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Make Your Life Work Count

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MANY are dissatisfied with their life-work. It may be that their surroundings are uncongenial; their time is occupied with commonplace work, when they think themselves capable of higher responsibilities; often their efforts seem to them to be unappreciated or fruitless; their future is uncertain.

Let us remember that while the work we have to do may not be our choice, it is to be accepted as God's choice for us. Whether pleasing or unpleasing, we are to do the duty that lies nearest. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."

Our plans are not always God's plans. He may see that it is best for us and for His cause to refuse our very best intentions, as He did in the case of David. But of one thing we may be assured, He will bless and use in the advancement of His cause those who sincerely devote themselves and all they have to His glory. If He sees it best not to grant their desires, He will counterbalance the refusal by giving them tokens of His love, and intrusting to them another service.

In His loving care and interest for us, often He who understands us better than we understand ourselves refuses to permit us selfishly to seek the gratification of our own ambition. He does not permit us to pass by the homely but sacred duties that lie next us. Often these duties afford the very training essential to prepare us for a higher work. Often our plans fail, that God's plans for us may succeed.

We are never called upon to make a real sacrifice for God. Many things He asks us to yield to Him, but in doing this we are but giving up that which hinders us in the heavenward way. Even when called upon to surrender those things which in themselves are good, we may be sure that God is thus working out for us some higher good.

In the future life, the mysteries that here have annoyed and disappointed us will be made plain. We shall see that our seemingly unanswered prayers and disappointed hopes have been among our greatest blessings.

We are to look upon every duty, however humble, as sacred because it is a part of God's service. Our daily prayer should be, "Lord, help me to do my best. Teach me how to do better work. Give me energy and cheerfulness. Help me to bring into my service the loving ministry of the Saviour."

Consider the experience of Moses. The education he received in Egypt as the king's grandson and the prospective heir to the throne was very thorough. Nothing was neglected that was calculated to

make him a wise man, as the Egyptians understood wisdom. He received the highest civil and military training. He felt that he was fully prepared for the work of delivering Israel from bondage. But God judged otherwise. His providence appointed Moses forty years of training in the wilderness as a keeper of sheep.

The education that Moses had received in Egypt was a help to him in many respects; but the most valuable preparation for his life-work was that which he received while employed as a shepherd. . . .

In this work Moses was drawn nearer to the chief Shepherd. He became closely united to the Holy One of Israel. No longer did he plan to do a great work. He sought to do faithfully as unto God the work committed to his charge. He recognized the presence of God in his surroundings. All nature spoke to him of the unseen One. He knew God as a personal God, and, in meditating upon His character he grasped more and more fully the sense of His presence. He found refuge in the everlasting arms. . . .

Those who are humble, and who do their work as unto God, may not make so great a show as do those who are full of bustle and self-importance; but their work counts for more. Often those who make a great parade call attention to self, interposing between the people and God, and their work proves a failure. "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee; she shall bring thee to honor, when thou dost embrace her."

Because they have not the determination to take themselves in hand and to reform, many become stereotyped in a wrong course of action. But this need not be. They may cultivate their powers to do the very best kind of service, and then they will be always in demand. They will be valued for all that they are worth.

If any are qualified for a higher position the Lord will lay the burden, not alone on them, but on those who have tested them, who know their worth, and who can understandingly urge them forward. It is those who perform faithfully their appointed work day by day, who in God's own time will hear His call, "Come up higher."

While the shepherds were watching their flocks on the hills of Bethlehem, angels from heaven visited them. So today while the humble worker for God is following his employment, angels of God stand by his side, listening to his words, noting the manner in which his work is done, to see if larger responsibilities may be intrusted to his hands.

[“Ministry of Healing,” pp. 472-477.]

LABOR ON!

PEARL WAGGONER HOWARD

Labor on a little longer,
Swift the day is fleeting by;
Even now the shades of evening
Can be seen across the sky.

Labor on for night is coming
When earth's work must all be done;
Weariness; the time is shortening
And the crown is almost won.

Labor on; the world is waiting;
Look around, the fields are white.
Oh, how few are those who labor!
Yet each moment brings the night.

Rouse thee then to new endeavor;
Labor on; the field is wide.
Courage take from this assurance,
Angel help is by thy side.

Labor on, nor grow disheartened
By the roughness of the way:
Many sheaves—the worker's guerdon—
Shall be thine at close of day.

Guatemala City, Guatemala.

FRUITS

1. Does God desire that the Christian shall bear fruit? John 15: 2.

2. Is it possible to tie artificial fruit on our character tree?

"Prayers, exhortation, and talk are cheap fruits, which are frequently tied on; but fruits that are manifested in good works, in caring for the needy, the fatherless, and widows, are genuine fruits, and grow naturally upon a good tree."—Mrs. E. G. White, in "Review and Herald," August 16, 1881.

3. What is God's standard for fruit? Gal. 5: 22, 23.

4. If falling one hand short of the nine-hand standard for bananas causes rejection, will God be less particular concerning His nine-hand standard? James 2: 10.

5. Some questions concerning the examination of the fruit on our individual character tree:

(a) *Love.* John 14: 15. Besides keeping the commandments which say, "Thou shalt not," do you keep the ones that say, "Thou shalt?" Matt. 28: 19.

(b) *Joy.* Does your joy disappear when you are called to pass through "divers temptations," or do you "count it all joy?"

(c) *Peace.* Are you a peace-maker, or a peace-breaker? Does your life cause friction, or do you carry with you a bottle of oil to pour on the troubled waters?

(d) *Longsuffering.* This is a hardy variety of fruit, that suffers through the long winter, and is just as fresh and sweet in the spring. Have you experienced the blessing of Matthew 5: 11?

(e) *Gentleness.* The Christian who grows this variety of fruit will never be found in charge of an inquisition. How does your gentleness compare with the "gentleness of Christ?" 2 Cor. 10: 1.

(f) *Goodness.* Sometimes we find that people are better than we thought they were. A rough exterior is not always an index to the interior. God will excuse a little blemish on the skin if the fruit beneath is real goodness. Are you filled with goodness as were those to whom Paul wrote in Romans 15: 14?

(g) *Faith.* The branch upon which this fruit grows is evidently going to die out on the character tree of many professed Christians before Jesus comes. Read Luke 18: 8, and ask, "Will He find it in me?"

(h) *Meekness.* Are you growing this variety of fruit? It is very desirable. Zeph. 2: 3. If you find that this fruit is stunted on your character tree, it will be well to have the true variety grafted in. There is only one place where you may secure the settings. Matthew 11: 28, 29.

(i) *Temperance.* What is your relation to Christian temperance as emphasized in the Lord's message to the remnant church?

"As we near the close of time, we must rise higher and still higher upon the question of health reform and Christian temperance, presenting it in a more positive and decided manner."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 112.

6. How many hands are you short of this nine-hand variety of fruit? *The lack of one will disqualify.*

7. What will those say at the time of inspection of fruit, who have been deceived in believing that they possess the standard variety? Matt. 7: 22.

8. What reply will they receive? Matt. 7: 23.

9. What is the secret of growing fruit that will meet heaven's standard? John 15: 5. C. E. WOOD.

Balboa, Canal Zone.

HOME—WHAT IS IT?

Home is one of the sweetest words known to man. The human heart is never satisfied without a home. Home is sought and desired more than any other earthly blessing.

What does the word "home" mean? Is it the place where one is born? Is it where one lives? where one comes in and goes out by day and by night for months and years? Is it a large or small residence surrounded with flowers, gardens, fields, and all the domestic and civilized conveniences of modern life, to which one may have a legal title of possession? Is this a home?

It may or may not be. Home, in the fullness of its meaning, is more than all this. God designs that the home, though it be humble, should be a miniature heaven on earth, a type of the everlasting home to come.

Such a home is governed by love. The father, the mother, and the children each seek the welfare and happiness of the other members and give to them the respect and devotion their positions in the family demand. The father, the head of the home, the mother, the queen of the home, are coequals. The children are ornaments that grace the home. David expressed the wish "that our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace." Ps. 114: 12. To each member of the family such a home is the most sacred and beloved spot on earth.

The art of home-making cannot be developed unless the law of love has its place in the polishing of character. The children are under proper restraint. They honor father and mother by obeying them in the Lord. The spirit of faultfinding and wicked criticism has no

place in the ideal home, but this does not lead the parents to be negligent in correcting, at the proper time and place, the faults of the children. Reproofs are given in the spirit of love and earnest prayer.

Extravagance and waste are avoided, and economy is the study of all. The spirit of benevolence is cherished. God's ownership of all we are and possess is recognized in tithes and suitable offerings. Industry, combining labor and study, is the program.

Family prayer is a sacred hour in the ideal home. The aims and purposes of its members are to qualify themselves for service to mankind and in the cause of God. Such a home meets the mind of God, and is a heaven on earth in which to prepare for our everlasting home. In such homes the light of truth shines forth.

God is looking for young men and women who have shared the labor of the home. Those who have carried the yoke in their youth (Lam. 3: 27) will become burden bearers in the work of carrying the gospel to all the world.

Do our homes meet the standard? If they do, they are the most important training schools our youth can enter. Here they become efficient laborers to go out to establish homes after God's order.—R. A. Underwood, in the "Review and Herald," February 9, 1928.

PROVIDENTIAL OPENING

On a Sunday afternoon while I was looking over my correspondence to see if all urgent matters had been given attention,—much mail had accumulated during my last trip into the interior,—my attention was attracted to an elderly gentleman, enthusiastically inquiring if this was the place where the Adventist pastor lived. He was given an affirmative answer and invited into the office. In a very few words he informed us who he was and what was the object of his call. He was a general of the liberal army of Colombia during the last revolution, and since that time had been working for the liberal party, or, in other words, making war against the Roman Church. A few weeks before he had been in Panama, and while there had come in contact with our church work; and he was now purporting to be an Adventist and was asking for baptism.

On further conversation with the general, I found that he was a brother to the wife of a Presbyterian mission teacher who had been interested in the message for some months. The general was very enthusiastic and begged me to go with him to San Lorenzo to see the school, assuring me that the entire country there was Adventist in heart, and only needing to be led. He was sure

A PHYSICIAN'S PRESCRIPTION

Some years ago a woman went to consult a famous New York physician about her health. She was a woman of nervous temperament. She gave the doctor a list of her symptoms, and answered his questions, only to be astonished at his brief prescription at the end: "Go home, and read your Bible an hour every day; then come back to me a month from today."

And he bowed her out before she could protest. At first she was inclined to be angry; then she reflected that the prescription was not an expensive one. She went home determined to read conscientiously her neglected Bible.

In a month she went back to the doctor's office a different person, and asked him how he knew that was just what she needed. For answer the physician turned to his desk. There, worn and marked, lay an open Bible. "Madam," he said, "if I were to omit my daily reading of this Book, I would lose my greatest source of strength and skill."—*The Wellspring.*

that his sister and her husband were anxious to connect with the Adventist church, and receive the new birth symbolized by the rite of baptism. I had some pressing engagements and could not see my way clear to leave at that time. But when the Lord has a thing for a man to do, he must not fail to respond; so, important engagements or not, I was soon on my way to San Lorenzo and left instructions to postpone other appointments until my return.

The general and I traveled together until we were near the city of San Lorenzo, at which place I was obliged to take a different road in order to meet Brother Brower, who was joining our party. The general was to meet us the following Monday in San Lorenzo. When the general and I separated, he was within a few hours' ride by auto of that place, while I had to spend two more days in making the detour to Girardot. Would you believe me if I were to tell you that I have never seen nor heard of the general since? Well, that is just what happened. I found the folks at San Lorenzo to be his relatives as represented; but as for him, he had done the work the Lord had in mind for him to do, and had gone—nobody seemed to know where.

We were received by his relatives with open hearts and expressions of joy that we had at last come to bring more of the gospel light to their part of the world. That evening at a meeting called in the school house, we were introduced to the congregation as "Pauls" who had come in search of lost souls, and had brought the light from heaven to illuminate the pathway of those in darkness.

Never before have I seen so great an interest in all Colombia as there is at San Lorenzo. The theater manager offered us the use of the theater in which to conduct meetings, and we held four public meetings there with an attendance of as many as 200 adults. Although our time was limited, we stayed with these eager listeners a week; and when we left, many pleaded with us to come back soon to teach them more about the commandments of God and the plan of salvation.

We are planning on a strong meeting in that place, to continue no less than a month, after which we hope to leave one of the native brethren there to complete the organization of the church and to establish a permanent work in that place.

Can anyone doubt that the Lord is leading His people on to victory, with such demonstrations of leadership as this? We may never hear of the old general again, but I shall long remember him as the peculiar individual who led me into this strange experience, the results of which may never be fully real-

ized this side of eternity.

GEORGE C. NICKLE.

Cali, Colombia.

WHAT A CALENDAR DID

Of course no one would ever think of an old calendar being the instrument the Lord would use to interest a soul in the message for these last days. However, that is just what occurred here in the Lake Mission.

A plumber came to fix some leaky faucets and when Mr. Pohle went to pay him, he stepped into the office to receive his money. On the floor lay an old *Review and Herald* calendar that our baby had been playing with. The plumber read the words, "Religious Books," and immediately he became interested and wanted to know if we were connected with a religious organization. The conversation finally drifted to the study of the Bible and of the Sabbath. (There is nothing that arouses the interest of these people like the study of the Sabbath truth.)

This plumber has separated almost completely from his former church, and seems to be accepting this message with all his heart. And, not only he, but his wife and several friends are receiving it.

The woman who does the house work was not a Protestant when she came to work for us in December. She knew nothing of the Bible or its teachings. Little by little I began talking to her about it, and finally took her to Sabbath school. She became deeply interested and bought a Bible. Recently she returned to her people to get her boy so he too could live with an Adventist family. She took her Bible along, fully expecting to be beaten for giving up her former belief; but to her joyful surprise her people became so deeply interested in reading it that they begged her to leave it with them. Surely the Lord is

working on hearts in a marvelous manner and is using the most meager means to draw men to Him.

We have fallen completely in love with our work here, and it seems to have become a part of us. When we came here it was called the "one member mission," and it is still small; but we can see that the Lord has blessed our efforts and prospered the work. We are so happy to see the Sabbath school grow from a membership of only 24 to over 55. A unique device for stimulating interest in bringing visitors has been a great help in increasing our membership.

So we are pressing on as best we can, praying that our weakness may be made perfect in His strength, and that in that great day, when we are assembled on the sea of glass, many happy voices of those saved through the influence of the Lake Mission will help swell the triumphant chorus of the redeemed.

MRS. E. E. POHLE.

Guadalajara, Mexico.

DOES IT PAY?

"That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace." Ps. 144: 12.

Could there be a higher incentive offered for the proper training of our children than is revealed in the foregoing words? Surely not, and within the heart of all true parents there is an overwhelming desire to see their children attain the very pinnacle of success and be fitted for a place in that home eternal. Beside the great burden resting upon the shoulders of our fathers and mothers, there is a grave responsibility for the welfare of every young person or child connected with the ranks of Seventh-day Adventists for which each of us will be held more or less responsible.

Yes, it is true that there are many obstacles to be met and overcome, but like Gideon's brave, loyal, little band who came off more than conquerors, the God of Israel is *today* ready to make *you* victors over these foes and save your children. One of the ways He has provided for this is through the creation of our educational system and the establishment of our schools.

Fathers and mothers, it requires means as well as toil and sacrifice, for there is nothing of value that can be obtained free; but the reward far outweighs them all. The children, properly trained, can share life's responsibilities, and find much joy and happiness in so doing. And how proud we are to see many of our brave boys and girls doing that very thing! As an example of many such cases of those who wrestle with these problems, Brother S. T. Arch-

A KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

In an address filled with words of courage and of far-sighted vision, Miss Mildred Cable, of the China Inland Mission, addressed those in attendance at their annual meeting at Queen's Hall, London, last October; and this is her word concerning the importance of every worker's gaining a full knowledge of Holy Scripture:

"Far from the missionaries' work not being needed in China, there is a great demand for pioneers and teachers, and I unhesitatingly say that whatever the qualifications held by missionary volunteers are, none of these can compare, for a single moment, with a thorough knowledge of and belief in the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make men wise unto salvation. This is the immediate contribution required by the Eastern church from the Western."—*Far Eastern Division Outlook*, Feb. 1928.

bold relates the following personal experience:

"For some years before the opening of the West Caribbean Training School at Obispo, Canal Zone, I wondered how we could ever manage to train our children as workers in this great cause. It was impossible to send them to the States or to Jamaica, for we did not have the money. We had pledged our eldest son to be trained as a gospel minister; and oh, how we prayed and longed for just such a school as has now been established in answer to our prayers—The West Caribbean Training School.

"Two of our children, a son and a daughter, were enrolled as students there on the very first day school opened. I was a sea captain at the time, and just a few months later my schooner of 50 tons was wrecked, destroying my only means of livelihood, and leaving me with only the suit of clothes that I had on. The devil whispered to me that I should take my children out of school now, because of financial reasons; *but I refused to listen.* The Lord rewarded me by sending friends to my rescue. The day I arrived in San Andres, on my way home from the shipwreck, I was offered a position in Old Providence. A year later I was invited by the board to teach church school. This invitation I gladly accepted after resigning my position.

"I was privileged to attend the normal session at Las Cascadas, and while there I sent for two more of our boys to enter school. Two years later, as my faith increased by seeing how the Lord had blessed us thus far in our efforts to educate our children, I sent to the school two girls who were ready for the ninth grade. This gave us six children in the training school and two in church school at home. Today we are not any poorer for our efforts, and are far richer in experience. The children are all working as much as they can and we are helping them to the best of our ability. One daughter has earned two full scholarships by canvassing, and our eldest boy met all his expenses for several years. They both finished the academic course in 1926. He has been connected with the Leeward Islands Conference since finishing, and our daughter is working in the training school.

"Our hopes are being fulfilled before our eyes, and the joy of seeing our children in the Master's service repays us a hundred fold for whatever sacrifices we have made. Mrs. Archbold, by her self-denial even of necessities, shares equally with me in the efforts of educating our children, and together, we give our Lord gratitude, glory and praise."

The above truly is an example of sacrifice and toil. It has meant much to these devoted parents to struggle through the years of strict economy and real

sacrifice for the sake of their boys and girls. There have been times when the plainest of food was none too plentiful in their cupboard, but there has not been a time in their experience in the joy of service for God in rightly training their "little flock" for Him, when their faith wavered or when they wanted to turn back from the thing to which they had set their hand. And who would dare say that it has not paid?

Young people, the door of opportunity opens wide to every boy and girl who persists in knocking for admittance, and just beyond its threshold lies a vast field of usefulness and abundant joy in the service of God.

Fathers and mothers, the great I AM is still the leader of His people and He will guide and uphold you in your efforts to train your children for His service. Our earnest prayer is that in that great day you shall not be put to shame when He shall ask of you, "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?"

MABLE L. LASTINGER.

Balboa, Canal Zone.

WITNESSING IN BUSINESS

In the city of Mayaguez Brother Estrella has a refreshment stand, and on a large tablet in a prominent place is found the following:

"ATTENTION!

"This business is open daily from 9:00 in the morning until 11:00 at night, and is closed from Friday at 6:30 P. M. until Saturday at 7:30 P. M. In this business we sell no cigarettes or anything that is hurtful to health. I have cold water, at 9 degrees here, gratis."

If we remember that cigarettes and tobacco belong to the most profitable and popular sale articles in this country, and that some stands refuse to dispense cold water, we are impressed that this announcement hails from a mind subject to other than ordinary laws.

H. E. BAASCH.

Santurce, Porto Rico.

ATLANTIC COLOMBIA

It was my privilege to spend nearly a month in the department of Bolivar. At Sincelejo, a town in that department, we have a neat little hall in which we held our meetings, and it was a pleasant contrast to holding them in private houses as I had to do last year. Brother Valdes has labored faithfully in Sincelejo, while supporting himself canvassing, and the Lord has blessed his labors with souls converted. Before leaving there I baptized five, and a number more are preparing for baptism.

We are greatly in need of a school in this town, and I was very sorry that on account of not having a teacher available, I could not promise one this year. Some of the prominent people of the

place urged me to start a school. Beside their desire, there are the needs of our own children. In the public school, all pupils are obliged to attend mass, confession, and other rites of the church, and this makes it hard for our people who wish to educate their children.

In Cerete and the Sinu region the work is prospering. Sister Carmen Redondo has a larger attendance in her school this year than ever before, despite the fact that this year we are charging tuition for the first time. We have hired a hall in Monteria, and Brother Redondo will open the first Protestant work, with the exception of the sale of Bibles, that has ever been undertaken in that town. At the present time he is on a trip to Maracaibo on Lake Betancy, where we are preparing to build a chapel. On the Sabbath a large number gathered on the banks of the river near our Cerete chapel, and witnessed the baptism of three persons. A number of others in the Sinu valley are preparing for the sacred rite.

Sister Narcisca Moreno Lopez has her day school in Carillo. This year their little Sabbath school has a better attendance, and she has now entrusted its official duties to others who have had the benefit of her example.

Although we have made no public announcement to attract pupils to our school in Barranquilla, as we did last year, upon my return I found the school starting off with a stronger impetus than ever before. Sister Victoria Davila, the teacher, has all the pupils she can attend to properly, and many of the same ones who attended last year are with us again. The school is having a good spiritual influence upon their hearts.

Brother Luis Urbina has again gone forth into the canvassing field, and has a wonderful list of orders. As he always witnesses for the truth wherever he goes, I am sure that this trip will be a very fruitful one.

One of our *Centinela* subscribers sends his paper to Palestine, another to Germany, and another to New York. Doubtless other numbers find their way to distant places, and there give their message of truth.

Recently while Brother Jorge Escandon was delivering *Centinelas* in the railroad shops, an accident occurred. He, with the others, had to go to the police station to give an account of the accident. While waiting his turn, he was standing by the door, and the breeze blew his coat open. A policeman saw his prospectus pockets, and called the *comandante*, saying, "Look at this young fellow with pockets under his coat! No knowing what he has there in them." So the *comandante* came and asked what our brother had in the pockets. In reply, he took out his prospectus and gave the *comandante* a canvass, and

took his order. There is no lack of opportunity to a real literature missionary.

E. W. THURBER.
Barranquilla, Colombia.

HOW LONG MUST THEY WAIT?

The Totonaca Indians, living on the eastern slopes of the Mexican Plateau, once were among the most intelligent of the Indian tribes of Mexico. One of the best collections in the Indian department of the national museum is what was collected from the Totonaca country, and one is profoundly impressed with the skilful workmanship exhibited by these people.

We have more than a dozen churches scattered throughout this region, and some of them are composed of pure Indian believers. But thousands of these people are still worshiping idols and know nothing of the Saviour that gave His life to save them. Thousands more are in the darkest deception of a false Christianity, and live in no better condition than do the pagans. I spent several days in this section, holding two meetings each day among the churches. Between services, during the day, I treated the sick. We were greatly impressed as, day by day, we met believers who came in from remote villages in the mountains and told us of the interest that their people had to hear the message, and asked us to come over to teach them.

One day while we were holding a baptismal service in a nearby river, a young Indian came near and watched the service. He was told by a brother, who could speak his language, that that was the way Jesus was baptized. After the service he came and shook hands and left for his native village.

He had not been gone long when we saw him returning, at a rapid pace, to where we were standing. He came and stood by us on the river bank, and with a beaming face, told us how his heart had been touched, and he added: "I want to be baptized." I had to explain that he must first be taught the gospel story, and then he could be bap-

tized as Jesus was. We told him we would send a teacher to teach his people, but as I made the promise, I could not help thinking of our thin line of workers. We have several millions of people in the Central Mexican Mission, some forty churches and companies, and only two native workers outside of Mexico City.

The Indian's face lighted up with new hope when told that a teacher would be sent to his people. He stepped forward, extended his hand, and said: "I will go to my people and gather them together so we will be ready to hear the teacher when he comes." We have not as yet fulfilled our promise. These Indian people are waiting for someone to come to tell them that they too may be baptized, "as Jesus was." Oh, friends, how long must they wait?

We must grasp this rising tide of interest throughout this great Indian field where God has gone before us to stir the hearts and minds of these sincere people. We must at least establish a school this year, which will only be the beginning of a great system of schools where young people will learn the simple principles of the message so they can take the story of salvation to their own people. We have entire states where you can travel for many days by canoe or muleback and visit companies of believers, but where as yet we have not been able to send a worker.

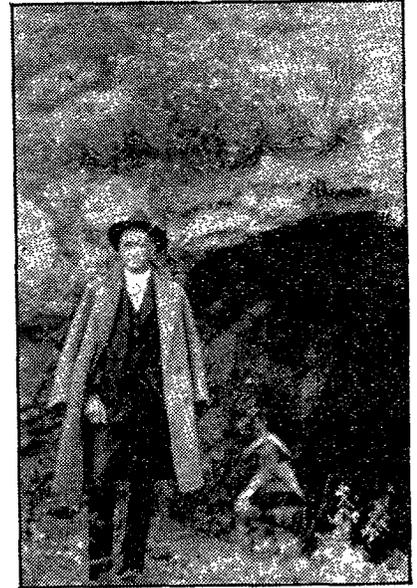
May God's people be impressed to help us in these remote regions of the harvest field. Help us by your prayers that His Spirit may continue to strive with these darkened native hearts. Help us by your offerings that laborers may be sent quickly to the ripening harvest field.

C. E. MOON.
Tacubaya, Mexico.

A FRUITFUL FIELD

El-lurio is a beautiful little section with flowers and green grass, and is situated about one and a half hours' drive by motor car from Panama City. Not long ago I had the privilege of visiting the school in that place, and talking with the teacher. In her school, built and supported by the parents, she has 42 children enrolled. The people there know nothing about missionaries or true Christianity; but they are easily led. What a wonderful opportunity for our people!

Across the jungle from El-lurio, about three and one-half miles, is Rio Pescado. On a recent Sunday, in company with another brother, I visited a man there to whom I had sold



Brother Moon standing beside entrance to cave where believers held Sabbath school

a Bible, a "Marked Bible," "Steps to Christ," and a Harvest Ingathering paper. We found him reading his "Marked Bible." He gladly welcomed us and was much pleased when he learned we had come to study the Bible with him. He said, "I had not known God before I bought my Bible, but now I have faith in Him, and believe that the Bible is His inspired word."

How our hearts thrill with joy when we see these honest in heart find their Saviour and rejoice with us in His love! I ask your prayers in behalf of these poor, benighted souls.

W. T. RICHARDS.
Cristobal, Canal Zone.

IN CENTRAL MEXICAN MISSION

Midnight was a rather late hour to arrive in Mexico City, but it seemed more like midday. I had no trouble in getting a *fortingo*—that is what they call a Ford—to take me to a hotel for the balance of the night.

The next morning I went to the union headquarters, where Brother and Sister Parsons gave me a royal welcome. Brother Pettey, the secretary-treasurer, is very much in love with his work, but the health of the family has not been so good. The high altitude may have something to do with that. We pray that the Lord will give them better health, and use their valuable services in the Mexican Union.

The Central Mexican Mission headquarters are located in Tacubaya. There I met Brother and Sister C. E. Moon. Associated with them are Brother and Sister Dinius, who are doing everything in their power to build up the German work. I was made glad to see one of the old time workers, Sister Maria Rin-



Members of the Zapatista church who are searching the Scriptures daily

con. I also visited the home of Brother and Sister Cooper, and found them of good courage in the Lord.

Walking over the same ground that I traveled over twenty years ago seemed to send a thrill through every part of my body. I thought of the time when we sat on boxes in the old Imprenta, "La Verdad," with Pastor G. W. Caviness as our teacher. We committed to memory a canvass in Spanish for "Coming King." Then that language sounded so queer, and for a few days it seemed impossible to learn it. But what was hard then, has become a pleasure. I do thank God for that commencement exercise, and for His servant, Pastor Caviness, who patiently bore with us for ten days, teaching us several hours daily. His heart was always in the printed page, and he believed that God would some day awaken the Mexican Republic to this message by our literature. His vision has come true, for those silent messengers that did a good work then are working mightily today in the Republic of Mexico.

Brother J. G. Perez, one of the pastors in that mission, spoke of the wonderful interest in the Zapata party. In the small town of Cuautla, Morelos, there is a company of 42, including one ex-general, two ex-colonels, and several other prominent leaders. They were considered rebels and treated as such, but today they are converted men and women. The little church that we have in this town is called the Zapatista church. Instead of using the *mauser* to kill their own countrymen, they are using the Bible to save them. The Bible has transformed these people into obedient, law-abiding citizens, and is preparing them for the judgment hour. When the trumpet call is sounded, instead of running to get the gun as heretofore, they want to answer, "Present and ready for the kingdom to come." They love Jesus, and are making every preparation to meet Him. Brother Perez, who has charge of the Zapatista church, was present in our institute held in the old Imprenta. The Spirit of the Lord did come near. Those present were Brethren A. Perez, H. Sauza, R. L. Villagarcia, and M. Meirhofer.

Brother C. E. Moon presented me with a small idol, explaining, "The people are giving away their idols, and now are worshipping the living God." God is reviving His work, and starting a small reformation in Mexico. The great proclamation is being sounded, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." Tired of idol worship, many people have now chosen a better way. They are heeding the call to "Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." This cry is being sounded up and down Aztecland. It is a call to have faith in God and His word.

Brother Moon took me to Pachuca, where are found some of the most important silver mines of Mexico, and where we have a very active little church. At one time these believers were not permitted to have public meetings. But did this discourage our brethren from having their Sabbath school and church services? Oh, no, they walked some two or three hours up into the mountains, and there found a cave. They entered the cave, and there for several weeks they worshipped their God unmolested, far away from the noise of the city.

Hearing of these experiences reminds one of what is right before us. "The time of trouble such as never was' is soon to open upon us, and we shall need an experience which we do not now possess, and which many are too indolent to obtain. . . . Only those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures, and who have received the love of the truth, will be shielded from the powerful



Workers attending the institute held recently in Mexico City

delusion that takes the world captive." "Great Controversy," pp. 622, 625.

"As the decree issued by the various rulers of Christendom against commandment-keepers shall withdraw the protection of government, and abandon them to those who desire their destruction, the people of God will flee from the cities and villages and associate together in companies, dwelling in the most desolate and solitary places." "Great Controversy," p. 626.

J. A. P. GREEN.

Balboa, Canal Zone.

MEETINGS IN PANAMA CITY

The historic old city of Panama is a fruitful place, and we feel confident that there are still many honest in heart to be gathered into the fold of the good Shepherd before the close of probation's last hour.

The writer just closed a series of meetings in this noted old city, during which fifteen persons definitely took their stand for the Lord. These are being further instructed in the baptismal

class. Pastor A. A. Grizzle, of the Panama Church, and Brother Delroy Andean, one of the graduates from our training school at Las Cascadas, rendered valuable assistance in these meetings.

Two very remarkable answers to prayer were experienced during this effort. One was during the evening's service after a day of earnest prayer in which I asked the Lord to give me ten souls that night. When opportunity was given for those who had decided to obey the truth to declare their determination publicly, by standing, exactly *ten* persons—the number I had asked for—rose to their feet. Again, on the closing night of the meetings, I asked the Lord for five more souls, and when the call was made, five came forward and signed their names to accept the message.

We do thank the Lord for these dear souls, one of whom is a Panamanian lawyer, and no doubt, will be able to wield a wide influence for God. So we see that the Lord in reality is calling men "from all walks of life" to follow Him, and be "fishers of men."

L. L. HUTCHINSON.

Cristobal, Canal Zone.

THEIR LABORS NOT IN VAIN

As our men out in the field look for those who would be saved in the coming kingdom, the experiences they have with our literature encourages them along the way.

I have just received a picture of a large government palace on the western side of Mexico where a brother took fourteen orders for the health book—one for almost every man to whom he spoke. His last month's sales were almost a round \$1,000. A recent weekly report totaled nearly \$490.

Another brother writes that after spending a whole day in a town and taking only one order, he decided to go to the next town the following day. However, he decided to visit the priest before leaving and give him the opportunity of buying a book. Upon inquiry, at supper that night, he was told that the priest lived out in the country a short distance.

Arising early the next morning, he walked out to the priest's home and found him just ready to start out in his new car. After being shown the book, the priest gave the brother an order and also gave him a recommendation to his friends. He then said, "Come along with me and I will take you around to some friends." That day he helped, personally, in the brother's obtaining eleven orders.

From another town comes the story of how anxious the people are for Bibles. Our bookman sold all he had and then sold even his personal copy with his

name in it. Surely there is a great hunger for the Word of God.

From Vera Cruz, where Brother John Brown and I sold books eighteen years ago, and where we now have a company of believers, comes a wonderful report of an extraordinary interest awakened by the lay members. Truly, our work has not been in vain and His word has accomplished that for which it was sent.

H. A. B. ROBINSON.

Mexico City, Mexico.

GOOD NEWS FROM LEEWARD ISLANDS

As an example of real Missionary Volunteer endeavor we quote the following from Sister Skadsheim's report in the *Outlook* of the Leeward Islands Mission:

"In the Missionary Volunteer reports which I received, I noticed that several of our societies are not using the *Gazette*. Each society should have a subscription for the paper as it furnishes the interesting programs and articles to be used in the meetings. It would be hard for the leaders to get up such interesting programs without it as many do not have many books and papers to get material from. The paper costs ninety cents a year, or seventy-five cents if two copies are ordered to the same address. If the society members feel they cannot afford to pay for it themselves, they would do well to follow the example of the St. Johns Missionary Volunteer society. They ordered a number of copies of *Present Truth* for one cent each from the Book and Bible House and held a field day, selling the papers at the regular price of one pence each. That week the members sold three hundred copies, and before the month was over they had sold 450 copies. The money they earned in this way was used to subscribe for the *Gazette* and to purchase other needed supplies. Each society needs to furnish the members with missionary work and surely, selling our truth-filled papers is a good way to do this, and thus accomplish two things at one time."

The Leeward Islands Conference also has a good suggestion for enlisting its "missing members" in the Sabbath school. Sister Skadsheim writes:

"This is a question each Sabbath school should consider. Let the Sabbath school secretary compare her membership list with the church clerk's records, and see if all are in her school. If any are missing let her give the superintendent a list of their names, and then he can take steps to find out why they do not attend. This can be done by his taking two or three faithful members with him, and then after prayer, visit those who are church members but who are not in the Sabbath school. If they are discouraged, the visitors should do

all in their power to encourage them to come, and then welcome them when they do come. Try to have such interesting Sabbath schools that they will always want to be there. Will the officers of each Sabbath school follow this plan, and see how soon every one of our church members will be a member of either the regular Sabbath school, or of the Home Department?"

ARE YOU DISAPPOINTED?

The attendance in practically all our schools is growing larger year by year. We rejoice that so many young men and women can avail themselves of the benefits of a Christian education. It is to those who are trained in this way that we look for leadership in the future of this movement.

But while we rejoice that so large a number can attend our schools, our hearts go out in sympathy to the scores of young men and women who are denied this privilege, some of whom are feeling sorely disappointed in that they could not gain their objective in attending some college or academy.

We urge such to make the most of their opportunities right where they are. Many a well educated man has become such through dint of faithful industry and private study. If you cannot attend an institutional school, make a school in your own home. Avail yourself of the help which has been provided to meet just such emergencies. Scores of young men and women, and older men and women, for that matter, are carrying on regular systematic study under the direction of the Fireside Correspondence School. We believe there are hundreds who desire to secure self-improvement and better education to fit them for life's burdens, who fail to appreciate the opportunities which this school will give them.

How better could young men and women, who cannot go away to school, improve their time for the present year than to take one or more subjects under the direction of the Correspondence School? Why not take up the study of some Bible topic, or something you desire to secure in English, or in history, or in science? You can do it while carrying on your regular business. It will require only a little application from day to day—regular, systematic study for an hour or more. You can take up this work at any leisure moment.

We appeal not only to our youth, but we appeal to fathers and mothers, to those who are older grown. Why not have some objective in life? Why not inject into the humdrum routine of your existence some inspiration in the way of definite systematic study? It will bring to you a sense of real satisfaction. You will feel that you are more of a man, more of a woman, that you have not

fossilized, have not lost your ambition in life, but under God you are reaching out to make the most of your powers.

F. M. WILCOX.

Takoma Park, D. C.

DO NOT MISS

The good Reading Course books this year, Getting a Standard of Attainment Certificate, or seal for it, The splendid gems found each day in the quiet hour of the Morning Watch, The wonderful pleasure hidden away for every Bible Year reader, The great privilege of doing something for Jesus every day,

The opportunity of thus learning how to have faith to expect greater things from God and strength, courage and wisdom to attempt greater things for Him.

SABBATH SCHOOL INVESTMENT FUND

Sister Amelia Brereton, of Indian Walk, Trinidad, gives this report of the Investment Fund plan in the Sabbath school there:

"Two of our brethren bought trees, saved them into boards, and, as a result, one turned in \$3.00, the other \$2.00. One brother sold provisions and raised \$1.32. Another donated a week's wages, which amounted to \$5.00; and in addition he gave twenty cents—his usual amount for desserts. One brother, a saddler, gave a day's wages (\$2.40).

"The children were very enthusiastic about this fund.

"Altogether, by the blessing of the Lord, we were enabled to raise \$21.37. This has greatly encouraged us to do our best for the coming Investment Fund Day."

Sister Borrowdale, Sabbath School secretary in Porto Rico, says:

"We had a very nice program here in Santurce on Investment Fund Day. The attendance was good, and our donations amounted to \$15.61. We let the members bring their offerings in each Sabbath, and then tell how they earned them. Every Sabbath now we have ten or fifteen come up with their offering. It is proving a great blessing to the individual as well as to the school."

During the first quarter of 1927, the Inter-American Sabbath School Investment Fund gave \$101.58 to missions; during the second, \$379.11; during the third, \$235.46; and during the fourth, \$620.63.

You will notice the rapid growth of this method of securing funds for the finishing of God's work in the world. Somehow, I believe, God has given us this plan; and He will bless us as we try to make the most of it.

WITH OUR WORKERS AROUND THE CIRCLE

Pastor E. E. Andross while visiting in Guatemala spent a short time at the mission station where Brother and Sister Boehne are beginning work among the Quiche Indians. He feels that the prospects for our mission work in that field are very promising.

Brother and Sister N. W. Dunn and their two little children arrived from America April 12. Brother Dunn will work among the Spanish people in Panama City. We are very thankful to have these devoted workers in our midst; and pray that they may be blessed with health, happiness and success in all their work while they labor in Inter-America.

Brother F. L. Harrison is in Mexico on an auditing trip. During his absence Sister Harrison and the little girls, Marjorie and Thelma, are spending a little time in the States.

Writing from Sincelejo, Colombia, Brother Thurher relates the following interesting incident:

"Last year when I was here, there was a young man twenty years old who attended some of our meetings. He was timid and for that reason did not respond to efforts to engage him in conversation. But the truth made an impression on his heart, and he not only began to keep the Sabbath, but influenced his family to do so. Ten months ago he could not read or write, but, awakened by the truth, he bought a primer and had his aunt teach him to read. Now he is teaching his sister. He recently sent in his tithe to the treasurer of our company at Sincelejo. Not long ago, on a fiesta day, he went out with Brother Valdes and sold ten *Centinelas*. A year ago I would not have thought he would have the courage to approach people to sell them anything."

Pastor G. C. Nickle recently spent the week end with the Bogota church, during which time he was able to hold three meetings with the church members there. He found them all of good courage, and made the acquaintance of several interested ones who have begun attending the regular services since his last visit about two months ago. Returning by way of Girardot, he and Brother F. A. Brower met with the company of believers there on Sunday night. About twenty persons, who have become interested in this message through the labors of Brother and Sister Cortes, attended.

Brethren Nickle and Brower arrived in Cali on March 28, to conduct an institute for the colporteurs. After the institute four new recruits in the colporteur field launched out in this, their chosen line of work, endeavoring to spread the gospel in Colombia by means of the printed page. Remember these new laborers in your prayers.

In a recent communication from Brother Lornitz he sends the following encouraging report of the meetings he was conducting in Belize, Honduras:

"We are in the second week of our effort, and we are thankful for twelve persons who have already taken their stand for the truth. Among these is a tailor. We have had as many as six policemen attend the meetings, and two of these have declared intentions to keep the Sabbath."

Brother R. H. McClary, who superintended the work on the Inter-American Division homes and office, later went to Costa Rica to assist in remodeling the mission home there before returning to his home. He sailed for America April 25. Brother W. J. Richardson, who assisted him, sailed for the States earlier in the month.

NEWS NOTES FROM THE BAHAMAS

Pastor W. E. Bidwell, our mission superintendent, has just returned from Watling Island. He had a rib broken while on the trip to this

island, and a scorpion stung his left eyebrow shortly after landing there. The poison caused his eye to be swollen shut and his forehead to turn black. But this suffering did not deter him from working while there.

Brother G. W. Lawrence, on account of serious illness, has had to leave a growing interest on Great Inagua, an island of our group just east of Cuba and north of Haiti. He has been here in Nassau more than a month now, receiving medical attention.

Two of our local church members, Brother and Sister Sweeting, have sailed for Inagua to hold together the Sabbath school of about twelve members, organized by Brother Lawrence, and also to do personal work for the people there.

Through the efforts of Brother W. W. Antonio, our local church elder, the Nassau church has increased its reporting membership in home missionary work from an average of about 12 at the close of 1927 to 28. We look for it to continue to grow in this line of work.

HARRY E. BEDDOE.

Nassau, Bahamas.

NEW HEADQUARTERS

For more than four years our division headquarters have been located in a large commodious building owned by the American govern-

SABBATH SCHOOL RALLY

DAY—JUNE 9

Does It Mean Anything To You? Is Your Sabbath School The BEST School In Your Conference? If Not, Make RALLY DAY Your Day Of OPPORTUNITY. Are All The Church Members In? Bring Them In JUNE 9. What About Attendance? Encourage It JUNE 9. Does Your School Have 100% DAILY STUDY? EMPHASIZE IT JUNE 9. Do You Receive The WORKER? Have It There JUNE 9. "In All Kinds Of Weather We'll All Work Together."

MAKE RALLY DAY COUNT!

ment. We were glad, indeed, to find in it a home for our division office and office families; but for many months the government has needed the building. The government officials, however, have been very generous in giving us ample time to make other arrangements. It was decided to erect our own buildings.

The middle of April the families working in the division office moved into the new houses erected for them; and on Sunday morning the workers assembled for morning worship for the first time in the new office building in front of the cottages. The office building and the homes are located on the beautiful, and prominent corner in Balboa, assigned us by the American government. We thank God for this monument to His truth and pray that it may ever be true to its divine purpose.

ANOTHER WORD OF PROGRESS

Returning from a recent visit to the islands of Old Providence and San Andres, Pastor L. L. Hutchinson brings this encouraging report:

"Forty-two persons were baptized after a series of meetings lasting only one month. Surely, the Lord is working. Included in the forty-two persons baptized, were three entire families, also four husbands of believing wives, who for many years have been praying for their husbands. This makes seven entire families united in the blessed truth during this short series of meetings.

"The success of these meetings, aside from the mighty outpouring of the Spirit of God, was due largely to the faithful colporteur, who, years ago, placed out books in *nearly every home* on the islands, and also to the Christian influence of the church members, and the consecrated lives of Brother and Sister S. T. Archbold, who are residents of Old Providence Island, and who for many years have led out in our church and school work there."

A CHANGE AT THE PRESS

The many friends and co-workers of Brother H. C. Kephart, who has so faithfully and successfully spent the last twelve years as manager of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, Cristobal, Canal Zone, will learn, with sincere regret, of his departure from our field.

On April 15, as the S. S. "Cristobal" sailed from the Atlantic port, four of the passengers on board were Brother and Sister Kephart and their two children. Because of the health conditions of Brother Kephart, which the doctors here did not seem to be able to correct, he was forced to abandon the work with which he had been so long connected and return to the homeland. He will serve as secretary-treasurer of the Upper Columbia Conference—the office he formerly occupied before coming to the Inter-American Division. It was with deep regret that we bade them goodby, for it has been a real pleasure and encouragement to have Brother and Sister Kephart in our field, and we know that they will be as great a blessing to the field to which they are going as they have been to ours.

But to counterbalance our disappointment in losing our fellow workers, we are happy to welcome to our midst Brother and Sister E. W. Everest. Brother Everest was former manager of the publishing house in South America, but has been laboring in North America for some time. He will succeed Brother Kephart at the Pacific Press in carrying its work forward to greater and greater success. We extend to them our most cordial welcome, and pray that the Lord will give them much joy in His service in this great, needy field.

OUR FALLEN COMRADES

Two of our faithful fellow workers have been called to rest from their labors. Brother Peon, over in Haiti, and Sister M. Harrison, our first Sabbath keeper in Jamaica, both died in March. We hope to be able to pass on to our readers more information regarding these faithful comrades soon.

About a year ago Brother Peon, who had toiled so earnestly in soul-winning work, and had been instrumental in bringing many French people over in Haiti to their Saviour, felt that the Lord probably would heal him. His courage was good and his faith unwavering.

It was Sister Harrison over in Jamaica, who, after she had stepped out all alone into a path marked out by literature that had come to her, went all the way to America to plead with the General Conference officials in behalf of Jamaica. And in response to her appeal our first missionaries went to that island where we now have the largest conference in the division.

Today the memory of these untiring workers call us to examine ourselves anew to make sure that we are following in the trail of spending and being spent unreservedly on the altar of service.

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