

"A Distinct Work is Assigned Every Christian."



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HOMeward BOUND

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As I hear of the terrible calamities that from week to week are taking place, I ask myself, What do these things mean? The most awful disasters are following one another in quick succession. How frequently we hear of earthquakes and tornadoes, of destruction by fire and flood, with great loss of life, and property! Apparently these calamities are capricious outbreaks of seemingly disorganized, unregulated forces, but in them God's purpose may be read. They are one of the means by which He seeks to arouse men and women to a sense of their danger.

The coming of Christ is nearer than when we first believed. The great controversy is nearing its end. The judgments of God are in the land. They speak in solemn warning, saying, "Be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:44.

But there are many, many in our churches who know little of the real meaning of the truth for this time. I appeal to them not to disregard the fulfilling of the signs of the times, which says so plainly that the end is near. O, how many who have not sought their souls' salvation will soon make a bitter lamentation, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and my soul is not saved!"

We are living in the closing scenes of this earth's history. Prophecy is fast fulfilling. The hours of probation are fast passing. We have no time—not a moment—to lose. Let us not be found sleeping on guard. Let no one say in his heart or by his works, "My Lord delayeth His coming." Let the message of Christ's soon return sound forth in earnest words of warning. Let us persuade men and women everywhere to repent, and flee from the wrath to come. Let us arouse them to immediate preparation; for we little know what is before us. Let ministers and lay-members go forth into the ripening field to tell the unconcerned and indifferent to seek the Lord while He may be found. The workers will find their harvest wherever they proclaim the forgotten truths of the Bible. They will find those who will accept the truth and will devote their lives to winning souls to Christ.

The Lord is soon to come, and we must be prepared to meet Him in peace. Let us be determined to do all in our power to impart light to those around us. We are not to be sad, but cheerful, and we are to keep the Lord Jesus ever before us. He is soon coming, and we must be ready and waiting for His appearing. O, how glorious it will be to see Him, and be welcomed as His redeemed ones! Long have we waited; but our hope is not to grow dim. If we can but see the King in His beauty, we shall be forever blessed. I feel as if I must cry aloud, "Homeward bound!" We are nearing the time when Christ will come in power and great glory to take His ransomed ones to their eternal home.

A PERSONAL WORD TO YOU

Dear Fellow-Believers:

With what frightful swiftness the years are passing while the stream of time is irresistibly bearing us on to the great day of God. As we entered 1930 we passed another mile-post on the way to the kingdom. How soon we will bid adieu to the last one, and you and I be called to stand before the King, no one but God can tell. We do know, however, that that great decisive day is right upon us.

Over and over again in the Bible and in the Spirit of Prophecy God has assured us that when we see fulfilled the very words of the prophets in the things that week by week are taking place before our eyes we may "know that He is near even at the doors." God cannot lie. He cannot break His covenant with His people. "For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." "For yet a little while, how short! how short! the coming One will be here, and will not delay." Heb. 10:37 (*Rotherham's Translation*).

My heart is filled with an inexpressible longing to see this year, 1930, crowded full of supreme efforts on the part of our workers and of the entire body of our people to persuade men and women everywhere to prepare to meet their God. Shall we not rally all our forces, and under trained leadership, enlarge and extend the campaign in behalf of multitudes of unprepared souls, arousing them to the necessity of immediate preparation of heart to stand in the presence of the great Judge?

Let us carry the triumphs of the Cross into new fields; let the pure white banner—the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus—be planted on territory that till now has been held by the enemy. Let this be a year of decidedly aggressive warfare. "Our General, who never makes a mistake, says to us, 'Advance. . . Enter new territory. Lift up the standard in every land.'" This means that we are to enter every country, every city, every town, every village, every community, every home; that we are to approach every individual with this gracious warning message,—Repent, and flee from the wrath to come, and we must do this with the greatest possible haste. "We have no time—not a moment—to lose."

We should now summon our entire church membership to universal action, training them for efficient service. We ourselves must lead in this mighty endeavor to save the lost. By evangelistic efforts, by personal efforts from house to house, with untiring zeal such as characterized the Master at the well of Samaria, let us rescue men from impending ruin. When we are animated and vitalized with the Holy Spirit's

power, multitudes will yield to our impassioned appeals, and will be constrained to seek refuge in Jesus. Oh, that He would breathe upon you and me today as He did upon the disciples in the upper room, and fill us with power for service commensurate with the unprecedented demands of this last, last hour! Praise God, He will do all of this and more for us as with earnest, persevering prayer we lay hold upon the mighty arm of power, and with simple, trusting faith move forward in obedience to His command. The fearful, the hesitating, the ease-loving will never carry the palm branch of victory or wear the star-laden crown of glory. Triumph always follows decided heroic service for God.

E. E. ANDROSS.

Balboa, Canal Zone.

THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

For more than a quarter of a century after the beginning of the work of this denomination, our workers were secured by selecting such men as had received some education from the secular schools, and who by careful study on their part prepared themselves for some place of usefulness in the cause of God. Some had but little learning, as we understand the term today. They had not attended schools to any great length. God used them in spite of the lack of education, and because of their deep piety and their untiring efforts to get that which had not been theirs before; they were wonderfully successful in their work.

In after years, the Lord through His servant began to warn us that we ought to have a school where workers might receive the benefits of a Christian training. It was not till the year 1874 that the matter of the education of the youth was taken seriously; but during that year definite steps were taken to erect a college for the training of workers. Battle Creek College was built at that time. Another notable event in the history of Seventh-day Adventists occurred during that same year. Pastor J. N. Andrews was sent as our first missionary to a foreign field. He began his labors in Europe at the same time that we erected our first training school.

From that time to this, the work of sending out missionaries and the work of training the young has gone hand in hand. Of all the thousands of workers in the cause of God today, practically all of them have received all or part of their education in a school operated by Seventh-day Adventists. This is a natural thing to expect. Our training makes us very largely what we are. Our occupation has the initial preparation for that service which we are to perform. The school is one of the means which is ordained to lead the individual into his

life work. The doctor, the nurse, the teacher, the minister, the accountant, and many other professions and trades have their schools which give the foundation of the successful career which follows.

On page 537 of "Counsels to Teachers," we have the following words: "The youth must soon bear the burdens that older workers are now carrying. We have lost time in neglecting to give young men a solid, practical education. The cause of God is constantly progressing, and we must obey the command, Go forward. There is need of young men and women who will not be swayed by circumstances, who walk with God, who pray much, and who put forth earnest efforts to gather all the light they can."

The careful training of the child is strongly urged; and the church school is as much a part of the plan for the education of the youth as is that of the academy and the college. The foundation of education is laid in the first eight grades, and unless that work is well done, the super-structure will be also faulty. It is a fact also that the church school is the most natural feeder of the higher school. It is in the early years that the most lasting impressions are made, and without this foundation work, we cannot expect the youth to make right decisions when the time comes for them to make the life choice of work.

It is in the plan and purpose of God that every child of Seventh-day Adventists shall have the benefits of a Christian education. We are to devise ways and means for helping every willing youth to have such a training. It is in the plan of God that every member of the church is to have some part in the financial support of the school system.

We trust, therefore, that every Seventh-day Adventist will give earnest heed to the call of the Lord at this time, and that we shall soon be able to help thousands of the youth of the Inter-American Division to secure that training which is needed now in the cause of God.

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GOD'S PROMISE AGAIN PROVED TRUE

"In the morning sow thy seed and in the evening withhold not thy hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper; either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11:6

"It is true that some who buy will lay them on the parlor table, and seldom look at them. Still God has a care for His truth, and the time will come when these books will be sought for and read. Sickness or misfortune may enter the home, and then through the truths contained

in these books, God sends to troubled hearts peace, hope and rest. His love is revealed to them, and they understand the preciousness of the forgiveness of their sins. Thus the Lord cooperates with the self-denying workers." *"Manual for Colporteurs."* p. 6.

An experience has just come to my attention that proves the truthfulness of these promises that God has given for the encouragement of the faithful colporteurs. It is a very encouraging experience for me and I am sure it will be for other colporteurs.

Several years ago one of our colporteurs here in Cuba sold a "Great Controversy" to a young girl in Camaguey. She never looked at the book after buying it, but when she was married she took the book into her new home. Her husband had looked at some of the pictures a few times but had never taken the time to read it. One day when he was recuperating from a spell of sickness he called for something to read and his wife brought him the "Great Controversy," it being the first thing she saw.

The more the man read the more interested he became. He did not stop until he had finished the book, not only once but twice. He was convinced that all that the book taught was the truth and he accepted it as such,—the Sabbath and all. He gave up all his evil habits, including tobacco and alcohol. He sold his grocery store and saloon, so as not to have to sell tobacco and drinks.

Besides giving up his business he was forced to give up his father, mother, brother and sisters, who were all bitterly opposed to his new religion. His wife was influenced by her mother to leave him for fear he was going crazy. Only a short time before, one of their family had gone insane as a result of spiritualism. Every Sabbath he had to go to the woods to pass the Sabbath as he was not permitted to do so around his relatives. He continued in this way for four months, not knowing that there was another Seventh-day Adventist in all the world.

One day he went to see a man about doing some hauling for him. As he entered the house, he saw on the wall a Law of God chart. As he stood there reading it the tears began to run down his cheeks. He turned to the man and said, "Friend, you are the richest man in all Camaguey." The man told him that he was only a poor workman and he asked him why he said this. He said, "If you will take the list of commandments that you have there on the wall and make them the ruling guide for your life, you will have something that riches cannot buy." Then the brother told him that he and his family were trying to do that very thing. He wanted to know if they had accepted the fourth commandment also. When he found that there was another person keeping the

Sabbath, and that there was a company in Camaguey who were doing the same, his joy was unspeakable. The next Sabbath was spent with the company in Camaguey instead of in the woods as he had done before. Every Sabbath found him there drinking in the message that Elder Stewart had for them.

Brother Salvador, for that was this brother's name, was a man of great faith. He began to pray that the Lord would

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Let me grow more earnest as I mingle with those who are indifferent.

By daily Bible study, secret prayer, and quiet meditation, let me continue to grow in my Christian experience.

Let my daily actions prove that my life, my time, and my money all belong to God.

Let me plan everything with reference to the needs of others, not my own.

Let me never again be led astray by my feelings, but let me ever cling to my determined purpose to be an earnest Christian.

Let me be a winner of souls, always realizing that life holds no privilege more precious than to give itself for the salvation of others.

Let me make Henry Clay Trumbull's life purpose my own: "I have resolved that whenever I am in such intimacy with a soul as to be justified in choosing the subject for conversation, the theme of themes shall have prominence between us so that I may learn his need and if possible, help him."

Let me rise above fault-finding, jesting, and gossiping, and become absorbed in the great work of giving the Third Angel's Message.

Let me remember that my life is somebody's Bible, and that it should be so true to principle that it will lead others to Christ.

Let me each morning pray: Take me, O Lord, as wholly thine. I lay all my plans at thy feet. Use me today in thy service. Abide with me and let all my work be wrought in Thee.

restore to him his family who had deserted him; and it was not long until his wife and children decided to return to him. He also prayed for his parents and brothers that they would see the light of the Message and accept it. It seemed that they were unmoved and all that he could do had little effect on them. Then one day a very sad thing happened. As he was going to work one morning with his truck, to haul gravel for the highway, it upset and he was killed instantly.

When Elder Stewart heard of his death, he went over to his house and found all the family trying to drown their sorrows by drinking. He asked for permission to speak a few words before they went to the cemetery. He gave them a little study on the condition of man in death and pointed them to a hope in the resurrection. Then Sister Stewart and another sang a beautiful song.

Several days after the funeral the mother with the brothers came to see Elder Stewart, telling him how they enjoyed his study and they had a great many questions to ask him. The mother had been having mass for her dead son, but said that she found no satisfaction in it. This gave Brother Stewart a chance to point her to the One in whom she could find real contentment and satisfaction. One of the brothers had found a "Steps to Christ" that Brother Salvador left and he had been reading it and expressed his belief in what the little book taught. What will be the final harvest from that one seed sown only time can tell, but we are in hopes that there will be several souls saved in the kingdom of God as a result of this "Controversy" placed in the hands of a girl. What a joy that colporteur will have when in the New Earth he meets souls saved as a result of his labors!

Havana, Cuba. R. R. MATTISON.

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FOUR NEW RECRUITS

In January the Spanish Academy in Central America closed another school year. There were four young people in this graduating class. One is from Panama, one from Nicaragua, one from Colombia and the other from Venezuela. They are all going directly into the work of helping to spread the Message of the kingdom. Thus four more gaps in the firing line are soon to be stopped. Surely, we all rejoice and praise God for these new recruits.

So again we are reminded that La Academia Adventista is functioning. Already she has given five workers to the field, and she is not yet three years old. Let us gather more of our youth into the school that we may be able to develop more and more workers to labor in these neglected republics.

Brother McWilliam writes that Guatemala must be represented another year, and he mentions four who would like to be here in school. Two of these are canvassing for scholarships. We are sure that Brother McWilliam means to help these young people make a success of their undertaking. From the south Brother Baasch writes of five in Colombia who plan to be with us next term. Two of these are also out canvassing for scholarships.

The next school term will begin about the middle of April. There is still time to earn scholarships. Let us all lift together and double our enrolment next term.

W. H. WINELAND.
San José, Costa Rica.

A TRIP TO CHIRIQUI

With a sense of real satisfaction and gratitude of heart we steamed away on the United Fruit boat, "La Perla" the evening of November 2. It was the first trip I had been privileged to make with Pastor W. E. Baxter, superintendent of the Central American Union, and it was also the first trip for each of us to Chiriqui.

After a calm and pleasant voyage on the bosom of the great Pacific, our good ship came along side the United Fruit Company dock at Porte Armuelles, about 5:00 Monday morning. With bag and baggage we soon found ourselves aboard one of the little gasoline trains which operates between Porte Armuelles and other chief points of the province of Chiriqui. We passed through miles and miles of huge banana plantations, and soon wended our way around through the foothills. After a two-and-a-half-hour ride, we arrived at David the capital. David has a population of about 10,000. It is coming to be a very important center, having recently established a national airport which puts it on the route of the international airline that unites the two Americas.

As yet, we have only a small company of believers in the Advent Message at David, but we hope that ere long we shall have our strongest church in Chiriqui located there. Brother J. J. Smith has been working in Chiriqui for the past two or three years, so, after making hotel arrangements, we looked him up. We were also pleased to get in touch with the two families of Spanish believers there, and we held a little cottage meeting with them the first night. The following night a meeting was held in the hall for the general public. A number of interested ones listened to the message Elder Baxter delivered to them in their native tongue on the grand and glorious hope of the soon coming of Christ. One young man who listened very attentively and seemed very earnest, went with us to the hotel and bought a Bible. It seemed he had had one some time before but had lost it through lending it out, and for months he had been trying to secure another. He seemed so happy to be able to obtain another for his own use. During the time we were in David, the Lord blessed in a marked way in our Harvest Ingathering work, and we were enabled to gather \$99.50.

From David we went to the beautiful village of Boquete, nestled among the mountains at an altitude of about 4,000 feet. That is as far as the little railroad extends. We enjoyed our sojourn there, breathing the fresh, invigorating breezes from the mountains, and meeting with our faithful little church of fourteen members, who are happy in the hope of the soon coming of Jesus. At present they meet together in a thatched-

roof house of one of their number about a mile from town. The Lord blessed in the service held with our dear people there on Sabbath, as well as the night before in the service held in the little theater building at Boquete for the general public.

Sunday morning we bade *adios* (good-bye) to Boquete and our dear brethren and sisters there and went by train to La Concepción, where we have a church of thirty-one members, the most of whom we were privileged to meet during our two services there Sunday and Monday nights. All seemed to enjoy the messages God was pleased to bring to them through Elder Baxter of the glorious hope of Christ's soon coming. Sister Clementina Concepción, one of the first graduates from our training school at San Jose, Costa Rica, is teaching the church school, and is getting along nicely.

The fourth and last of the churches visited in Chiriqui was in the little mountain village of San Andres. This trip was of special interest to us in that it had to be made on horseback. Brother Ubaldino Concepción, Pastors Baxter and Smith and I made up the party. For about fifteen miles we rode over rough narrow trails, which were stony and very steep in places. We crossed four mountain streams, and the rugged beauty and strangeness of the changing scenes made the trip very interesting indeed. But best of all is the thought that all through that section of rugged country the Third Angel's Message is being heralded and many victories for the truth are being won. At San Andres we were glad to meet a good-sized company of believers. The little galvanized-iron covered chapel is on a hill overlooking the town. Furthermore, it is truly "a light set on a hill that cannot be hid." In this same little chapel Brother Ferris Thorpe, eldest son of Brother and Sister Thorpe of La Concepción, is successfully conducting a church school of about twenty pupils.

The night we were there in San Andrés Brother Baxter had quite an extraordinary experience. By request he spoke on the Roman question as brought out in Revelation 13 and 14. Brother Baxter thought that a little too stiff a subject to present when it was possible for us to be there only the one night, but he was assured that that was what the people wanted. There was a good attendance at the little chapel that night. Every seat was taken and the bench from the platform had to be removed to accommodate more of the people. After a good full hour on this heavy subject, in which Brother Baxter brought out very clearly the seal of God and the mark of the beast, the meeting was dismissed, but not a soul stirred out of his seat. After some time had passed he

decided that they wanted to hear more, so he stepped back into the pulpit and preached a sermon on the coming of Christ and the home of the saved. No one left until the meeting was dismissed the second time. A third meeting was held for the fathers and mothers of the church in behalf of their children. It seemed quite remarkable to us that the people would stay right through a sermon of that character and still wanted more. And yet, it is not strange, for there are many thousands of sincere people in these countries who are hungering for the straight Message of the gospel. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Let us pray "the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth more laborers into His harvest." W. R. MULHOLLAND.

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INSTITUTE IN CENTRAL COLOMBIA

The last few days of the old year found seven colporteurs of the Central Colombia Mission gathered at Cali for institute. It seemed very fitting to have the colporteurs together during the last days of the year for prayer and study before taking up their work for another year. The desire of our hearts as we met in institute was "a new vision of the work of the colporteurs and more power to do what God expects of me."

Brother Brower has been given the responsibility of encouraging and directing the colporteurs of that mission. His years of experience in Colombia enables him to lend the colporteurs valuable assistance. Brother Brower, also Pastors Baasch and Nickle, assisted in the institute and helped to make it very profitable for the colporteurs. A sweet spirit of consecration and prayer was present through all the days that we were together.

As we studied what has been lost by lack of diligence and lack of faithful time in service, the colporteurs all voted, with the help of God, to be more faithful in giving to God full service in hours each week. At the suggestion of Brother Brower they took as their motto for the new year: "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

The Central Colombia Mission has just finished a very successful year in book sales, having delivered in value over \$18,000 worth in gold in a time of a very bad financial crisis in the country. I believe with the blessings of the Lord, the constant help of Brother Brower, and more faithful service, we may expect great things, in that mission in

1930. The colporteurs organized themselves in teams. Cali is their starting point for this year; and they have divided that city into four sections. Two men will work each of these sections. with the book "Our Day in the Light of Prophecy." This is only the beginning of their work for 1930, but I believe they will leave hundreds of copies of this book so filled with Bible prophecy in the city of Cali.

Cali, Colombia. FRED STEEVES.

ANOTHER MIRACULOUS DELIVERANCE

How glad I was to see those two colporteurs, Brethren Kurt Reimer and Clarence Nickle! I had been alone for several days in the interior town of Timana, Huila, Colombia. The priest had sent several notices to the hotel, ordering the manager to put me out and refuse me entertainment. The mayor and his staff had taken sides with the priest; threats had even been made to stone the house, and in general the outlook was not the most pleasant for one lone missionary. However, I wanted to stay another week to study with our little group of believers, for there were some who should be baptized the following Sabbath.

In the middle of the week, the colporteurs mentioned above rode into town to make a delivery. I asked them to stay with me over Sabbath, stating that we would all leave together Sunday morning.

Sabbath we retired to a secluded spot up the river. We had a blessed time, and six souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. The priest and mayor knew that we were expecting to have baptism; but we had gone separately to the remote place, so they did not realize that we were celebrating the rite. However, our return to town in a group betrayed to them the secret, and the "dragon" became furious.

About eight o'clock that evening, as we were packing our saddle bags and preparing to leave the next morning, the street in front of the hotel suddenly became crowded with people. At first they were quiet; but when asked what they had come for, they appeared to be instantly converted into a crowd of demons, crying out for our blood, and shouting their battle cry: "Down with the Adventists!" A few of our friends got into the hotel and guarded the doors. Prominent among these were two young men who had been baptized that day, both of whom risked their lives to save us. Some of the men, while struggling to keep the crowd from entering, were struck with clubs and stones, resulting in painful wounds and bruises.

The battle kept up for an hour, and it seemed that the angry mob, of no less

than five hundred persons, would sooner or later accomplish its purpose. But the Lord knows how to protect His servants. Suddenly five policemen appeared inside the hotel, asking for an explanation of the situation. These men were traveling policemen of the department, and were changing their location from a central point in the south to one farther down the valley. They were in Timana for only one night, but that was just the night they were needed. These police did their work well, and within another hour perfect silence reigned. We gave thanks to God for deliverance, retired to our beds and slept until morning.

When morning came, the two colporteurs went their way up the valley delivering books, and I went alone towards Neiva, the capital of the department. It took me three days of hard riding to reach Neiva, but it was worth the trouble. Huila is one of the departments of Colombia that practices justice. The mayor of Timana was removed from of-



From left to right in this picture are Brother Baasch, the Bible colporteur, who risked his life to save Brother Trummer from being shot, by wringing a revolver from the hand of a would-be assassin, and Brother Trummer

fice, and I was given the assurance of absolute protection for our workers in that section in the future.

Was it by chance that those new converts of Timana were willing to die to save us? Was it by chance that five departmental police were sleeping within a block or two of our hotel? No, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him and delivereth them." After this experience, we feel somehow that we have a deeper un-

derstanding of the meaning of this precious promise.

GEORGE C. NICKLE.

Cali, Colombia.

PROGRESS IN ATLANTIC COLOMBIA

When final returns are in for the year, we shall have passed our Harvest In-gathering goal of \$500 by about \$35.

Just after sunrise, December 21, a little group gathered by the side of a beautiful river to celebrate the first Seventh-day Adventist baptism in Cienaga. I think it was the loveliest place in which I had ever celebrated a baptism. Four candidates went forward in the sacred ordinance. These are the result of books sold and missionary visits made by various canvassers, followed by a series of studies given during my recent stay in that town. Others are keeping the Sabbath and preparing for baptism. One of these sisters has given us the use of a large room in her house, which is centrally located, for a meeting hall. We believe that there are other sincere souls in Cienaga.

Brother Castro writes from Aracataca that he already has twenty preparing for baptism there, and that others are joining their Sabbath school. It seems that a wonderful interest is developing in that town. The following from a letter from Brother Valdes, shows how the Lord has blessed the missionary work of the Sincelajo church:

"Monday we will make another missionary journey to Galeras, forty-five miles distant. While I was in Larazo, Sister Maria Hernandez, and Mrs. Valdes went there with Sister Julia. The latter is from that place; and the result of various studies was to awaken an interest in eighteen persons, who decided to keep the Sabbath, and asked us not to leave them without help, but to return, for they desired to be true Christians. So we are going and trust that you will accompany us with your prayers. From Momil, thirty miles from here, Brother Antonio Paterina brought me the news that there are eight persons keeping the Sabbath, and that we should go there as they wish to know more of the truth. You may imagine the joy that this good news brought me."

I fear that Brother Valdes was not able to make the trip at that time, as he has recently been very sick. We had never had any Sabbath-keepers in those two places.

Brother Urbina meets and conquers difficulties in the following way:

"Before I arrived in — the priest received telegraphic announcement of my coming, they tell me; and from the pulpit he had warned his people against me. This explains why upon my arrival they did not wish to give me lodging in the only hotel of the place. But the Lord immediately furnished me with room and food. I had been warned not to come to this town; but I replied that it was absolutely necessary to visit it in spite of circumstances. The Lord has given me the opportunity of sowing the precious seed here and I asked Him to give me courage and strength to enter the enemy's fortresses as He

has promised us. I am glad to report 25 subscriptions to *El Centinela*, five "*Nuevo Médicos*," one "*Nuestro Siglo*," sold, and six books ordered for my return. I have met many of my customers from — who have informed me that the priest of that place has been buying the books which I sold there. They say that some accepted \$5.00, the selling price of the book, "*Nuestro Siglo*," (Our Day), but others have told him that not even if he doubles the price of the book will they give them up, for they are going to read them."

E. W. THURBER.

Barranquilla, Colombia.

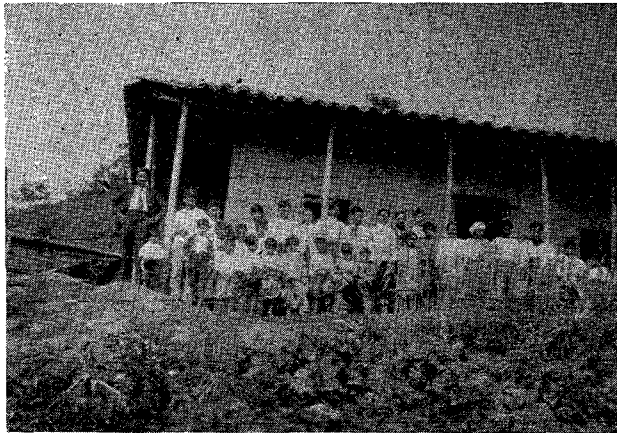
FROM CENTRAL COLOMBIA

We have had so many urgent calls from other parts of the field that our own headquarters have been neglected, but no one can say that there is no life in the Adventist camp in these days.

Brethren Steeves and Brower have just concluded a colporteurs' institute which is a credit to our work in Colombia. They are sending an army of seven well-equipped warriors into the field to conquer the enemy of light in this dark land. Prospects are bright for a good year in the book work, and we believe that Central Colombia will sell more than the \$18,025.00 worth of books sold in 1929.

We are enjoying a well-attended series of evangelistic meetings in Cali also.

A group of believers who have left the Catholic church, built their own school and have their own cemetery, and like the Waldenses of old are living in the mountains away from the confusing doctrines that surround most of our Colombian believers



The hall is well filled, even during the holidays, and it is apparent that the Lord is going to bless our efforts and give us many souls to add to our little company here.

Last Thursday night, we had a temperance program, arranged by Sister F. A. Brower, after which a call was made for signers to the temperance pledge. Twenty-three persons who were not of our faith came forward and took the pledge. Sister Brower's health talks in connection with these meetings are of very material help. We hope to see the health work developed in a substantial way before long, for it surely strikes a responsive chord in the hearts of these people.

G. C. NICKLE.

Cali, Colombia.

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Brother M. D. Howard sends us the following news item:

"After a period of over five and a half years of service in this division, Pastor and Sister C. E. Knight, of the Guiana Conference, sailed from Georgetown December 2, returning to the States for a much needed rest. Brother and Sister Knight have given faithful service to the mission fields for many years, having labored in South America and Europe, as well as in Inter-America. May heaven's blessings continue with them! This I am sure is the united prayer of all for Brother and Sister Knight."

MEXICAN UNION MISSION

Calte Jalapa 210, Mexico, D. F., Mexico

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J. G. PETTEY - - - - - *Secy-Treas.*

A GREAT NEED

I have just returned from a trip where I have been visiting some of the little companies. I was very happy to find two new groups that had their Sabbath schools well organized before we found them. One of these schools has 50 members. The other school also of good size

a church building for the capital of Mexico. Here we have commercial and diplomatic representatives from every center and almost every religion is represented, but we are without a place of meeting. I feel sure if we had had a church building during the late religious trouble we would have been in an advantageous position to help the people who are being shaken away from Romanism. It seems that we must have a place of worship for Mexico City.

C. E. MOON.

Mexico City, Mexico.

WITH OUR DEPARTMENTS

ASSIGNMENTS FROM "THE SOUL-WINNING SABBATH SCHOOL"

Chapter 10: "Consecration Services"

1. Whenever opportune, what call should be made by every Sabbath school teacher?
2. How often should consecration services be held? What preparation should be made?
3. How may the consecration service be carried out?
4. What impression should not be given to those who have failed to surrender?

OUR WORKERS' CORNER

Signs of Christ's Coming

1. What question did the disciples ask concerning Christ's second coming? Matt. 24:3.
2. What were some of the signs He mentioned? Matt. 24:7, 14.
3. How did He foretell the destruction of Jerusalem? Matt. 24:15-20; Luke 21:20. (1,100,000 Jews are said to have perished in the siege of Jerusalem.)
4. What tribulation was foretold? Matt. 24:21, 22. (More than 100,000,000 Christians lost their lives in these terrible persecutions.)
5. What great signs were to follow this period of persecution? Matt. 24:29; Mark 13:24; Rev. 6:12,13.
6. What are some of the other signs of Christ's coming? James 5:1-8; 2 Tim. 3:1-5.
7. What will be the condition in the world just before Christ comes? Matt. 24:37-39; Luke 17:28-30; 21:25-28.
8. What world movement shows that the coming of Christ is near? 1 Thess. 5:1-5.
9. What admonition did Christ leave for this generation? Matt. 24:32-35,44.

CHRISTIAN HOME PROBLEMS

Health Habits: Inside Cleanliness

We are told by the Spirit of Prophecy that the health should be guarded as sacredly as the character. Therefore one of the important problems before every Christian home is the health of the family. Remember the promise given to Israel as they journeyed from Egypt to the promised land (Ex. 15:26). That promise should mean much to us today as we stand on the borders of the heavenly Canaan. For today as then "the work of health reform is the Lord's means of lessening suffering in the world and of purifying the church."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 113.

God wants our bodies to be clean with-

in and without. How can we comply with His wishes in this matter?—Internal cleanliness is obtained by

- Good air,
- Good water,
- Good food,
- Good elimination,
- Good thoughts.

Good Air: "The first essential of life is air. One can live weeks without food, days without water, but only a very few minutes without air. About twenty respirations a minute are necessary. All outdoors is filled with air, and the lungs are made to breathe it.

"The oxygen of the air is the one thing used for purifying the blood as it passes through the lungs, taking up oxygen and giving off the carbon dioxide. If the necessary oxygen is not supplied to the lungs, the blood must retain its impurities; and as it circulates through every part of the body, the whole system suffers.

"Many diseases result from breathing impure air. Among the things that deprive us of the benefits of pure air, are closed windows, tight clothing that compresses the lungs, a bad posture that cramps the lungs, shallow breathing, poisonous gases, smoke, overheated rooms, dirty air loaded with crowd poisons or infected with disease germs. Breathing impure air weakens the body, so that it becomes readily susceptible to disease. Pneumonia is often called a dirty-air disease. Other germ diseases to which bad air is a large contributing factor are bronchitis, influenza, tuberculosis, colds, cough, sore throat, etc. The living room, bedroom, workroom, and schoolroom should have some means whereby a current of fresh air can pass through day and night. . . . Contrary to an old popular notion, night air is not bad air. Night air is usually better than day air, being freer from dust.

"One of the principal agencies used in the treatment of tuberculosis is plenty of fresh air; so we can see fresh air is one of nature's best medicines. The fresh air that will help to cure disease will help to prevent it."

Good Water: Wash the inside of the body as well as the outside by drinking good pure water freely between meals. An adult should drink from six to ten glasses daily.

Good Food: God provides good food in all parts of our field. And often the best is the cheapest. Eat good food regularly and mix it with happiness and gratitude as well as plenty of saliva.

Good Elimination: Much poor health comes from poor elimination. The bowels should be thoroughly evacuated once or twice each day, and there should be four or more kidney actions daily.

Good Thoughts: Our thoughts deserve a prominent place among our health habit considerations. Clean thoughts act as purifiers and add to the health, while evil thoughts of anger, suspicion, jealousy, envy, etc., produce a physical poison in the system that impairs health and may cause sickness and shorten life. A happy trustful mind is a wonderful health asset.

WHAT CAN BE DONE

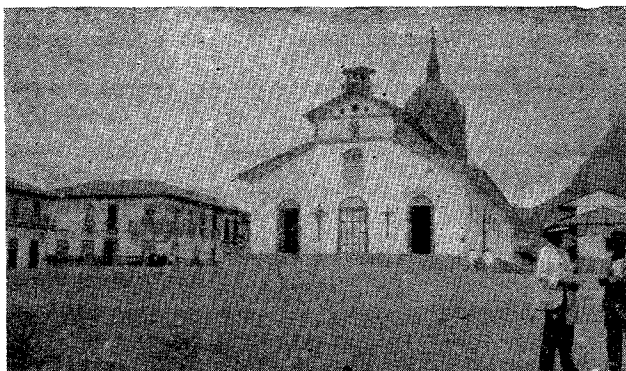
I thank God for the abundance of good books which is our heritage. Without being the least bit egotistical I want to tell you what I have accomplished by the help of the Lord during the last two years.

I decided in December 1927 to read all the good books I could and especially those of Sister White. My first pleasurable task was to read the nine volumes of the Testimonies. With a daily allotment of 15 pages, I finished before the

end of the year. There are about 5,000 pages in these nine volumes—and I did not find them dry reading either.

Some may say, "O, well, one can do this when he does not have so much to do. I am just too busy." I believe if we devote ourselves to good reading, we shall have time for all the necessary things of life and a few pleasures besides.

Last year I was busier than ever, but I found time to read the "Conflict of the Ages" series and the Bible. Such wonderful books! Someone asked me once,



The Catholic church in the town where Brother E. M. Trummer was mobbed and where the priest told his people to give Brethren H. E. Baasch and J. A. P. Green no shelter, no food and no water

"Why do you read so much? You can not remember all you read." I told them, "No, neither does all the food we eat go to make up blood, bones and muscle, but the kind of body we have depends upon the kind of food we eat." So it is with reading. We may not retain all we read, but if we read plenty of good literature we will have healthier minds.

I praise God that He has given me a taste for good reading and that as this grows my desire for trashy literature vanishes in direct proportion. Again I thank God for the good books He has given us. Let us read and study more of them.

FRANCES LIGHT.

San José, Costa Rica.

SPEAKING OF GOALS

Speaking of goals reminds me that every successful person in life has a goal—an aim toward which he constantly strives. And to be successful Christians we must have a goal. The chief goal of every Christian is to gain an entrance into the home that his Saviour is preparing for him, and to help as many others get there as possible.

One of the best ways to achieve this goal, as Missionary Volunteers, is to engage whole-heartedly in the work as outlined in the Missionary Volunteer organization. As we engage in the activities of this organization we are truly fitting ourselves for a place in the heavenly mansion and helping others to find a place there also.

In looking over the records for 1929

we find marked progress in missionary activities,—distribution of literature and many other points. One of our conferences quadrupled its Reading Course goal, tripled its Bible Year goal and went more than 50 over its Standard of Attainment goal, and we feel sure that that field will sweep far past all the other points in its goal, though all returns for the year have not yet been received.

Our Missionary Volunteer goal for 1930 places a wonderful opportunity within our reach to be a real help to

others. Here is the goal for the entire division:

- 6,000 Missionary Volunteers in our societies
- 4,000 Observing the Morning Watch
- 1,000 Bible Certificates issued
- 275 Standard of Attainment Certif. issued
- 500 Reading Course Certificates issued
- 750 Young people converted and baptized
- 150,000 Papers and tracts distributed

Somehow I believe that we can reach every item of that goal during 1930, and in many instances double it. Shall we reach it? Yes, let's do it!

SALLIE J. JENKINS.

Balboa, Canal Zone.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Among the outstanding signs of the coming of the great day of God as given by the prophets is the general preparation for war on the part of the nations. Joel 3:9-16; Jer. 4:19-21; Rev. 16:13, 14. Read the following quotations in the light of these inspired forecasts.

"Never since recorded history have governments demanded of people such exorbitant sums for armaments as in these days.

"What is the situation we now face? Great Britain is spending \$1,000 a minute for armaments. We [United States] are spending no less. In fact, we lead the world in two things: in talking about peace and in expending money for armaments.

"There are more men in arms at this time than at any time in the world's history, and notwithstanding all the pledges and continued display for peace, the burden increases. In this year (1929) the world will spend \$4,300,000,000 for the instrumentalities of war."—Senator William E. Borah, *Reader's Digest*, January, 1930.

"No one can compare the appropriations of 1904 with those of twenty-five years later with-

out being astounded at the enormity of the increases made by certain powers."—*Burton L. French, Current History, January, 1930.*

The Literary Digest for January 4, 1930 describes two "new air monsters" that are said to be in building in the United States and to be completed in 1931 and 1932.

"The dirigibles [one known as Z.R.S-4] will carry within themselves complete airplane hangars where five fighting planes may be carried, serviced and repaired. . . . The planes may be launched or picked up in flight, serving to defend the mother ship or to act as speedy scouts or messengers.

"The Z.R.S.—4 will carry light artillery in turrets built into the sides of the hull; in the tail and rudders, and on the top of the bag. Machine-guns also will be carried.

"The new ships will have tremendous military power and will be able to raid and fight over vast distances. Increased knowledge has made them safe, even from the elements."

These tremendous air-ships—the largest ever built—are not intended, from the description given, for commercial purposes but wholly for war purposes.

While these vast preparations for war are being made at the same time many powerful influences are being employed to restrain these mad forces that seem to be moving irresistibly downward toward the vortex of war.

Balboa, C. Z.

E. E. ANDROSS.

O'ER LAND AND SEA

On January 3 Pastor C. K. Meyers arrived in Balboa. He spent about ten days visiting the churches on the Zone and then sailed with Pastor E. E. Andross for a few weeks' visit to the Colombia-Venezuela Union.

January 4 found two more recruits on their way to Inter-America,—Brother and Sister J. B. Ross. After spending a few days on the Zone they sailed for Cali, Colombia where Brother Ross will take up the work of secretary-treasurer of the Colombia-Venezuela Union. Their help will be much appreciated in that field.

We are happy to welcome into our division family Miss Cleo Woodall, who has recently joined our force of workers to assist in the stenographic work. She comes to us from the Review and Herald publishing house in Washington, D. C.

Brother Fred Steeves passed through the Zone recently enroute for Barranquilla, Colombia. Brother Steeves reports very favorably on the colporteur work in Central Colombia. He expects to be in Atlantic Colombia about two months, assisting the colporteurs in that mission.

Word has been received that Sister J. A. P. Green is making good improvement, but we are sorry to hear that Sister Parsons is still in quite a critical condition. Sister O. W. Tucker was forced

to return to the States a few weeks ago on account of failing health. She insisted that her husband remain at his post of duty while she returned to regain her health. Our prayers follow Sister Tucker, and we sincerely hope that she may soon be able to return and join her husband in Jamaica where they are so much needed. Let us continue to pray for the sick that they may quickly step into their vacant places in our slender lines of advance.

Early in January a cable was received from the East Caribbean Union office saying that Brother Elliott had not yet returned from Mount Roraima. But we are happy to tell you that later came another cable announcing his safe arrival. We hope to have a report from Mount Roraima soon.

A WARNING

I am bidden to say to you that you know not how soon the crisis may come. It is stealing gradually upon us, as a thief. The sun shines in the heavens, passing over its usual round, and the heavens still declare the glory of God; men are still pursuing their usual course of eating and drinking, planting and building, marrying and giving in marriage; merchants are still engaged in buying and selling; publications are still issuing one upon another; men are jostling one against another, seeking to get the highest place; pleasure lovers are still attending theaters, horse races, gambling halls, and the highest excitement prevails; yet probation's hour is fast closing, and every case is about to be eternally decided. There are few who believe with heart and soul that we have a heaven to win and a hell to shun; but these few show their faith by their works. The signs of Christ's coming are fast fulfilling. Satan sees that he has but a short time in which to work, and he has set his satanic agencies to work to stir the elements of the world, in order that men may be deceived, deluded, and kept occupied and entranced until the day of probation shall be ended, and the door be forever shut.—Mrs. E. G. White.

In a personal letter from Brother Roger Brooks he says:

"I am glad to report the safe arrival of Brother E. P. Howard, whose brief visit has meant much encouragement to us. Six precious souls were baptized at Yula and two at Bilway. Other candidates who were not ready, I trust will be before the year closes. Our work among

the Indians is progressing slowly, however, we hope to see a good harvest of souls from among these people. Our school is drawing the attention of many to the Sabbath truth and its attendance is increasing almost every day. Pray for me that I may continue to be faithful until our dear Saviour comes."

In a letter from M. D. Howard comes the good news that Miss Gladys Knox of Springfield, Illinois, arrived in Trinidad December 24. She answers a call of long standing for additional help in the union office there.

In a recent letter, Brother Thurber says:

"Sabbath, December 28, was a day of rejoicing for the company in Aracataca. Our people from Fundación, six miles away, arrived on the early morning train, and joined the company gathered by the river for a baptismal service, the first service of the kind held in Aracataca. Two who had been prevented by sickness from going forward earlier in Fundación and five of Brother Castro's new converts, seven in all, were baptized by the writer. Others are preparing for the rite, and the prospects are bright for further additions."

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DAY

March 8 has been set apart by the General Conference committee as Missionary Volunteer Day. Our churches and companies every where are asked to make that day one of special prayer for their young people and study of the problems of saving the youth and leading them out into successful soul-winning work. The *Gazette* provides a program for our English churches; and *El Alentador* gives it for the Spanish believers. With Missionary Volunteer day comes also Missionary Volunteer week—a week of prayer in behalf of the children and youth who are special targets of the enemy. May Missionary Volunteer Day and Week be a great blessing to our believers throughout Inter-America.

"Jesus, Oh how sweet the name.
Jesus, every day the same;
Jesus, let all saints proclaim
Its worthy praise forever."

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