conducting the church school at Seaford Town, and Brother Lawson is very anxious to conduct an effort there.

Brother George Smith has been located at Bellas Gate for some time. His efforts have been a great blessing to the churches in that district. At Croft's Hill eight are now observing the Sabbath, and are being established in this truth.

Brother A. C. Stockhausen located in Port Antonio about six months ago. His efforts there have been most successful, and tithes and offerings have almost doubled. We expect to have a large harvest of souls as a result of the home missionary efforts put forth by the members of that church. A wonderful interest has been developed about fifteen miles south of Port Antonio, and the members of the Port Antonio church feel that they will gather a large harvest of souls in that district.

Brother Frank Fletcher, after assisting his father, Pastor Hubert Fletcher, in an effort in Kencot, was asked to take charge of the Regent Street church. He is having an excellent influence, especially with the young people. Pastor Fletcher, aside from his evangelistic work in different places, has superintended the construction of church buildings at Port Antonio and Guy's Hill. His work has been a great blessing to the churches where he has labored.

Brother S. U. Powell, pastor of the Kingston church, has been doing a successful work. A number have been baptized since the last general session.

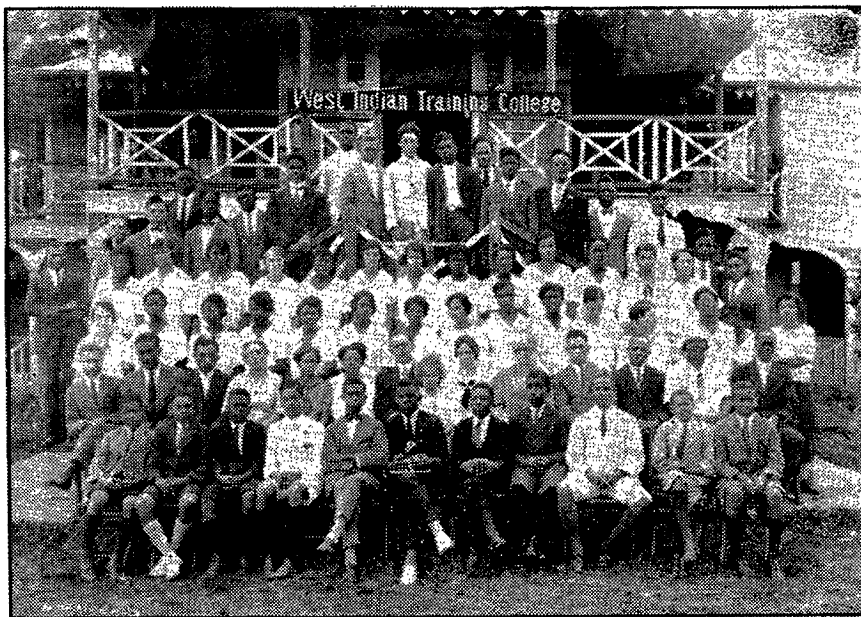
Pastor R. J. Sype, our Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer secretary, has been attending most faithfully, not only to his own duties, but also to mine, while our office has been without a secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Hurdon and I have been looking after the office. This has overloaded Brother Sype, and made it very difficult for him to accomplish the work that he desired to do.

Our Harvest Ingathering work this year has been conducted under conditions that have been detrimental. I re-

healthful places on the island. Unfortunately, heavy burdens have been laid upon Professor Rathbun the last year; but I am thankful to say that much has been accomplished. The faculty has given him splendid cooperation, and I am sure that all will agree that an excellent spiritual atmosphere exists. We also have four church schools that are helping to save our children, and train them for their place in the Master's service.

W. J. HURDON.

Kingston, Jamaica.



Young people from this school at Mandeville, Jamaica, are serving in different parts of the division

fer to the excessive rains last fall, which made it impossible for some of our churches to meet together for weeks at a time. But in spite of all these difficulties the larger churches have reached their goals.

Our Missionary Volunteer work has suffered greatly because of the added burdens that have been laid upon the secretary of that department, but we trust that plans will soon be laid for aggressive work in that department. With the army of young people at our command, there are great possibilities in this department.

The Sabbath school is everywhere recognized as the backbone of the church; and were it not for our Sabbath schools scattered over this island, there would be very little hope for our churches.

Our publishing work has been progressing during the last eighteen months, as will be evidenced by the report from that department. We fully realize that the loud cry of the Third Angel's Message will accomplish its work largely by the influence of the printed page.

We have always been very proud of our training school at Mandeville, so beautifully situated in one of the most

## WITH YOU IN SERVICE

I am taking this occasion to write of my appreciation for being associated with the workers in Inter-America. Having responded to the recent call to connect with the work in the Antillian Union, I arrived in Jamaica, January 16, in time to attend the wonderfully interesting and inspiring conference session of the believers of that island. Jamaica does not look very large on the map, but when one comes to travel over it a bit, he finds that it covers quite an area. Best of all, there are scattered over the island about 80 churches, comprising about 3,000 believers who are rejoicing in God's message for these last days.

Following the Jamaica Conference session, the members of the Antillian Union committee spent several days at the West Indian Training College, studying the field and laying plans for the furtherance of the work throughout the union. We were glad for the presence of Pastors Andross and Wood, and Sister Andross, of the Inter-American Division. We believe that God led in laying plans that will mean much for the furtherance of His work in this union.

Following the union committee meeting, Pastor Sype took me over the island. We visited about fifteen churches in eight days, holding as many as four meetings in as many different churches in one day. On other days from one to three meetings were held. During this brief time we had not only the privilege of meeting with our people in those places, but, by personal observation and contact, we were able to see the needs of the field, and the manner in which God is working in this part of His great vineyard.

On February 8, I left Jamaica for Cuba to spend a few days getting in touch with our work there before returning to the States to make preparations for moving down to this field.

Permit me to say again that I esteem it a great privilege to be connected with the work, and associated with the workers, in the Inter-American Division; and I shall endeavor, by God's help, to press forward to the best of my ability, uniting with all the other workers throughout this great division in the finishing of God's work in this part of the world field. A. R. OGDEN.

Havana, Cuba.

FOUND AT LAST

About a year ago, while visiting in the Boquete country in Panama, I was told of a man, living miles away in the hills, who did not work on the Sabbath. Later I visited Boquete again, and learned a little more. I was told that he rested every Saturday; and, in spite of all the mockery he had to suffer from his neighbors, he insisted that Saturday was the right day to keep. Though some of the people thought he was becoming insane because of his new faith, they said he was a good, sober man. I decided to search for him as soon as possible.

About three months ago, when making another visit to Boquete, I determined to find him if I could. Fortunately, a boy volunteered to take me to the man. After about an hour's traveling, we came to his brother's house. He lived about two miles farther away. But at his brother's home we learned that he had gone away to see his mother. It seemed useless, either to stay there or to go on in our search for him. But somehow I felt impressed to wait. I was still waiting when someone in the house said, "Allá viene Teofilo" ("There comes Teofilo"). He was the man I was waiting to see. I told him how glad I was to see him, and what I had heard about him. He was happy when I told him that I also kept the Sabbath, and that there were many, many of us the world over.

The story of how he learned this truth is a long one; but it proved to be—as is true in so many instances—

through the printed page. Someone had a little book they wished to get rid of, and he asked to be allowed to see it. It was one of our little books, and after reading some in it, he bought it. He found that the right day to keep is the Sabbath, and that Christ would come soon for His people. He believed the end was near. He managed to get two other books in about the same way. He told his people what he had found, and one of his neighbors became interested and wanted to know how he could get in touch with those of like faith. Teofilo said, "Let's keep the Sabbath; and if there are any of these people around, they will hear of it and I am sure they will find us, for they will come in search of us." So they both kept the Sabbath. The news went from mouth to mouth, and his pophecy came true.

Teofilo, his wife, and his nephew, are members of our Sabbath school and

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SO VERY, VERY TRUE

There are no idle words where children are. Thoughts spoken in their hearing carry far, Producing fruit of evil or of good To our great future human brotherhood.

The word dropped lightly from our careless lips. Into the fertile child mind seeps and drips, And intertwines with thought and impulse so It may decide the path some soul shall go!

The eager child mind may not know it hears— The words may fall upon unwitting ears. But naetheless the record's graven deep; Subconsciousness a copy clear will keep.

So speak not thoughtlessly when they are by; Your words fall not on sterile soil or dry. Thoughts sown in plastic minds are carried far; There are no idle words where children are.

—Robert Strickland Gillilan.

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candidates for baptism. Surely, there are many precious souls in the various corners of our Lord's vineyard. We need your help to search for these precious souls. ISHMAEL ELLIS.

La Concepción, Panamá.

WHAT IS YOUR INFLUENCE?

The effect of our influence is illustrated in an experience related by Brother Philip Giddings, of St. Pierre, Martinique. He writes:

"In the beginning of our work in 1927, in St. Pierre, the city destroyed by volcanic eruption in 1902, we had the usual difficulty of finding a place for our meetings. A householder finally promised us one; but when we went to take possession, he had changed his mind, and stated that the tenant who was living there had subleased the house to a friend, for which he was very sorry. That, however, was only an excuse to cover the religious prejudice of his friends who did not want us to get the

place. We continued our search. After a time a friend of the man whose house we had leased and lost, died suddenly, and, consequently, had no time to confess to the priest. According to the law of his church, 'no confession to the priest, no burial by him,' the priest refused to bury the man. This angered the proprietor and his friends, who, for revenge, sent a message to me forthwith to take the house.

"As a result of the meetings held, we have organized a small Sabbath school of six, with an additional isolated member and other interested ones living in the neighborhood."

Brother Giddings also gives us this interesting picture from his field: "One of the young men who has taken hold of the faith is a shoemaker. One Friday afternoon the mayor of the town asked him to do some repair work for him the next day. The young man replied, 'Monsieur (mayor), I am at your disposal six days of the week; but tomorrow, the seventh day, is the Lord's; I cannot, therefore, do the job tomorrow; but I will gladly do it any other day.' The mayor replied, 'young man, I appreciate your principles; I will send the shoes another day;' and he did so."

In a letter recently received from Brother C. G. van Putten, one of our ministers in Antigua, he quotes the following from a letter he had received from a Methodist minister, an acquaintance in a former place of service:

"Thanks very much for your letter of the third of this month, and also for the copy of the Signs of the Times. It is very interesting reading; the work of your branch of the Christian church really is forging ahead. I hope that your work at Antigua is successful, and that you are finding your place among the people."

This commendatory statement received from a minister of another organization corresponds to a statement made to me by an Anglican priest who formerly labored in Jamaica. He said that he was pleased to see the advancement our church was making, and although he had lost virtually 300 members out of his parish to our church, he assured me that it caused him no regret, but that he was glad to see our church forging ahead. Later in our conversation he asked me to pray for him that he might be enabled to overcome his cigarette habit. He also stated that he was greatly pleased with our literature, and thought we were very fortunate in possessing such valuable material.

Surely, we should avail ourselves of the privileges accorded us in holding forth the lamp of truth, maintaining a proper influence, and spreading our truth-filled literature! Let us pray with the Psalmist, "Lead me, O Lord, in Thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make Thy way straight before my face." Ps. 5: 8.

M. A. HOLLISTER. Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

### MOUNT RORAIMA SABBATH SCHOOL

We arrived at Arabupu, the site of our mission near Mount Roraima, on August 23, 1927. While on our journey from Georgetown we held our Sabbath school services and other meetings at our various camps along the way; but on Sabbath, August 27, it was our privilege to open Sabbath school in the partly completed church which had been built for us by the Indians. On that day, for which we had so long waited, we had an attendance of 29 adults and 17 children. All present signified their desire to become members of our Sabbath school at Mount Roraima, and their names were recorded. We had a good meeting. Jonas, who had been with us during the latter part of our journey, and who thoroughly understands the Patamona language, acted as our interpreter. There seem to be comparatively few Arekunas in this neighborhood, and all the Indians with whom we have been in touch seem to understand the Patamona language.

On Sabbath, September 10, I conducted the Sabbath school in Portuguese, using a Makusi Indian called Joaquim as our interpreter. He evidently had learned some Portuguese in Brazil; but with his limited knowledge, he experienced some difficulty in serving as interpreter. However, the Spirit of the Lord will impress hearts even when words are few. We claimed His promise that His word will not return unto Him void. (Isa. 55:11.) We have had many blessed experiences. We have claimed the Lord's precious promises many times; and, although we do not always see immediate results, we hold on by strong faith, knowing that His promises are sure; for "He is faithful that promised." We have had many direct answers to our prayers, and have proved by actual experience the promise of Jesus found in Luke 11: 9, 10. Words fail when we attempt to express our gratitude to Him for His love and goodness to us.

Sabbath, September 17, we organized our Sabbath school with a total membership of 12 adults and 11 children. Sabbath, September 24, we had a record attendance of 206 persons, as at that time all our carriers had arrived with the remainder of our stores. Sabbath, October 22, we had Brother Christian with us. He spoke to the Indians of the necessity of preparing for the coming of Jesus. We were glad for his companionship, and his stay with us was all too short. Just before Sabbath school, on November 5, Sister Cott gave the children 20 garments which she had made, so that every child present on that occasion was well clothed.

We have presented the message to the Indians in as simple a manner as possible, endeavoring to point them to Je-

sus as their Saviour. The picture rolls which we have with us have proved of great benefit in our Sabbath school, especially when we have been without an interpreter for many weeks. Some of the rolls are duplicated, and of these we have given pictures to the Indians to hang up in their huts.

On the last Sabbath of 1927 our Sabbath school membership was 30 adults and 26 children. We had 23 visitors. When you compare this membership with that of 23 on September 17, you will see that our numbers are increasing. Since the beginning of the New Year, we have added several more names of children and others who, we hope, will shortly become members of our school. Recently we have heard of two or three families that intend to move here; and one Indian already has marked out the site for his *banaboo*, and expects to return in a few days to commence building.

Studies on the following subjects have

#### THE HEART OF A QUEEN

Queen Victoria was once visiting one of the large cities of England, where a choir of three or four thousand boys and girls was gathered on a great wooden platform to sing a song of welcome. The next morning after the queen had returned to her palace, she ordered a telegram sent to the mayor of the city. It had no reference to the civic formalities or public functions of her visit, but read: "The queen wishes to know, Did the children all get home safely?"

No more momentous question can be asked by monarch, by nation, or by parents: Will the children reach home safely?—W. N. Hartshorn.

already been presented to the Indians: Creation, the fall, the plan of salvation, the flood and final destruction of the world by fire, first and second coming of Christ, the end of the world, the new earth, the new Jerusalem, the signs of the second coming of Christ, the Lord's prayer, the ten commandments, the ministry of the apostles, the necessity of preparation, the Sabbath, reverence in the house of God, etc. Jesus, our loving Saviour and Friend, has been the main theme throughout.

The Indians, and especially the children, are very responsive, and have learned several Bible texts, which they can repeat one after another, besides a number of hymns which they sing well. They also know the Lord's prayer, and we hope that they will be able to repeat the ten commandments soon. The children are learning to read and write in our church school, and many of the smallest can write such words as "Jesus" and "Bible." The spirit of the Indians in our Sabbath school, especially of late, has been very good, and they show great friendliness towards us.

I felt that I should impress upon them yesterday in Sabbath school, the evils of drinking *cassiri*, an intoxicating beverage. In this practice they indulged much during the holiday season. I did not know just how they would take what I had to say, as this habit is of long standing; but they listened with serious faces when I told them that they must choose between Jesus and their *cassiri*. We pray that they will receive strength from above to overcome.

At times we have been almost at a loss to know how to present our subjects to these Indians in the absence of an interpreter, with our limited knowledge of their language. But after seeking the Lord in prayer, and then going to meeting in the strength of the One who has promised to give us the words that we shall speak, we find that Jesus Himself is our Interpreter; and afterwards we both remark on what a wonderful meeting we had. Sometimes at the beginning of our Sabbath school the efforts of Satan are very evident as he tries to distract the attention of those present by disturbances of all kinds; but the Spirit of the Lord eventually prevails, and an unexpected interest is manifested as we sing our songs and show our picture rolls. Will you not pray for our Sabbath school at Mount Roraima?

A. W. COTT, *Sup't.*  
MRS. E. B. COTT, *Sec'y.*

Mount Roraima, Guiana.

#### TOKENS OF PROGRESS

In a letter received from Brother George C. Nickle, he makes the following remarks with reference to the work in the Central Colombia Mission during the closing part of 1927:

"Recognizing the handicaps which have been ours during the last few months, such as the forced move from Bogotá to Cali, and extra heavy expenses in other respects, I am sure you will be able to appreciate the fact that we have made a definite effort toward lifting our debt to the publishing house. During the month of November, I, personally, sold more than eight hundred dollars' worth of books in spare time. Brother Brower has been very faithful in doing all he possibly could to sell off the stock of miscellaneous books which had accumulated in Bogotá for a number of years.

"Our work in all respects is going forward, and our report at the end of the year is going to show our membership more than doubled since the first of the year. Surely, the Lord has visited us with many blessings, even though in our weakness it has seemed at times as if we could do nothing worth while."

F. L. HARRISON.

Balboa, Canal Zone.



**THE CALL FROM BELGIAN CONGO**

In this wild, cannibalistic country, where human effort seems to avail so little, we see the Spirit of God working mightily. In order to acquaint more natives with the gospel, and with the work which the mission is doing, we sent our teachers out for five weeks into villages beyond our out schools. We sent them out two and two, with instruction to spend one week in each village. They are returning this week with wonderful stories of how the Holy Spirit had gone before them into every village. Generally, when they approached, most of the male villagers ran to hide in the jungle for fear men were coming to catch them for work in the mines or on the railroad. When the natives learned that our teachers were from the mission, they would begin to return, and by the third day nearly the whole village would be out to listen.

In one large village, Ndai, the people came quickly because the chief knows of our mission, and he beat the drum for the people to assemble. At the end of three days some began to bring in their idols. At the close of the week, the teachers had so many idols that they saved a few to bring to the mission, and made a great bonfire of the rest. The people were so anxious to have the teachers and the mission family pray for them that the most interested ones requested that their names be written on paper and sent to the mission. This the teachers did, sending in 117 names from the one village, after less than one week of actual teaching and preaching.

In another village, while the teachers were conducting their Sabbath services, they told the people something of our Sabbath school work, and how the people on the mission gave to help send the *Miyanda Miyampe* (gospel) to others. Immediately those people wanted to help, and almost before the teachers knew what was going on, the villagers had brought about five bushels of *manioc*, their main article of food, for an offering, as they had no money. In every village the people implored the teachers to remain or to send other teachers. The strongest appeal that I could send to you to give as never before for mission work in these dark fields, is an appeal which just came in from Chief Lukamywe. It runs as follows:

The bad path. I ask you many times to send a teacher to show us the good path. You send us no teacher. What can I do? When Jesus comes what will He do with you, *Bwana* (Master), good path. My people only know to walk in because you know the good path, but you send no one to show my people?"

One of our teachers came in with the above appeal as I was writing this letter.

"My people are many. Your teachers read in the letter (Bible) from the Great Chief that Jesus will come soon to give life a long time (eternal life) to the people who walk in the

Did God send it? I verily believe that every Seventh-day Adventist will have to answer for some such appeal, sooner or later. Why not meet it with a good, substantial offering on the thirteenth Sabbath? May the Lord remind us often of this chief's appeal, and on the thirteenth Sabbath may we answer his prayers with abundant means for sending teachers to "The Dark Continent."

ORLO U. GIDDINGS.

*African Division.*

**A TAP NEEDED**

My neighbor's little boy is a wide-awake chap, and imbued with a desire to "be good." One afternoon his mother was entertaining friends, and she gave Johnnie a new ball to play with, but admonished him not to go out of the yard. To make her request emphatic, she told him that if he disobeyed, he would be punished.

The inevitable occurred. Johnnie bounced the ball a few times, and out it rolled into the traffic-burdened street. Johnnie looked toward the house, but not seeing any one, he slowly walked to the gate. There he gave the house another contemplative look, then turned, ran for his ball, and back again.

After the company had gone, his mother said, "Johnnie, do you remember that I told you not to go into the street this afternoon?"

Little Johnnie answered, "Yes, mother."

Mother went on, "I saw you go out into the street to get your ball. I'm sorry, Johnnie, but I shall have to punish you."

Johnnie turned to his mother, "Did you see my ball roll into the street?"

"Yes."

"You saw me start for it, and look back?"

"Yes."

"You saw me stop at the gate a little while, and then go out after the ball?"

"Yes."

"Well, mother, why didn't you tap on the window a little, and help a fellow out?"

That is what is needed, is it not? No one knows how much help a tempted one might get by hearing a friendly warning just at the right moment.

—Selected.

**ATLANTIC COLOMBIA**

Brother Antonio Redondo has made another trip to Tierra Alta, on the upper Sinu river. He reports that the recently organized Sabbath school there is prospering, and that he has a number of donations promised toward the chapel which we expect to build there. He is, at the time of this writing, on a trip to Maracaibo on Lake Betancy, where our work is opening up very encouragingly.

Brother Antonio A. Castro has been on a visit to our most fanatical town, San Juan de Cesar. His cheering word is that in that place two have accepted the truth, and that the sympathies of many of the people are turning toward our work.

Brother Eduardo Coronado has taken a supply of books, and will enter the canvassing work by making a journey through a part of the department of Magdalena.

In closing our books for 1927 we were glad to see that, through the faithfulness of our brethren and sisters, there was an increase of about \$800.00 in the tithes and offerings over 1926. Our people in this mission love the cause, and support it loyally; and surely the Lord will bless them in their faithfulness. I might mention, especially, our little company in San Juan de Cesar. Although they cannot celebrate regular meetings on account of the persecution, they pay their tithe regularly, and gave a thirteenth Sabbath offering for Malaysia.

Another encouraging feature of our annual reports was that we could list eight Sabbath schools with 129 members, instead of four with 59 members. There are a number awaiting baptism in various places. We hope to visit these and baptize them soon.

E. W. THURBER.

*Barranquilla, Colombia.*

**WITH OUR DEPARTMENTS****The Gulf Mission**

Mexico is not the land of *Mañana*; it is the land of today. One only needs to cross the Rio Grande, mingle among the people, live and eat with them, to realize that they are not a rebellious people, but a big-hearted, hospitable, and peace loving people. A *tete a tete* conversation soon reveals to the traveler that the gospel messenger has a greater opportunity today than ever before. There is a tearing away from old-time customs and beliefs, and a venturing out for something new.

Benito Juarez is a familiar name to the inhabitants of the Aztec Republic. He and other reformers tried hard to lead the people out of darkness to a brighter day. But we must remember that these people have been guided for four centuries by a false light. Is it any wonder that they have had, and are having, a time of trouble? The people are not afraid to tell you about it.

"The church is to blame," says a college professor in one of the principal cities of Mexico. While we were standing outside a government night school, he kindly invited us in. We asked him, "What does it all mean?" He replied, "We are fighting hard for the salvation of the Mexican women. They have not been given an opportunity; but today we are determined to help every woman in Mexico to learn how to read."

In Saltillo, one of the beautiful high-

land cities of the state of Coahuila, live Brother and Sister Villareal, who have a well-equipped commercial school and are doing their part in preparing the young and old to be better citizens of Mexico. Not only are they interested in the material welfare of their fellow-men; but they have dedicated one of their rooms for church services, where the spiritual side is considered. Their home was opened to us during the colporteurs' institute, and they helped in every way to make the institute a success. They literally fulfilled the familiar phrase among the Mexican people, *la casa mia y la suya también* (My house and yours also).

The Lord did bless us in our institute, and we greatly appreciated the presence and the help of Pastor A. G. Parfitt, Superintendent of the Gulf Mission; Brethren H. A. B. Robinson, Union Field Missionary Secretary, and V. Calvo, Assistant Field Missionary Secretary. The colporteurs in attendance were Brethren John Williams, F. Govea, D. Gonzalez, P. Mireles, and L. Ortega. In addition to the above, Brother and Sister Villareal and their mother attended all the meetings.

After twelve hours' ride by splendid train service, we reached the city of San Luis Potosi, headquarters of the Gulf Mission, and also the home of Brother and Sister A. G. Parfitt. They are working hard to build up a strong work. While in the office I was shown the following report for the quarter ending September 26, 1927:

Membership .....	183
Churches .....	3
Baptized .....	25
S. S. Membership .....	314
Tithe .....	485.40
Harvest Ingather .....	317.10
Big Week .....	33.80
Miscellaneous .....	.39
S. S. Offering .....	178.69

Before I left the mission home the superintendent said, "We are going to baptize fifty people this year." Every worker is of good courage, and possesses a vision that urges him on, and makes him realize that NOW is the time to carry the gospel news to Mexico.

J. A. P. GREEN.

*Balboa, Canal Zone.*

**From the Far East**

Some of our Missionary Volunteers in the Far Eastern Division are doing remarkably well in their missionary efforts. During the third quarter of 1927 the reporting members of the Missionary Volunteer organization in Japan averaged 10 missionary letters each. The reporting members in Mongolia each averaged 7 missionary visits, 7 Bible readings, 13 periodicals distributed, and 131 tracts given away.

Each reporting Missionary Volunteer in Manchuria, on an average, distributed 2 periodicals and 17 tracts. They

held 2.3 Bible readings; while in the Philippine Islands each averaged 3.6 missionary visits and held 1.9 Bible readings; and in East China they averaged 29 periodicals each.

During the third quarter our reporting Missionary Volunteers in Inter-America each averaged 8 missionary visits, 3 Bible readings, 6 hours of Christian help work, 4 periodicals, 4 tracts, 1 book, and 1 missionary letter.

We are thankful for what has been done in the Far Eastern Division, and for what the young people in our division did; but this is 1928, and we must "attemp greater things for God and expect greater things from Him."

Suppose the young people in Inter-America should have for their slogan for this year, "SOMETHING FOR JESUS EVERY DAY," and would earnestly endeavor to do some kind of missionary work every day of the week.

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\* THE HOME PROTECTION LEAGUE \*

\* "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." \*

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\* "Far more powerful than any sermon that can be preached is the influence of a true home upon hearts and lives." \*

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\* By the help of God, I promise to conduct morning and evening worship in my home. \*

\* Name..... \*

\* Date..... \*

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Think how this report would be changed! Suppose each one handed out a tract every day. It would mean over 4,000 tracts going out on soul-winning errands every day; about 30,000 every week, and about 390,000 every quarter.

Let our Missionary Volunteers in Inter-America, this year as never before, sow beside all waters! Give out tracts and papers! Write missionary letters! Do Christian help work! Yes, make it a rule to do something for Jesus every day.

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**OUR HOMES**

1. What reformatory work will be done in the last days? Mal. 4: 5, 6.
2. Will our young people have a part in the closing of this work? Joel 2: 28. "The Lord has appointed the youth to be His helping hand."—"Testimonies," Vol. VII, p. 64.
3. In order to train the young people for God's service, how faithfully should the parents teach them? Deut. 6: 6, 7.
4. How are parents instructed to bring up their children? Eph. 6: 4.

5. What is the value of proper early instruction? Prov. 22: 6.

6. How early were the Scriptures taught to Timothy? 1 Tim. 3: 15.

7. Why did God confide in Abraham, and commit sacred trusts to him? Gen. 18: 19.

8. What was Abraham's practice? Gen. 12: 8.

9. How may we make a protective hedge around our homes and children?

"If ever there was a time when every house should be a house of prayer, it is now. . . . By sincere, earnest prayer parents should make a hedge about their children. . . . In every family there should be a fixed time for morning and evening worship."—"Testimonies" Vol. VII, pp. 42, 43.

"The homes of Christians should be lights in the world. From them, morning and evening, prayer should ascend to God as sweet incense. And as the morning dew, His mercies and blessings will descend upon the suppliants." *Id.* p. 44.

10. Upon whom will the fury of the Lord be poured? Jer. 10: 25.

11. What question will God ask of us? Jer. 13: 20.

Shall we then be able to answer with Isaiah: "Behold I and the children whom the Lord hath given me?" Isa. 8: 18.

*How many are willing this day to consecrate themselves and their homes to save the children and the young people?*

In the center is the "Home Protection League" card used in Honduras for building better homes during 1928.

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**SABBATH SCHOOL INFLUENCES**

"The Sabbath school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual, in bringing souls to Christ. Our Sabbath school workers need to be especially imbued with the Spirit of Christ. They can not be co-workers with Christ unless they have Him abiding in their hearts by faith. . . . The children need a more decided effort in regard to religious culture. The leading workers and the teachers should labor for perfect harmony. There should be cooperation on the part of parents, children, and teachers. Let every worker labor for wisdom and tact, that he may put forth that well-directed effort which God requires. We are to cultivate tact and sharp discernment, to be quick to see opportunities to do good, and to seize these opportunities and make the most of them. Teachers of the different classes should bring every child into their hearts and under their special watchcare.

"It is impossible to do this work for time and eternity unless the teacher has a close connection with God."—"Selections from Testimonies on Sabbath School Work."

OUR WORK AND OUR WORKERS

After a long itinerary in Mexico, Pastor J. A. P. Green spent a few days in the division office. He reported some very successful institutes. Of these he will tell you more through the MESSENGER. On February 4, he and Brother C. L. Stilson, one of the workers in our treasury department, sailed for other parts of the division. Brother Green went to help in a colporteur institute in Venezuela, and Brother Stilson to audit books in the East Caribbean Union and in the Venezuela and Atlantic Colombia Missions.

Brother W. H. Williams, secretary-treasurer of the South American Division, called at our Balboa office on his way back to our sister division just south of us. We are always glad for the opportunities that come for us to meet our fellow workers passing this way.

Pastor E. J. Lornitz, reviewing God's blessings in Honduras during 1927, writes on January 3:

"Our Harvest Ingathering goal for 1927 of \$1,500.00 has been passed by about \$50.00, for which fact we feel very grateful to God. We plan to place our goal for this year's campaign at \$2,000.00.

"Our soul-winning goal of 100 persons baptized very likely has been reached. I have the record of 97 baptisms so far; and Brother Overstreet's report of the baptism he had the 24th of December has not yet reached me. This ought to bring us over the top. My heart is full of joy for all these souls won for Christ in Honduras last year. This is more, I am sure, than what we have reached for many years. The glory belongs only to God."

In the early part of February, Brother W. J. Richardson of Mount Vernon, Ohio, arrived in the Canal Zone to assist Brother McClary in the construction of homes for the division office workers.

Brother C. J. Boyd, principal of the East Caribbean Training School, came to the Canal Zone February 15 for surgical and medical attention. He is making speedy recovery.

Let all remember to pray for our workers who are ill. Among these are: Sister Baasch, on furlough; Brother J. L. Holder, also on furlough; Brother and Sister Borrowdale, of Porto Rico; Brother C. N. Moulton, in Santo Domingo; and Sister F. W. Halladay, of the West Caribbean Training School. Our workers in Guiana, who are exposed constantly to malaria, also need our prayers.

Day by day let us draw closer together around the throne of grace. There are now more than 11,000 Seventh-day Adventists in Inter-America. What a large prayer band! Let us, with united hearts and hands, press forward in the work to which God has called us to be co-laborers with Him.

Remember Mount Roraima! Do not fail to read in this paper the first Sabbath school report received from that farthest point in the far-flung battle line of missionary advance. Continue to pray daily for Mount Roraima.

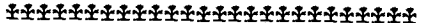
You have also been praying for Brother and Sister J. E. Boehne who are pioneering in 'he Indian work up in Guatemala, and the following note from his letter will encourage you to continue to do so. He writes:

"About as soon as I can board up one room we will be living on the mission property. The rest of the finishing I intend to do after we move. The next time I write, I expect to tell you that I am ready to send the truck for our goods. That will be a happy thing for us. You can imagine how weary one gets trying to do all the cooking on a little sheet-iron stove, as Mrs. Boehne has had to do since we arrived. Then, too, I need other things—especially the grindstone, wedges, files, etc. A rocking chair would seem wonderfully nice, too, when I do

get a half hour to sit down after being on the go from 5:30 A. M. to 8:30 P. M.

"We are not suffering from discouragement. No, far from it, I never was of better courage, confidence, and hope. Every day, it seems to me, Mrs. Boehne and I are filled with new visions and joys in this greatly needed mission enterprise. Our daily prayer is for God to fill us with His Spirit, His decision, His mind, His plans, and His way of doing our work, that we shall make no mistakes, and that we may reveal His character."

On February 15, Pastor and Sister E. L. Maxwell and their youngest son, Milton, spent a few hours with the division family. They were on their way to the Austral Union, of which Brother Maxwell is to have charge. We



ARE ALL THE CHILDREN IN?

Are all the children in? The night is falling, And storm clouds gather in the threatening west:

The lowing cattle seek a friendly shelter; The bird hies to her nest; The thunder crashes; wilder grows the tempest, And darkness settles o'er the fearful din; Come, shut the door, and gather round the hearthstone, Are all the children in?

Are all the children in? The night is falling, When gilded sin doth walk about the streets. Oh, "at the last it biteth like a serpent"! Poisoned are stolen sweets. O mothers, guard the feet of inexperience, Too prone to wander in the paths of sin! Oh, shut the door of love against temptation! Are all the children in?

—Elizabeth Rosser.

Are all the children in? The night is falling, The night of death is hastening on apace; The Lord is calling, "Enter thou thy chamber, And tarry there a space." And when He comes, the King in all His glory, Who died the shameful death our hearts to win, O may the gates of heaven shut about us, With all the children in!

—Elizabeth Rosser.



pray that God may greatly bless these workers as they return to the field from which they have been absent for about ten years.

Do not fail to read "The Call from Belgian Congo" on page six; and then remember that our Thirteenth Sabbath offering this quarter will help answer that call. Let us do our best!

IN BYWAYS AND HEDGES

I am now farming on the west shore of the Panama Canal, across from the Darien Radio Station, and am also doing a little canvassing. Here lies a vast field of Spanish-speaking people, only fifty per cent of whom can read. Many of them have never seen a Bible; but all are anxious to know something about it. They buy Bibles more readily than any other book. All are nominally Roman Catholics, but there is no church of any kind among them; and they really are strangers to Christianity.

In August 1927, I started to canvass one day every week. In a few months, thank God, I sold 16 Bibles, 10 copies of "The Marked Bible," 11 "Steps to Christ," and 2 copies of "Home Physician."

Friends, this field is a large one. Surely, these people, living away out in the jungle, should know about the soon return of Jesus. Are you not longing to see souls from these remote spots coming into the kingdom? I am sure you are. Then will you not join me in earnest prayer for their salvation?

W. T. RICHARDS.

Cristobal, Canal Zone.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS

The Annual Division Council, Home Missionary and Bookmen's Convention, and Secretary-Treasurers' meetings will be held at the new division headquarters, Balboa, Canal Zone, on the following dates:

Secretary-Treasurers' meeting, May 24 and 25. First meeting at 8:00 A. M. Home Missionary and Bookmen's Convention, May 26 to June 5. Division Council, June 6 to 16. First meeting at 2:00 P. M.

By division committee action the following are invited to attend the Bookmen's and Home Missionary Convention:

"Division and union conference officials, and the union conference and mission Field Missionary and Home Missionary secretaries, local conference and mission Field Missionary and Home Missionary and Book and Bible House secretaries."

Those who attend will be notified by their union office.

Several of our brethren from Washington, D. C., are expected to be in attendance at the meetings.

E. E. ANDROSS, President. F. L. HARRISON, Secretary.

MAKING PROGRESS

The biennial meeting of the Jamaica Conference was held at the North Street Church, Kingston, Jamaica, January 12-22. The largest number of delegates and visiting members ever assembled in this church, were in attendance. The sweet spirit of unity and brotherly love prevailed throughout the conference, and the business was attended to with reasonable dispatch.

The report of the president and of the departmental secretaries revealed a good degree of progress in all lines. Seven newly organized churches were received into the conference.

Although it was too soon after the beginning of the year for the treasurer to present an audited report, the union auditor assured the delegates that the obligations, previously resting upon the conference and the Book and Bible House, had been paid in full. This brought new courage to all hearts.

The last Sabbath of the meeting three of the conference workers, Brethren G. E. A. Smith, H. P. Lawson, and A. C. Stockhausen, were ordained to the gospel ministry.

An exchange was made in the presidents of the Jamaica and Leeward Islands conferences. Pastor H. J. Edmed was asked to take the leadership of the Jamaica Conference, and Pastor W. J. Hurdon that of the Leeward Islands Conference. Brother and Sister Hurdon leave a host of very warm friends in Jamaica, where they have rendered very faithful and efficient service; but they will receive a hearty welcome to their new field, while Brother and Sister Edmed, with their years of faithful service in the mission fields, will receive the loyal support of a united people in Jamaica.

E. E. ANDROSS.

Balboa, Canal Zone.

Oh, 'twill be joy in the Home over there To learn from the Master we did our share— That we placed our all in His own hand To preach the truth in every land; And think of the joy to have been a friend On whom He always could depend!

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