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Only a Step to the Better Land

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HOW RAPIDLY the wheels of time are revolving in their course! Another year has come and gone. Its opportunities for the development of Christian character,—Christ-likeness,—personally to prepare to stand in His holy presence, are now all in the past. They are gone forever; so also are its opportunities for helping others prepare for that great day of days.

The record of our lives for the year has been written on the books above with infinite precision and with divine exactness, unalterable (except as through repentance and forgiveness of our sins they may be blotted out), awaiting the final decision at the bar of eternal justice. How solemn the thought! Soon the irrevocable decision that will fix your eternal destiny, as well as mine, will be made. What shall it be? Each day and each hour our own personal relationship to God and to our associates, is, unconsciously to ourselves, writing our destiny, which the judgment will declare, just as certainly as the bloodless hand traced in letters of fire on the palace walls of Babylon her doom.

During the past twelve months great and decisive events in fulfilment of divine prophecy have occurred. One sign after another has followed in quick succession, each declaring in trumpet tones, "Prepare to meet thy God." As these thrilling words have fallen upon our hearts have they been heeded? In our families, in our intercourse with men, as a husband, a wife, a parent, a child in the family, a friend, a citizen, have we been the steadfast, unwavering servant of God, the intimate friend, and loyal companion of our compassionate Saviour? These are vital questions to which we should each give careful, prayerful study. Nothing short of this will meet the divine standard of righteousness or give us a passport to heaven.

We now stand on the threshold of a New Year. While its record will be in the keeping of the holy watchers, we alone can determine what it shall be, whether for weal or for woe.

The last General Conference held at San Francisco and the Autumn Council held more recently were each seasons of great refreshing. The sweet spirit of unity and brotherly love prevailed. The reports presented were heart-thrilling recitals of marvelous progress of the mighty working of God's Holy Spirit, pulling down the strongholds of the enemy and in the transformation of human hearts and lives. The desert places are beginning to rejoice and blossom as the rose. The Spirit of God is once more moving on the face of the waters and beauty is coming out of chaos. From all nations God is gathering the remnant of His people. How short! how short the time still left in which to prepare to stand in the presence of the great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ!

All through our division and throughout the great world field "the Lord Jesus is" just now "making experiments on human hearts through the exhibition of His mercy and abundant grace. He is effecting transformations so amazing that Satan with all his triumphant boastings, with all his confederacy of evil united against God and the laws of His government, stands viewing them as a fortress impregnable to his sophistries and delusions. They are to him an incomprehensible mystery. The angels of God, seraphim and cherubim, the powers commissioned to cooperate with human agencies look on with astonishment and joy, that fallen men, once children of wrath, are through the training of Christ developing characters after the divine similitude, to be sons and daughters of God to act an important part in the occupations and pleasures of heaven."

Only a moment of time is left between this and the coming of Jesus; only a step between us and the land of the blest. Soon the portals will open and the walk with God begun here will be continued in the realm of light and glory. But, my brother, my sister, is this really your experience? Are you truly walking with God each moment? No deception can be practiced upon God. The hidden things of darkness are soon to be brought to light. Will the secret things of your life endure the searchlight of that great day? Each soul is soon to be tried with fire.

I appeal to the messengers of God and to all our beloved brethren and sisters in the Inter-American Division to make the year 1931 by far the best year of their lives. May it be the most fruitful in soul-winning, the most thorough in heart-searching, the most blessed in soul-sanctification, the sweetest and most precious in communion with the Saviour.

ONE YEAR NEARER THE CONSUMMATION OF OUR HOPES

As one sits down in the closing hours of 1930 to take a retrospect of the triumphs of the cross in the world field—taking an inventory of the struggles and victories, the outposts taken, the mountain peaks scaled, and the walls battered down,—it brings to the heart of the believer, “looking for that blessed hope,” a thrill, a joy, a confidence and a blessed assurance.

God has set His hand to the finishing of the work. He WILL “cut it short in righteousness.” The great General Conference held in the spring of 1930 brought together the largest gathering of God’s people ever held since this Message started. There were representatives of many lands; there was the fruit of the converting power of the gospel from countries where the power of demons has held sway for centuries, and where men, transformed from lives of degradation and superstition and dark heathenism into servants of the Most High, proclaim the gospel story. From that meeting the representatives went back to their respective fields with a new vision, and a renewed purpose to press the triumphs of the cross.

Statistics are not in now, nor will they be for many months, to tell us in figures the number of souls gained, the new territories entered, the new languages in which the Message is being proclaimed; but we do have reports from the fields, which reveal an onward march for 1930. To the 394 languages in which this Message was being preached at the close of 1929, many new languages have been added in 1930. In fact, it is difficult to keep up with the latest figures, for scarcely a week goes by without some new tribe or some new tongue being reached with the Third Angel’s Message.

Think of it, my brother, 394 different languages telling the same story of the coming of the Master and calling upon men and women to prepare for that coming!

What are some of the outstanding achievements of 1930 as the reports come from the field? We turn to Africa, the dark continent. Well does the writer recall landing in that country twenty-two years ago and the status of the work at that time. Outside of the territory of the south, a very little work in Rhodesia, and a little touch in Nyasaland, Africa was indeed a “dark continent” so far as this Message having brought the light was concerned. As we sat in committee year by year studying the mighty task before us and looked northward into that great dark region, how we longed to penetrate the Congo and push up into Central Africa. Thank God today the missionaries have entered from the south, and the north, and the east, and the west and dark Africa is

being lighted with the Message. And each mail that comes to the home office brings some thrilling tale of the work of the Spirit of God going before and preparing the hearts of the benighted people for this Message.

The great Orient, in spite of revolution and political unrest, is marching on apace to new conquests. Reports come of walls of prejudice and superstition being battered down and men turning to this Message from the great heathen world. Europe, the cradle of the Reformation, where since the great war such rapid and far reaching changes continue to take place, has sent in wonderful reports of progress in this year, 1930. Jugoslavia is rejoicing in a new enactment, giving to that country a degree of religious toleration and liberty far beyond what they might have hoped, making possible an advancement that is most

THE NEW YEAR

I am the New Year, and I come to you pure and unstained,

Fresh from the hand of God.

*Each day, a precious pearl, to you is given,
That you must string upon the silver thread of Life.*

*Once strung, can never be unthreaded, but stays
An undying record of your faith and skill.
Each golden minute link you then must weld into
the chain of hours*

*That is no stronger than its weakest link.
Into your hands is given all the wealth and power
To make your life just what you will.
I give to you, free and unstinted, twelve glorious months*

*Of soothing rain and sunshine golden;
The days for work and rest, the nights for peaceful slumber.*

*All that I have I give with love unspoken,
All that I ask—you keep the faith unbroken!*
—J. D. Templeton.

encouraging. In the very heart of the seat of the great apostasy in the countries of Europe where the priest has held dominating sway in all things religious, and almost an equal sway in things political, setting up as it were a great wall against the Message, a reformation seems to be sweeping in. This has been so marked in the last two or three years in Roumania where souls have been coming into the truth by the thousands, and we are now told that this same reformation seems to be spreading into Jugoslavia and other sections, changing completely the face of things in different parts of the great world field.

Coming across the water to the great Latin republics of South America, God too is manifesting His power. The overthrow of dictators and the spirit of revolution are not hindering the progress of the Message. Reports from the South American republics of changes in government administration, bringing more favorable attitude toward our work,

where it seemed that Satan was about to triumph over us in fields where God had manifestly worked through our schools and native workers in bringing thousands into the truth, show that God has His hand over His work. From every corner the word comes of open doors and calls for the living preacher, but the lack of men and means make it impossible to respond.

And coming now into this, your division, dear brethren and sisters of Inter-America, thank God He has not passed your field by in the showers of blessings poured out in 1930. As we write these few lines from the Inter-American Division office, it has been most encouraging to hear your division president read to us from his correspondence of the outpouring of the Spirit of God in different sections of this great field. Souls are coming to the Saviour. Miracles are being worked in behalf of God’s people, and God is using humble instruments under the direction of His Spirit to do mighty things. True, persecution is arising, but persecution has always brought in its train a harvest of souls and an advancement of the gospel.

The recent Autumn Council of the General Conference is another outstanding event in the year 1930. As the delegates gathered a few weeks ago they faced a world passing through a financial depression, bringing a large shortage in the treasury at the time when funds are needed more than ever before. The very situation seemed to be accepted by the delegates as a clarion call from God to press together as one man, to gird up their loins for greater service, to lay all upon the altar to be consumed in greater sacrifice and to go forward in all seriousness in a mighty effort of evangelism for the finishing of the task. The spirit of the meeting was in itself a sign that God is laying His hand upon His workers to prepare them for speedily finishing the work in spite of obstacles and forbidding conditions.

Brethren, as we contemplate, as we view the work of 1930, let us exclaim with one of old, “What hath God wrought?” And as we look out into the new year, let us bow in humble reverence before Him in whose hands is the finishing of the task. Let us reconsecrate ourselves, giving to Him as never before our lives, our energies, our talents, our means, yes, our all for the speedy ushering in of the kingdom of our blessed Lord. C. P. CRAGER.

Washington, D. C.

“Let all who believe the truth begin to work. Do the work that lies nearest you. . . . If the lay members of the church will arouse to do the work that they can do, . . . each seeing how much he can accomplish in winning souls to Jesus, we shall see many leaving the ranks of Satan to stand under the banner of Christ.”—“Testimonies,” Vol. VIII, p. 246.

A GREAT FORWARD MOVEMENT

My faith in the speedy triumph of the Advent Message was never stronger than when I came away from the recent Autumn Council held at Omaha, Nebraska. For many years we have read in the "Testimonies" of a great forward movement in the work of God which would result in the finishing of the work,—a time when we would go out and preach the Sabbath truth more fully, when consecrated laymen would leave the plow and the shop and go out to preach the Message, and when thousands of voices would everywhere be heard proclaiming the Message. I believe this Council has brought these experiences within the range of realization.

In the early days of this movement our ministers were pioneers. They went continually from city to city and from State to State holding meetings in new places and raising up new churches. Like the apostolic church, they "were scattered abroad, and went everywhere preaching the word." It was in this way that the movement grew and took on strength. The ministers did not remain long with the established churches, to hover over them, but like Paul of old they ordained elders in the churches, and laid upon their shoulders the burden of caring for the flock while they themselves kept to the field.

During more recent years there has been a decided drift of our ministry toward the churches. In many instances pioneer evangelism has been all but abandoned, and the ministry has settled down to permanent pastorates. In other places, although evangelism is still carried on, it is given only secondary consideration to that of the responsibility of pastoring the churches. A few fields and conferences have held strongly to the old lines, and have kept the camp-fires of evangelism ever burning brightly.

At the recent Council the problem of planning definitely to warn the millions who have as yet never heard the Advent Message, was faced, and this led to a re-study of our methods of labor. It was agreed by all that in order to do our full duty to a lost world in such an hour as this, the spirit of evangelism would have to be fanned into a glowing flame among both ministers and people.

Many of our ministers who are now settled as pastors must be released to take the field for full-time evangelistic work. This would especially apply to the younger laborers, who are strong and vigorous and able to endure the hardships of frontier work. Others who cannot be spared from the churches altogether must be encouraged to spend much more time than at present in evangelism in the cities or communities where their churches are situated. Our laymen must be aroused to assist our

evangelists in this work, by definitely cooperating with them in efforts held in their communities. Many laymen must be encouraged to spend two or three months in the year, or a few evenings each week, in conducting meetings and Bible studies among those not of our faith, thus augmenting the force of evangelistic workers.

These very important considerations occupied a large part of the time of both the Presidents' Council and the Autumn Council, and we believe that the leaders of our union and local conferences and the representatives for foreign division went home with a definite determination in their hearts to inaugurate a new movement along these lines in their fields. Surely this is ground for increased courage and renewed confidence in the speedy finishing of the work and the early triumph of the church of God.

Also it was most inspiring to see the leaders from the great North American base of mission supplies struggling with the problem of balancing the budgets for our far-flung mission fields in this time of depression. It looked for a time as if a very serious cut would have to be made in the 1931 appropriations to these fields. Several days were spent by the large Budget Committee, made up entirely of representatives of fields not receiving appropriations, in wrestling with this problem. The appeals for help from the great mission fields were heart-rending. The committee took its work seriously. After every possible source of supply was drawn upon, union and local conferences came forward and pledged to turn thousands of dollars of surplus funds into the mission treasury in an effort to make up the shortage.

Finally their report was made up and rendered, and it was found that in spite of the present serious depression, and with the resultant shortage of tithes and mission funds, they had been able to grant the fields for 1931 94 per cent of the amount they are receiving this year. This, of course, means a cut of 6 per cent for next year, and will be very serious for our mission interests; but when compared with the very large reductions made in recent years by other great mission boards, we take courage. To us it seems nothing short of a miracle of grace, that in such a time of depression as this the Advent people can thus keep up a constant and nearly uniform flow of means to the great mission lands of earth.

Of course a still greater miracle would be to see even this 6 per cent shortage made up before the end of 1930, by a little added sacrifice on the part of our people, and this may be witnessed.

This is a time to thank God and take courage. Emmanuel is with us, and is leading His forces on to victory. The

end is almost in sight. Soon, very soon, we shall see the work finished, and the redeemed gathered from the ends of the earth into the kingdom of our God. Till then, let us be faithful.

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JAMAICA CONFERENCE SESSION

The twentieth session of the Jamaica Conference was held at Kingston, November 20-30 in the North Street church. The attendance and interest in this conference was the best ever known in Jamaica. God blessed His people as they came before Him from day to day—from the early morning meeting at 6:15 until the closing service at night—with one constant stream of blessing.

The business of the conference passed off very harmoniously. Pastor H. J. Edmed was re-elected as president with Brother J. W. Grounds as secretary-treasurer. Pastors L. L. Hutchinson, H. Fletcher, G. A. E. Smith, L. Rashford, and Dr. Harold Johnson were chosen as conference committee members. Brother Rupert Harriott was elected secretary of the Book and Bible House. The other departmental secretaries chosen were: B. A. Meeker, Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer; Violet May Peake, Educational; W. S. Nation, Field Missionary; Mrs. H. J. Edmed, Sabbath School; H. J. Edmed, Religious Liberty; and Dr. Johnson, Medical. Under this strong, experienced leadership, we feel confident that the work in the Jamaica Conference, with the continued blessing of God, will move forward along all lines with even greater success than in the past.

The reports by the president, secretary-treasurer and each of the departmental leaders showed an onward and upward advance during the past biennial period. During the years 1928-1929 there were 865 baptisms in the conference. The tithes, the Harvest Ingathering, the Sabbath school and other mission funds, all showed encouraging increases. The church membership of the conference has reached nearly 3,500, and the last Sabbath school quarterly report showed a Sabbath school membership of 4,240. We expect before many more quarters shall pass to see our Sabbath school membership reach the 5,000 mark. Just think of 5,000 Sabbath school members winding their way each week to Sabbath school in the island of Jamaica!

All in attendance at the conference were very appreciative of the general help provided in the persons of Pastor

E. E. Andross, our division president; Pastor G. W. Wells, one of the field secretaries of the General Conference; Prof. W. L. Adams, educational secretary of the division; and Sister E. E. Andross, who gave valuable and appreciated help to our young people in their meetings.

The Sunday night meetings were held in the Ward Theater, and the last Sunday night an overflow meeting was held in the North Street church. Both buildings were filled to overflowing, and many were turned away. It was estimated that fully 2,500 were in attendance at the closing service in the two places. God blessed throughout the conference with spiritual blessings and by divine guidance in the business plans.

Havana, Cuba. A. R. OGDEN.

LARGEST BAPTISM IN NASSAU

The work of God moves ever onward, and he will surely crown with success the efforts of those who will become workers together with Him for the salvation of men. The accompanying picture will illustrate this statement. After a six-weeks' series of meetings, and much visiting and Bible study, a class of twenty-two was organized; and on Sunday morning, August 31, it was the privilege of the writer to bury nineteen candidates with their Lord in baptism in an arm of the Atlantic ocean.

A very large gathering assembled in front of the old historic Spanish fort near the picturesque Fort Montique Hotel to witness the scene. This occasion was a unique one, in that it was the largest number baptized in the history of our work in Nassau, and also the largest gathering that ever witnessed such a scene in our work here.

Pastor R. J. Sype, our superintendent, gave a very fitting study for the occasion which touched the hearts of many present. A greater interest has been created in the message as the result and many have been calling for Bible studies—so many that my hands are full and it is impossible for me to fill the calls.

Eighteen of those baptized were added to the Grants Town church, and one to the Nassau church. Among the number are a nurse and a government school-teacher. This to my mind is just the beginning of what the Lord has in store for His people in this part of His vineyard. Another baptismal class has been organized, which is steadily growing. We solicit your earnest prayers.

Nassau, Bahamas. O. P. REID.

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

To the humble colporteur who patiently travels from home to home, oftentimes weary and tempted to wonder if his efforts are worth while there will be joys beyond his expectation when he meets those in the future life who are

there because his was the first invitation given to join those traveling on to a better land. Do they really win souls? Ah, yes, indeed.

Recently one of our colporteurs in Cuba, Brother Joshua James, had a most remarkable experience which proves that the strongholds of Satan must fall before the advance of the light shed abroad by those engaged in the literature ministry. Having delivered a book to a certain family, Brother James returned to visit them and found he had been preceded by a spiritualist medium who was trying to convince the family that spiritualism was the true message for them. Upon being introduced to the medium, Brother James was asked to give his opinion of spiritualism. Of course this was a rather embarrassing position, but using the Bible as his textbook he attempted to explain. But the medium said, "I never consult the Bible. I have direct communication from the Spirit world. I have had communications with the apostle Matthew." To this the colporteur replied that he also

New Year Resolves

I will make it a year of faith and prayer,
A year of high endeavor;
I will crowd it with deeds both brave and fair,
I will act the hero ever;
I will travel God's path at God's own rate,
I will welcome both gain and loss,
Ner will I rebel when heaven's gate
Looks tragically like a cross!

—Author Unknown.

had communication with the Spirit, and had received special revelations about the secrets of creation, and that he had received special communication also from Matthew. At this point he opened his Bible to Matthew 24:24-26 and read to the medium concerning those who claim to receive revelations in the secret chamber.

Needless to say the medium was astonished, and said, "I never knew that before. You are the first man to explain the Bible to me in this way." Brother James was urged to visit his home. He did so and was introduced as a man who had brought the medium much light on the Bible. Arrangements were made for him to return the following Friday night to speak to the man's friends in a public way. He found a group of eighty-six people gathered that evening to hear the word of God explained.

The postmaster of the same town purchased a book of Brother James. He also became interested in the truth and invited Brother James to visit his home. This he was happy to do, of course, and to his delight and surprise found twenty-

six people gathered to listen to the message he had for them. The interest has increased to the degree that Brother James is now asking that a worker be sent to that town to foster the work.

Surely these two incidents, alone, are sufficient to prove the divine origin of the literature ministry and the rich harvest of souls awaiting the faithful colporteurs who go forth to win souls. May the Lord of the harvest send forth many more laborers into His vineyard, for "soon the night cometh when no man can work." W. A. BERGHERM.

Havana, Cuba.

MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS NEEDED IN HAITI

The work in Haiti has grown marvelously during the last two or three years. Our mission has today nearly 2,000 believers of whom practically 1,500 are baptized. Seventh-day Adventists are known all over this country as good, honest people, and a great many of the leading men in Haiti are very sympathetic toward our work.

This, of course, cheers our hearts and we give all the praise to God. But our problems and needs are many. When people join our church, their children often are thrown out of the schools directed by the state church. We have been fortunate in being able to organize nine church schools and one training school; but we should have many more to take care of the 600 or 700 young people in our churches. The equipment of these schools is very limited and inadequate and we would very much appreciate getting some help for these schools.

But the greatest lack and most pressing need of this field is the medical work. Sick people are on every hand. When our members have to go to Catholic hospitals the first question they are asked is, "What is your religion?" As soon as it is known that they are Seventh-day Adventists, they are often submitted to hard treatments. The Catholic sisters and sometimes the priests endeavor to make them give up their faith. When they see their efforts are in vain, the case is often neglected and sometimes lost.

Not long ago, one of our influential brethren became very ill. He was sent to the hospital and when the sisters saw that he was going to die they sent for the priest. When the priest came he ordered all the Adventists out of the room, but two of our brethren resisted and stood by the sick man's bed. The priest then opened the mouth of the unconscious brother and put the extreme unction in it. He proceeded with the usual ceremonies and, taking advantage of a moment of seeming lucidity in our brother, summoned him to renounce his faith and become a Catholic. All pro-

tests were useless. Prayer on the part of Adventists could not be held. This brother died in the arms of the priest who proclaimed him to be a converted Catholic.

A short time ago, one of our workers was taken to the hospital. He needed attention at once for his case was very serious. The doctors left him in his room for three or four days without even looking at him. He had several hemorrhages and was left without anyone to care for him. He was treated with such indifference that the family took him home, preferring to let him die at home where his immediate wants could at least be supplied.

We do hope and pray that before long Haiti will have a hospital to take care of the many sick people we meet on every side. J. A. DE CAENEL.

Cape Haitien, Haiti.

HAITI

The work is going quite well here. Although there is great misery in the country, we have a little increase in tithe and offerings. Also more books are being sold. Our industries are crowded with work. The baptisms administered during November and December amounted to more than 150. This gives us approximately 300 new souls for 1930. If it were not for the extreme misery, we would surely have attained our goal, but we are thankful for what the Lord has done for us. There are still from 200 to 300 believers who will be ready for that rite in 1931.

J. A. DE CAENEL.

Cape Haitien, Haiti.

FAITHFUL AMID TRIALS

We returned from the General Conference at San Francisco with an inspiration from that wonderful gathering, and a sort of glimpse and foretaste of Revelation 14:6. We communicated as much

as possible of that good feast to our people, and they caught an inspiration for more valiant service.

Thus far we have had a baptismal class of eighteen, ten of whom have already received the rite. The rest will follow soon. Among these is a young Syrian man. He was engaged as a merchant's clerk. Applying to his employer for the Sabbath off, he was refused and lost his position. His parents and brother entreated him to wait until he was older; but he answered them that his life was in God's hands,—not in his—to determine how long he should live.

Some days he goes without food, but he remains of good courage. Pray that God may open to him some door of employment.

A very interesting item in our last thirteenth Sabbath program was given by the little members of Sister Giddings's Sabbath school class who were able to repeat all the memory verses on the thirteenth Sabbath. One of the most prompt among them was a little child only four year old.

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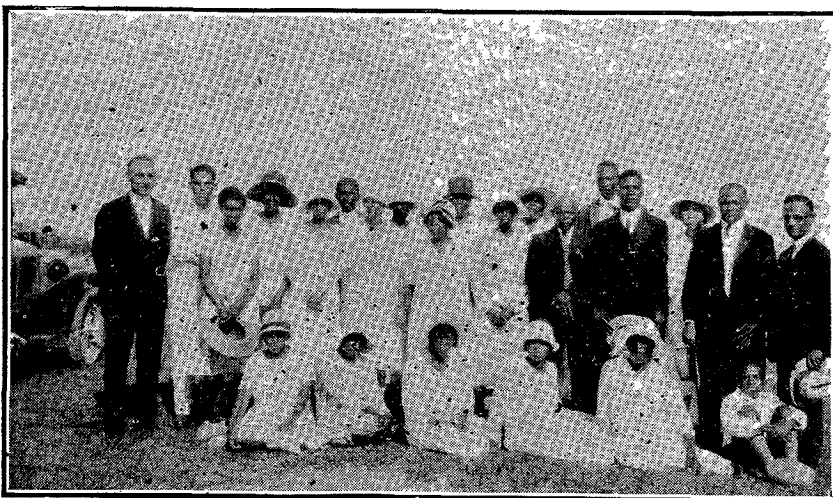
The baptism of one hundred thirteen into the Advent Message during the past two months evidences the continued blessing of God upon the evangelistic work in the South Caribbean Conference. Of these new members the first group were baptized September 14, in the beautiful, clear waters of the stream bounding the land of our training school at Maracas, Trinidad. From the shade of the luxuriant tropical trees, lining the

banks of the stream, several hundred spectators quietly watched the thirty-eight candidates from Brother G. Coon's evangelistic effort in the tabernacle at San Fernando as they, and one other candidate, went forward in the sacred rite. Witnesses of the second baptism stood on the beach sands September 21, as Pastor N. Payne led seven candidates, presented for baptism by Brother J. Roberts, into the waves of the sea at Cedros, Trinidad.

Praying that the almost incessant tropical rains of the previous few days might abate long enough for the baptismal service, many of the believers in the island of Tobago gathered October 23 with friends and interested people to the number of two or three hundred, in a delightful cocoanut grove through which a stream flows to the ocean nearby. This was the climax of a series of evangelistic meetings conducted by Pastor T. J. Warner in a new portable, galvanized-iron tabernacle, in an endeavor to establish our work in Scarborough, the principal town of the island of Tobago (which claims to be Robinson Crusoe's Island), where we have had no church. Our nearest church to Scarborough has been three miles out in the country and so the sight of forty-four candidates going forward in baptism at one time, thirty-seven of whom were the fruitage of the Scarborough tabernacle effort, was especially inspiring; and the hearts of the believers witnessing the service rejoiced as the sun shone in its glory upon the joyful faces of those following their Lord in the solemn ceremony, and many were the expressions of gratitude to God for the abundant answers to prayer. We are confident that the establishment of a strong church at Scarborough will mean much to the work throughout the island.

Our work in the island of Grenada has been hampered in much the same way as in Tobago—churches in the country districts but none in St. George, the capital of the island. For the past year Pastor J. D. Wood has been laboring in and about this city. First a group of sixteen were baptized at Mt. Moritz on the outskirts of the city this past February. During September and October twenty were baptized in the island, twelve of whom were led to take this step through the tent effort recently held in St. George by Pastor Wood. Including a few older church members living near-by and some additional converts awaiting baptism, it is anticipated that a church of approximately forty members can be organized in St. George soon.

In spite of the keen shortage of workers on the field this year through the loss of Brother Jones by death, following an operation, and the absence of the workers from the field through illness, furlough, and attendance at General Conference, reports now available indi-



The largest baptismal class in Nassau.

cate that baptisms for 1930 in this conference may reach a total of about two hundred. For this number of additions to the ranks of the advent people and candidates preparing for baptism, and the fact that this includes the establishment for the first time of churches in the principal towns of two islands, manifest tokens of God's prospering hand, and we greatly rejoice.

C. E. ANDROSS.

Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

BARBADOS

The work in Barbados is going nicely. Classes are preparing for baptism, and I think about fifty will be baptized in the near future. An excellent spirit prevails all over the island in all the churches, and God is greatly blessing the labors of Brother Gardiner. He is enjoying his work, and is finding more than he can do. The people all like him, and he is having a splendid influence there. The entire city of Bridgetown is stirred, and it is my opinion that the work there will make it necessary for us to organize a second church in the city.

W. R. ELLIOTT.

Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

LOOKING UPWARD IN GUIANA

At the close of 1929 we looked into the face of facts that showed us that we must get our vision upward in all lines down here in Guiana. One of the first things that jarred us after this look was the loss of one of our Sabbath schools. We cannot describe our feelings over this loss. However, we asked the Leader of Israel to help us, and He has again shown His willingness to work for His children.

Early this year we were happy to welcome a new Sabbath school to our number. Thus our loss was offset. But we are still anxious to see others added so that there will be growth in the reports for the year. You can imagine our gratitude when Pastor Riley sent us word that he had organized another Sabbath school. It was fully organized too, and the future for it is surely bright for its superintendent's name is Sister Success.

While we were still thinking of this as our youngest Sabbath school word came from Brother Henry Beck, our worker up the Demerara River, saying that he had almost completed the organization of another Sabbath school up above Wismar. We are so happy for these three additions. And with the Sabbath school at Tumatumari which was organized in 1929 we hope to add four new churches to our group in the near future. We are so happy that the Lord is putting His hand to the work here and is blessing the labor of these men

who are carrying the burden in the heat of the day.

Besides these new companies there have been additions to our other church bodies and several have large classes almost ready for baptism. Counting those who have already been baptized in 1930, and those whom the brethren are reasonably sure will be ready for baptism before the end of the year, we should have more than one hundred. Our baptismal candidates number 124.

We need the prayers of all that we may be even more greatly blessed than that. When you kneel to pray remember the work in British Guiana.

A. T. KING.

Georgetown, Br. Guiana.

CENTRAL AMERICAN UNION MISSION

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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD

Surely the Lord honors those who honor Him. We would like to pass on the following experience for the mutual encouragement it contains for all who serve the Lord. David, the psalmist, invites us to "serve the Lord with gladness." We believe Brother Brown of Bocas del Toro bears strong testimony to the possibility of such service.

In a recent letter from his daughter we found this refreshing paragraph:

"Enclosed you will find \$5.00. It is a pledge that my father made to the Lord. You see my father is engaged in a little business and he had quite a number of bills due him. He asked the Lord to help him to collect these, and promised to pay \$5.00 if he received the money. The Lord touched the hearts of the men that owed him and they came and paid my father. So he is sending the \$5.00 he promised to give the Lord."

How true the words, "man's extremity is God's opportunity." No business is so large or so small that it can do without the Creator. Peter experienced that fact while fishing. Jesus said,

"Without Me ye can do nothing." But like Paul, we can do "all things through Christ."

VIOLA E. COOKE.

Cristobal, Canal Zone.

A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE

On the 23rd of April I was called to visit a sick woman who had been suffering from pain all over her body for three weeks. When I entered the house I was told that she cried day and night and had no rest. I found that she could not walk. After consulting her mother I gave her a hot and cold bath. As the woman came out of the water she screamed to the top of her voice and began to shake with chills. We then placed her in bed and covered her with blankets. The mother became greatly troubled over her daughter's condition and began to cry. I was also very much troubled and I left the house to seek the dear Lord. When I returned the woman had fallen asleep. I then prayed again to the Lord that when she awoke she would have no more pain.

The next morning the mother sent for me. When I reached the house she told me that her daughter had enjoyed a good night's rest. A little later I called at the house and found the woman up and dressing herself. She told me that she felt no more pain. I then praised the Lord for His immediate answer to prayer.

MRS. JOHN MAITLAND.

Port Limón, Costa Rica.

"In the work for this time, it is not money or talent or learning or eloquence that are needed so much as faith graced with humility. No opposition can prevail against truth presented in faith and humility, by workers who willingly bear toil and sacrifice and reproach for the Master's sake. We must be co-workers with Christ if we would see our efforts crowned with success. We must weep as He wept for those who will not weep for themselves, and plead as He pleaded for those who will not plead for themselves."—Mrs. E. G. White.



The March Town church in Jamaica.

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NEW BELIEVERS IN ATLANTIC COLOMBIA

Since reporting to the MESSENGER I have made two trips out in the field, one to Bolívar, where Brother Valdés is working, and one to the banana zone, where Brother Castro has an interesting work.

In El Carmen it was my privilege to baptize four persons. Here Brother and Sister Flores have endured much opposition from the village priest and his friends, but they have been firm in the truth. One of the candidates has been sick for a long time, and was a little afraid that the long walk to reach the place and return would make her worse. But she told us afterward that she felt better than ever.

From there we went to María la Baja, where we have a recently organized Sabbath school of about twelve members. Brother Valiente, who started Protestant work there, and who after a study Friday evening on the Sabbath question decided to keep the true Sabbath, was baptized. As this town is rather free from prejudice and fanaticism, I believe we will have a good work there.

After two half days of riding through heavy rains we came to Loma en Medio. We had hardly arrived when it began to rain again, but in spite of that about thirty persons were present that evening in the home of Brother Suarez. The following day we went to Lázaro, about five miles away, but it was so rainy that only a few came out that night. From there we went to La Sierra, five miles in another direction, and as it was too rainy to gather all in one place for the evening, we held service in the home of Brother Ramos for those who lived near, and in the evening at the home of Brother Torres.

Sabbath, October 18, seventy persons gathered in Lázaro, our members from Loma en Medio and La Sierra making up part of the attendance. If the roads had been better, there would have been more. Although the Sabbath school was held in one group, we had the secretaries' reports from all three schools, and the attendance and collections were taken separately. At this meeting four more took their stand for the truth. We gathered beside the beautiful stream which runs near the house, and witnessed the baptism of twelve persons. Among these were two Sabbath school superintendents, two secretaries, and one assistant secretary. We had to man our schools with those who were still preparing for baptism, as the only one in all that region who had been baptized before was Brother Therán, who lives

at Guacamayal about ten miles from Lázaro. It brought a little sadness to some of those who were older in both years and Sabbath keeping, that they could not be baptized while younger ones went forward, but they had neglected to get married. Many of them resolved to do so as soon as possible, so as to be prepared for the next baptism. There is a large group of splendid young people in those schools. The Lord gave us good weather that day, and as the people returned to their homes their hearts were full of holy joy.

The following day, Sunday, we went to Guacamayal, where Brother Therán had a dressing room built beside the stream about a half kilometer from the houses, and there three candidates went forward in baptism, making twenty baptized on that trip.

I was impressed with the way the Lord guided us as we passed through the little village of Macaján. We were thirsty, and began to look for a house where we could get a drink of lemonade sweetened with brown sugar. Suddenly Brother Valdés reined up to a house. There the lady offered to serve us and would take no pay for doing so. As she seemed intelligent and open-minded I began to talk to her of what we were teaching, and as I told her of the coming of Jesus, of the new earth, how we could receive the pardon of our sins and be accepted of God, her heart opened to the Message, and she listened attentively, asked some good questions, and seemed to be much pleased with what she had heard. We had prayer before going, and she asked us to visit her again if we ever passed that way. No doubt that was the only Bible study ever held in that village.

We visited a number of families and groups near Sincelejo, and there were others that we did not have time to visit. These became interested through Brother Antonio Paternina of Sincelejo. As soon as we can do some work among them I am sure many will begin keeping the Sabbath. Brother Valdés has a large parish, and is away from home a great deal of the time, but he plans to do something for these people in the near future.

Sabbath, November 22, we held a baptism in Retén, where six went forward in the sacred rite. The next day the same number were baptized in Aracataca, one of whom lives in Fundación. Two more were ready, but circumstances prevented them from being present. With these twelve baptisms in the banana zone we now have over thirty—enough so that we can soon organize a church, probably in Aracataca.

The church school in Barranquilla has now closed for the year. In the final examinations the pupils showed the results of the earnest, painstaking care

with which the teacher, Victoria Dávila, instructs and inspires them. The results of her four years of faithful work will be life-long in the lives of these children. The exhibition of sewing by the girls of the school was excellent.

On a recent week-day I visited some of the members of the new Sabbath school in Orihueca, and from their sincere, earnest appearance I am sure that they will make good church members in the near future. E. W. THURBER.

Barranquilla, Colombia.

SOWING AND REAPING

The Lord said that His word shall not return unto Him void, but that it shall accomplish that which He pleases, and it shall prosper in the thing wherewith He sent it. We know that this was, is, and always will be true; and that is why we are working. In spite of the difficulties and opposition, the gospel will go forward to accomplish its purpose, and our laborers will be confident of the final success.

The efforts of our canvassers are bringing results. They are of good courage. One of them writes:

"We are looking not for money, but for the sincere hearts, like the one we found in a certain town. A young man, fearing that the book would not come, when he saw me exclaimed: 'I was waiting for you! I was afraid you would not come! I have the money ready!'"

Brother Gonzalez, who was working in Medellín with Brother Urbina, canvassing for "*Hacia la Edad de Oro*" wrote:

"Here the priests are very much concerned, and the daily papers are full of advertisements against our books; but it has not been of any importance to the people. One of our customers, when he saw the warning in the paper, asked: 'Have you seen the advertisement?' And when we gave him an affirmative answer, he said, 'What a shame!' On the same occasion we were waiting for the head supervisor of a certain office, and when he came and we made the presentation of the book to him he said, 'They sent me a warning; but this book is very good and I must buy it.'

"Last week we took thirty-eight orders. This shows us that the people are awakening. They are ashamed of their ministers, and many do not fear the threatening of excommunication any more. I think that the time has come to work with all our strength without paying any attention to the cost. Brother Urbina and I, thanks to the good propaganda of the friends, bishop and archbishop, have had more success than Brother Steeves and I had before. There are some people who have been waiting to give us their orders because they had read the warning in the papers. Some questioned: 'Is this the prohibited book?' When we told them it was and tried to show it to them, they said, 'It is not necessary, bring me one. I believe that it must be very good because it is prohibited.'"

That is the way the Lord is using even the opposition of the enemies to help His laborers to sow the seed of truth. D. N. PERALTA.

Barranquilla, Colombia.

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine; but a broken spirit drieth the bones."

MEXICAN UNION MISSION

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D. A. PARSONS - - - - - Superintendent
J. G. PETTEY - - - - - Secy.-Treas.**GOD'S HAND OVER HIS WORKERS**

One of our young men, José Quintero, tells the following story of the way in which the Lord delivered him from sure death at the hands of a would-be murderer.

He had taken many orders for books and *El Centinela* and in so doing had encountered a great deal of opposition in an intensely fanatical town.

One day he met a man who began to curse him and blaspheme the name of God. This man threatened to kill our brother the first opportunity he had. Our brother went to his home and placed himself in the hands of the Lord. The following morning he felt impressed to pray that the Lord would direct him as to where he should go and what he should do. He started to go out into the country where the road led up to a narrow canyon. As he traveled along he felt impressed to turn aside to see a certain brother who lived some distance off the road. He visited with this brother for a while and would have gone up the canyon but the brother asked him to stay for dinner. After dinner he proceeded on his journey but soon learned that a terrible fight had taken place up in the canyon. A man was brought down town in a dying condition and another was already dead. It seems that our brother's enemy had been waiting in the canyon to kill him and when the other man came up a fight ensued, which resulted in the death of one of the men. The enemy who threatened to kill our canvasser died the following day which was less than forty-eight hours from the time of his threat.

Tacubaya, Mexico. C. E. MOON.

"The closer you come to God's altar, the more likely you are to be God's missionary."

LOST ALL, BUT STILL FAITHFUL

In the little village of Tierra Colorado the people were living peaceful and contented as they had lived for a long time. But one day one of our workers visited there, and then Satan became wroth. Several families became interested in the Message and began keeping the Sabbath.

One family in particular, living on the ranch of a man who professed the Catholic religion, had a small piece of ground where they raised vegetables and other food stuff to be sold in the market.

But when he learned that they had accepted a doctrine contrary to his, he began to persecute these poor folks. They were very poor and only had one suit of clothing each. Naturally this would become very dirty. When they first heard the Third Angel's Message, as always, it had its effect upon them. It not only cleaned them up inside but outside as well. But now, how were they to come to Sabbath school in clean clothes when those they were wearing were all they had?

The wife and mother worked this out. Early Friday morning she put the husband and the two youngsters in their hammock and took their clothes, then made her way to the river where it was necessary to strip off her clothes also and there she washed and dried their clothes that they might be clean for the Sabbath.

God did not forget these humble servants. When they went to market to sell their produce, they received more than any other gardener for their things. Soon they had several changes of clothes, also shoes and stockings. They were also able to build themselves a little bamboo house in which to live.

But one day when they returned from their labors they found that the enemy had been at work and their little home and all the clothes and other things that they had acquired in those days had all

been destroyed by fire. Were they despondent? No. They said: "Well we are just where we were when we heard the truth. We only had one change of clothing and no shoes, and we were in sin; now we have lost all, but we have salvation. Praise the Lord! Our God is stronger than our enemies. He will not allow us to suffer."

May our Father who is ever watching over His own, bless these dear people, and may they remain true, notwithstanding all the trials that may come upon them, and that through their faithful lives others may learn of their Christ.

MRS. F. L. E. ULMER.

Puebla, Puebla, Mexico.

With Our Departments**CHRISTIAN HOME PROBLEMS****The Purpose of Obedience**

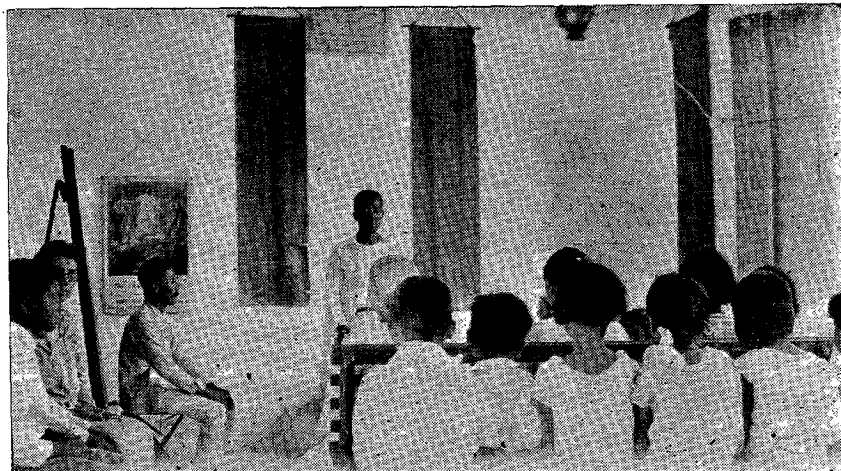
Obedience is the first lesson the child must learn. The purpose of obedience is to secure the right course for the best good of the child. Through the years of childhood and adolescence, the purpose of the parent must be to develop the experience and the judgment of his child so that the child can better and better make his own choice between good and ill. It is a great principle of the art of family government to enlist the will of the child upon the side of the parent in the decision of all matters. Thus the child will form the habit of coming up to decisions, not with the spirit of rebellion, but of reason, and so he will gain more fully the power to use good judgment in making his own decisions.

To do this, parents must observe these principles:

Cultivate in yourself the ability to make correct judgments. Be not hasty and ill-considered in deciding what your child must do, but be willing to know his reasons and to consider them. On the other hand, do not hesitate and waver. Reserve your decision until you have made up your mind from the evidence; then stick to it kindly, but firmly.

Keep yourself in an attitude of cooperation with the child. Oppose his will as little as possible. Rather, lead his will. To do this you have to be forehanded. No parent can afford to wait for his child to suggest everything he wants to do, for often he will want to do the wrong thing, and then the parent is thrown into the position of opposer. Of course, this will occur often enough in the case of every active-minded child; but it will be greatly lessened by the parent's suggesting courses of action, and leading in them. What to play, what to make, where to go, stories to tell, books to read, outings to be taken. The power of suggestion, used regularly and opportunely, will do away with much opposition.

Make as few commands as possible.



The interior of our Korean church in Yucatan.

Give your child liberty of action. You do not have to watch every little thing about his conduct and be continually admonishing him. Such a practice leads to nagging. Overlook small deficiencies and concentrate on broad lines of teaching.

Have few rules, and as far as possible make them positive rather than negative, "Do's" rather than "Don'ts." Sometimes it is necessary to say, "Don't"—but the more "Do's" in comparison to "Don'ts," the greater progress.

The child has rights; they should not be invaded with too many and too minute prohibitions. He has a right to live a natural life; to play in the sunshine and the water and the sand, to get gloriously dirty and hungry and tired.

The child has a right, especially as he grows older to some liberty of action. Rules there should be, simple and rea-

things of which we approve, but we are aroused to eloquence of denunciation by the things we disapprove. Cultivate the happy, cheerful approving state of mind that springs from love.

When Bobby brings his handful of flowers, badly selected and badly arranged though they be, show your delight in his thought for you. When Betty puts into your lunch a "S'prise" package of the little cake she has baked, cuddle her in your arms at night and give her forty-seven kisses for it. When daughter has given up with tears and smiles her desire to read a piece of fiction you disapprove, tell her how proud you are of the woman who is growing up. When son turns down the invitation to the "joy ride" because you stiffen his faltering will, give him a squeeze that will make the sacrifice worth while to his mind.

Be Regular in Your Habits

The body, with its various functions, is rather a stickler for regularity. In its own way of working, it does things by rhythm and more or less regular order.

Have you noticed how regular the breathing is, and that only when you do something unusual the breathing gets more rapid? You will also note that in health your pulse beat is very uniform and regular under normal conditions. This pulse beat, as you know, represents the action of the heart in its pumping and forcing the blood through the entire circulation. The heart beats therefore with the same regularity.

Some people can tell with almost exact accuracy when dinner time comes, by the call for food that the stomach makes.

In various ways the body observes this regularity; in fact, the health of the body is very much in accordance with this regular work of the various parts.

In fever, both the breathing and the pulse beat are speeded up, and this very fact indicates that something is wrong. In some cases of illness there is a loss of appetite, and this too is a sign that something is out of order.

It is well to observe this call for system, order, and regularity, and in our own habits to be as careful as we can to do at the right time, the things that should be done.

It is better to have a regular time for waking. This calls for a regular time for going to bed as of course we must have enough sleep. We can train ourselves to wake at about the same time every morning; and having a time to get up that is early enough, we have time to get ready for breakfast and to do any other thing we should whether it is going to school, going to work, or doing whatever is to be done.

It is particularly important that regularity in eating be observed. It is best to have the meals served about the same time, and to be on time at mealtime.

Nothing should be taken between meals, for that especially breaks into the regular work of the stomach.

The way to form good health habits is to practice them regularly. Having a stated time for brushing the teeth, probably after breakfast, helps to get that attended to and keeps it from being forgotten.

There is also the call to the toilet, another important matter that should be attended to promptly and regularly. Perhaps of all the conditions that cause distress through life, the most common is constipation, and one of the things that does most to cause this trouble is irregularity of bowel habits.

How many people are careless about their bedtime, and let this, that, or the other thing interfere with their getting sufficient sleep! Have your time for going to bed, and do not let other things break into it.

And then, of course, there is the time for personal devotions—the reading of a chapter in the Bible, and prayer. Nothing in life can be more important than regular, faithful attention to the things that make for a good strong religious life.—*Life and Health*.

HOME WORKERS' CORNER

Success Assured

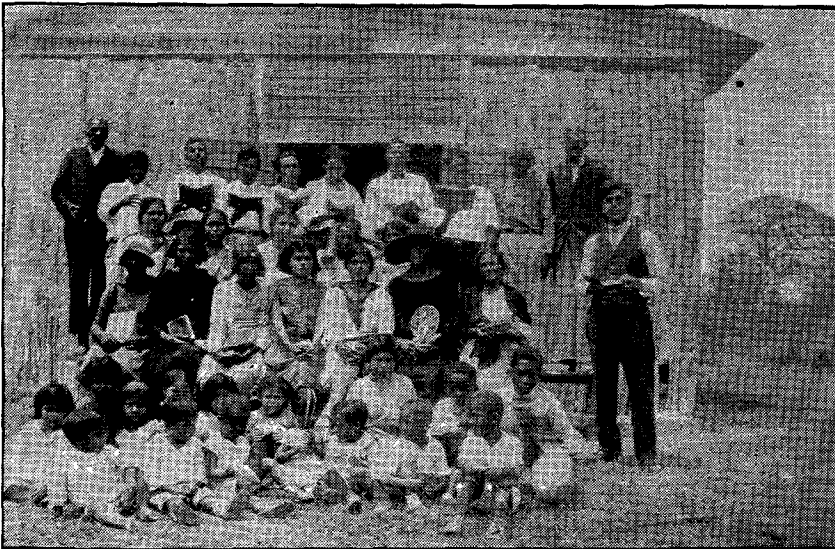
"God will do the work if we furnish Him the instruments."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 107.

"God will accept the whole-hearted service, and will Himself make up the deficiencies."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 150.

"Every deed of righteousness will be immortalized, although the doer may not feel that he has done anything worthy of notice."—*Testimonies*, Vol. II, p. 683.

"If you are truly consecrated, God will, through your instrumentality, bring into the truth others whom He can use as channels to convey light to many that are groping in darkness."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VII, p. 63.

"The truth is soon to triumph gloriously, and all who now choose to be laborers together with God will triumph with it."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 135.



Believers and Sabbath school members in Tampico, Mexico.

sonable, to uphold right doing, to keep the conventions, and to maintain home life; but they should not make a prison of home. If home is so attractive and mother so dear a companion as ought to be, the law of attraction will mostly solve the problem, and make discipline easier; if they are not, no number of laws can supply the lack. True, a boy runs the danger of drowning if he goes swimming; but then, he might get lock-jaw at home from a rusty nail, or the house might fall on him. The girl or boy may come in contact with evil, somewhere, sometime, if they mingle with other children, but if righteousness is rooted in them by the teachings of home, they will, like the tree on the windy height, strike their roots deeper for the storm.

Seek to approve rather than to condemn. This is directly contrary to human nature. We pass by silently the

Smile, approve, commend. Do not frown, nor scold, nor condemn. Do as little as possible of disapproving.

Give the children a pride in being obedient. Obedience consists not merely of obeying particular commands that you may make on occasions; obedience includes loyalty to principles and right practices that you teach them right along. Instead of antagonizing them by your commands, get their cooperation. By this method, you will find it unnecessary to be constantly giving special commands to your children, and you will find that a great help to obedience.

A. W. SPALDING.

Washington, D. C.

"The world's Redeemer accepts men as they are, with all their wants, imperfections, and weaknesses; and He will not only cleanse from sin and grant redemption through His blood, but will satisfy the heart-longing of all who consent to wear His yoke, to bear His burden."

"To every one who offers himself to the Lord for service, withholding nothing, is given power for the attainment of measureless results."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VII, p. 30.

"When we labor diligently for the salvation of our fellow men, God will prosper our every effort."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 86.

"The Lord has a place for every one in His great plan. Talents that are not needed are not bestowed. Supposing that the talent is small, God has a place for it, and that one talent, if faithfully used, will do the very work God designs that it should do."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 37.

"The humblest workers, in cooperation with Christ, may touch chords whose vibrations shall ring to the ends of the earth, and make melody throughout eternal ages."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 159.

"True success in any line of work is not the result of chance or accident or destiny. It is the outworking of God's providences, the reward of faith and discretion, of virtue and perseverance. Fine mental qualities and a high moral tone are not the result of accident. God gives opportunities; success depends upon the use made of them."—*Prophets and Kings*, p. 486.

"Those who are impressed to enter the work, whether in the home field or in the regions beyond, are to go forward in the name of the Lord. If they depend on God for grace and strength, they will succeed. At the beginning their work may be small, but if they follow the Lord's plan, it will enlarge. God lives. He will work for the unselfish, self-sacrificing laborer, whoever and wherever he may be."—*Southern Watchman*, April 9, 1903.

THE CAUSE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We are glad for the good work that is being done in the six training schools in the Inter-American Division. Because we do not yet have all of the reports, we cannot give at this time the full attendance and enrolment of the training schools and the church schools in our fields. This we shall hope to be able to bring to you shortly.

Because of the lack of a principal for the French school in Haiti, that institution has been closed for more than two years. It has now reopened and we are looking to that school as being the one great factor for the French work in our division. We had to secure new principals for our English training school on the Panama Canal, for the college in Jamaica, and other teachers have been brought in to aid in nearly all of the schools operated in our territory. Now that we have a good corps of instructors in these schools, and since we have such a host of young people in our ranks, we should make marked progress in these training centers.

One of the greatest needs in our field is that of a real department of elementary education in each of the union conferences and missions. Without these we cannot hope to have as good results from these training schools as we could with these foundation schools. Toward this objective we must continually bend our efforts.

Let us make 1931 a real year of progress in the Educational Department.

Balboa, C. Z.

W. L. ADAMS.

A LARGER WORK

The lay members of the Seventh-day Adventist church have made very encouraging advancement during the year 1930 in rallying to the Lord's call for "universal service." A number of fields in our own division have reported that more than 100% of their membership are actively engaged in soul-winning endeavor; and a spirit of consecration and zeal is being manifested which gives bright promise for the days to come.

But now we are facing the year 1931, and our task of sounding a world-wide Message remains unfinished. One glance at the prophetic mileposts and existing conditions in the world today sends conviction to every intelligent mind that the end of all things is right at hand. How can this work be accomplished in the short time that remains of this last generation? This was the problem to which the delegates at the recent Fall Council gave serious consideration and study.

The brethren who attended that important meeting struggled with many perplexities as they faced the responsibility of carrying forward the work in this time of world-wide financial depression; and their minds naturally turned to the instruction the Lord has given us regarding how it will be possible to finish the work with the few resources at our command; and the admonition, "time is short, and our forces must be organized to do a larger work," evidently furnished the solution of the problem, and led to the adoption of the following important recommendations, which were included in a statement on evangelism submitted to the Council by the officers of the General Conference:

"We recommend, 1. That local and union conference committees throughout the world be urged to give earnest, careful study to the following important aims:

"a. Organizing and training church members to engage in the soul-winning work called for in the instruction given through the Spirit of Prophecy.

"d. Selecting and training in every field qualified members of the churches as lay preachers and Bible workers, encouraging them to engage in the work of preaching this Message at their own charges and on their own time, in the homes, on the streets, in schools, halls and churches, or wherever else opportunity makes possible, associating with them in this endeavor as many of their brethren and sisters as possible, to the end that the entire world membership of this movement become engaged in a mighty evangelistic forward movement for the finishing of the gospel on earth, and

"e. Holding institutes in local fields to give definite instruction to such lay preachers and Bible workers how to conduct meetings and win souls for Christ."

These recommendations indicate that the brethren have been impressed in a very definite way that the "forces" referred to by the Lord in the statement quoted above, and upon which He is largely depending for the finishing of the work are the lay members of the church. They have made no mistake in

arriving at this conclusion, for this is the program that is emphasized in unnumbered statements in the "Testimonies."

If these recommendations are fully carried out, we shall surely see the "larger work" which the Lord desires to have accomplished.

C. E. Wood.

Balboa, C. Z.

TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Dear Missionary Volunteers:

There are many things I wish I could talk over with you each as we stand on the threshold of another year. First of all I wish you a very *Happy New Year*, and I pray that this may be the best year you have ever given Jesus in service in His vineyard here below.

Will you not make it a rule to do something for Him every day, and to endeavor earnestly to know Him better every day by studying His Book and meeting Him in prayer? And by the way, you, who have received gift Bibles in the past or are endeavoring to obtain one soon, will be very sorry to learn that the dear old sister in America who has provided these gifts has died. So it is probable that the plan will have to be discontinued soon. However, the fund left for this purpose makes it possible to extend the same generous offer to our Missionary Volunteers during 1931. Be sure to complete the requirements for a gift Bible this year, if you desire one of these beautiful reminders of Sister Aebi's love for the Missionary Volunteers in Inter-America.

Finally, dear young people, just now as we stand facing a New Year, let me refer you to Sister White's last message to you. Here are just two paragraphs of the message that came from her deathbed to our young people.

"I do not expect to live long. My work is nearly done. Tell our young people that I want my words to encourage them in that manner of life that will be most attractive to the heavenly intelligences, and that their influence upon others may be most ennobling.

"In the night season I was selecting and laying aside books that are of no advantage to the young. We should select for them books that will encourage them to sincerity of life, and lead them to the opening of the word. This has been presented to me in the past, and I thought I would get it before you and make it secure. We cannot afford to give to the young people valueless reading. Books that are a blessing to mind and soul are needed. These things are too lightly regarded; therefore our people should become acquainted with what I am saying."—*Messages to Young People*, pp. 287, 288.

The balance of this message I trust you may read another time. It is found in full in Sister White's "Messages to Young People." Because of our earnest desire to have the young people in Inter-America obtain for themselves the blessings God has put into Sister White's books for them, we are placing in the Senior Reading Course each year one of

her volumes. This year they are asked to read the last half of "Great Controversy." Let none of our young people fail to study the vivid picture there of the closing days in the great struggle between good and evil.

And now goodbye till another time. Remember we wish you a very Happy New Year and forget not that God will give you just such a year if you let Him lead you down through its winding pathways.

MRS. E. E. ANDROSS.

Balboa, C. Z.

hope to be able to sum up the work of the Sabbath schools for the year in a general report, and we hope to be able to see a little way ahead of us into the year to come. Considering all things through which we have passed, we should be greatly encouraged with the accomplishments of the year, and take fresh courage for the one before us. Great advancement has been made. Let us determine that we shall make greater advancement during the year 1931.

Balboa, C. Z.

W. L. ADAMS.

A COLPORTEUR EXPERIENCE

During the time that Helderburg College was being built for the students of South Africa, some of our young people canvassed the surrounding districts with books to help raise funds.

One boy knocked at the door of a cottage in which lived a poor colored woman and her mother. When the boy explained the purpose of his visit the woman said, "No," but her mother called to her, "Don't say no, Alice, if he can call later on for the money." The lad promised to do so, and the order was given.

A few weeks passed by and a card was received saying that the colporteur would arrive that day. "Oh," said the mother, "we haven't a penny toward that book money." After a moment's thought she called to her daughter, and said, "Alice, pack up a box of those hats you made and I will go to a little mission house I know and see if I cannot sell some." The daughter packed the box, and the mother started out. On reaching the mission house she knocked on the door, and a lady opened it. The mother began to show some of the hats to the lady, who asked leave to carry the box into the house as she had some visitors there. In a few moments she returned with a handful of money—each visitor had bought a hat. So, long before the colporteur arrived an unseen hand had guided the mother to a place where she could obtain the money to pay for her book.—G. Marter, in the *Missionary Worker*.

OUR SABBATH SCHOOLS IN 1931

The Sabbath school is designed of the Lord to accomplish two definite things for the church of God,—to be an educational factor for every member, both old and young, to bring in fresh knowledge and inspiration, and to deepen the spiritual life of every church member; and it is to be a continual financial source of supply to the mission fields, which will enable the faithful men and women in mission lands to stay by the work and to carry it to all the world in this generation.

The great clock of time has rolled away the year 1930, and the New Year is just before us. In a short time we

**MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER
READING COURSES
FOR 1931**

It has become necessary to make a few changes in the Reading Course books as planned at the time of our division meeting last spring. A few of the books we were not able to obtain and others it was impossible to get translated in time to use in the 1931 Spanish Reading Courses. So now the Reading Courses for the English and Spanish stand as follows:

English Senior Course:
 "Great Controversy," chapter 19 to end. \$2.25
 "Keeping Well" .25
 "Alone With God" .25

English Junior Course:
 "Sweetest Stories Ever Told" .25
 "A Journey to Happy Healthland" .25
 "Bedtime Stories, No. 4" .25

Spanish Senior Course:
 "Great Controversy," chapter 19 to end. \$2.25
 "Alone With God," paper .35

Spanish Junior Course:
 "Sweetest Stories Ever Told" .35
 "Cartilla Sagrada, No. 2" .25
 "Bedtime Stories, No. 2" .25

A GREATER YOUTH'S MOVEMENT

Evangelism! That word echoed through the hall when the workers for the youth met for council during the General Conference held last May and June in San Francisco, California. And with that call to evangelism went an equally urgent call to deeper consecration. The call was expressed in the two following recommendations:

Evangelism

Whereas, conditions among youth of Seventh-day Adventist parentage reveal an increased need for evangelistic labor and religious instruction among them, and

Whereas, there should be a renewed call to consecrated youth to labor for the salvation of their unconverted companions,

We Recommend, (a) That to this end as workers we consecrate our lives anew, and devote ourselves to earnest study and prayer for a deeper personal experience in the things of God.

(b) That we give a new and concerted emphasis in our work as a Department to evangelism, and the encouragement of a movement among the young people to labor more earnestly for their friends.

(c) That in this endeavor the following specific objectives be recognized:

- (1) The development of soul-winning vision and power among the converted youth.
- (2) The enlistment of these youth in personal

soul-winning endeavor for their unconverted companions.

(3) The enlistment and training of all the youth for full responsibility in the life and activities of the church.

(4) The creation of a sense of unity and world-wide fellowship among the youth of the Advent movement.

(5) The strengthening of conviction and stimulating of initiative and close, careful thinking on the part of the youth.

(6) The inculcation of sound ideas of Christian manhood and womanhood.

(7) Thorough education in the doctrines of the Advent Message and in the Spirit of Prophecy as related to the problems of youth.

(8) An earnest effort to gather all our youth into our own schools.

Youth Working For Other Youth

Recognizing the responsibility of our youth to give the Advent Message to the Youth of the world.

We Recommend: (a) The preparation of literature adapted to the existing needs of the youth not of our faith, preferably in the form of leaflets and twenty-five cents booklets.

(b) That our societies arrange for definite endeavor in behalf of all the unconverted children and youth, especially emphasizing personal effort and prayer by individuals for individuals.

(c) That our societies prepare special programs designed to acquaint the youth not of our faith with our belief and work.

(d) That well-planned fellowship gatherings under strong spiritual leadership be utilized as one of the means of influencing young people for Christ.

(e) That where sufficient contacts have been established and interest awakened, a public evangelistic effort be conducted with a view to win youth to the Third Angel's Message."

Can our world organization count on our Inter-American Missionary Volunteers entering into this plan for the speedy finishing of the work?

NOTICE

General meetings are to be held in the Caribbean Union on the following dates: Leeward Islands, January 10-17; South Caribbean, January 24-30; Guiana, February 6-14.

IS THE WAY CLOSED?

Have you been disappointed in your plans for returning to school? Do not be discouraged. The HOME STUDY INSTITUTE invites you to join its large company of students. You may continue your studies with us under the skilled guidance of sympathetic teachers. Send today for our new calendar which has just come out, and go forward with your work. Numerous courses are offered in Bible, History, English, Mathematics, etc. Full credit will be given for all work satisfactorily completed. Address HOME STUDY INSTITUTE, Takoma Park, D. C.

OBITUARY

HYLTON.—William Hylton was born at Seafordtown, Jamaica, August 5, 1870, and died in Panama, September 2, 1930 as a result of injuries received when a bull gored him. He accepted the Adventist faith in Port Limon twenty-five years ago. Three years after accepting this truth he removed with his wife to Panama, and united with the church at Mount Hope. Since 1914 he made his home in New Providence, Canal Zone. After the death of his first wife, he married Miss Ruth Gardner.

His home was similar to that of Justus of Corinth—accessible to the missionaries. We have lost a very faithful member. He was laid to rest in the Corozal Cemetery to await the call of the Lifegiver. His relatives and friends weep not as those who have no hope.

New Providence, C. Z. C. P. HARVEY.

URGENT APPEAL FROM MISSION BOARD

We are beginning a New Year, and in order that you may have clearly before you the present financial situation as it affects our mission work, we are quoting from actions taken at the recent Autumn Council, in America, when the leaders from many parts of the world field were together considering the perplexing problems confronting our work:

"An Appeal for Funds

"In view of the serious conditions we face, the following outline of an appeal to our people was adopted:

"We earnestly appeal to every Seventh-day Adventist to note that we are confronted with a serious situation. The shrinkage in income for the year 1930 is estimated to be at least \$450,000. This large sum of money affects to that extent the base appropriation to the mission fields. The only way that the Fall Council could adjust itself to the situation was to encroach upon funds otherwise intended for extension of our rapidly growing work. It has been voted to do no church extension work during 1931, meaning that nowhere in the wide world can we help any local congregation to provide itself with a place of worship, because it has been necessary to use our entire Church Extension Fund to maintain our missionaries at their place of service. Still another embarrassing necessity has been to take \$50,000 from the Mission Extension Fund. The net result to mission fields is a cut in their base appropriation of \$153,000.

"We appeal to our people to reflect earnestly and prayerfully on what this will mean to our work in other lands where there are altogether too few workers to answer the many providential openings, where workers are already underpaid, and where unsettled conditions make local adjustment an almost impossible task.

"The quick response of our people in wiping out the deficit in our mission funds in 1922, is a noted example of the devotion of the people of the advent movement. Will we this year bind about our wants, and make a covenant with God through sacrifice that will bring relief to our suffering missions? The next few weeks will give the answer."

Expression of Thanks

We desire to express our deep appreciation and sincere thanks to each believer throughout the Inter-American Division, for your devotion and support of the Lord's work during 1930, and as we enter upon the New Year we wish you much of God's blessing. In view of the need should not each one plan early in the year to increase his offerings, if possible, by systematic giving week by week?

F. L. HARRISON,

Secretary-Treasurer,
Inter-American Division.

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O'ER LAND AND SEA

Pastor and Mrs. E. E. Andross returned to the division office December 3, after an absence of about eight months. During this time they attended the General Conference and the Autumn Council, and spent a few months in recuperation from operations in one of our sanitariums in California. Just before returning to the division office they attended the Jamaica Conference session at Kingston.

On the same boat with Pastor and Mrs. Andross came Prof. W. L. Adams and Pastor G. W. Wells, field secretary of the General Conference. Both of these workers attended the general meeting in Jamaica. Brother Wells will spend some time in Inter-America, visiting the different fields, before returning to Washington, D. C.

Prof. C. P. Crager also arrived in Balboa, December 3. In company with Prof. W. L. Adams he will survey the educational work in this division. Professor Crager has spent a number of years in Africa and South America, and his counsel and help at this time will be greatly appreciated.

THE NEW LEAF

He came to my desk with quivering lip!

The lesson was done.

"Have you a new leaf for me, dear teacher?"

I have spoiled this one!"

I took his leaf, all soiled and blotted

And gave him a new one, all unspotted,

Then into his tired heart I smiled:

"Do better now, my child!"

I went to the throne, with trembling heart.

The year was done.

"Have you a New Year for me, dear Master?"

I have spoiled this one."

He took my year, all soiled and blotted

And gave me a new one, all unspotted,

Then, into my tired heart he smiled:

"Do better now, my child!"

—"Literary Digest," Dec. 29, 1928.

Mrs. E. J. Lorntz and children arrived in Cristobal the early part of December. Pastor Lorntz has been looking after the work in the Panama Conference for several months and we are happy that he can now have his family with him. During the month of November Pastor Lorntz visited some of the churches in the province of Chiriqui, Panama.

Mrs. E. W. Everest, wife of the manager of the Pacific Press in Cristobal, joined her husband the latter part of November after an absence from the Zone of about seven months.

Pastor and Mrs. L. L. Hutchinson, who for a number of years were connected with the work in the Panama Conference, and who now are rendering the same loving and untiring service in Jamaica, send greetings to the believers in the Panama Conference.

Pastors E. E. Andross, G. W. Wells, W. L. Adams, C. P. Crager, and Brother F. L. Harrison left the Zone December 10 for San José, Costa Rica, to study the best location for the new Inter-Union Spanish Training School.

Miss Viola E. Cooke spent a few days at the division office the early part of December assisting in the stenographic work.

You who have been enjoying the MESSENGER during the long months of the editor's absence will be glad to know that its regular visits were made possible through the faithful services of Miss Sallie J. Jenkins, one of the workers in the division office.

Because of serious illness Pastor D. A. Parsons has been compelled to resign from the superintendency of the Mexican Union. His resignation was presented at the time of the Autumn Council. Pray for his restoration; pray also for his wife who is not at all strong, but who has continued to carry on her work under these trying circumstances, and do not forget to intercede for the cause in Mexico where God has been doing so great a work in the recent past.

Pastor E. M. Trummer called at the division office on his way back to Colombia, December 12. He seemed eager to return to the field which he has learned to love during his years of service there. We were glad to learn from him that Sister Trummer is improving in health. She and the children are remaining in the States a little longer where the children are enjoying church school privileges and where we trust Sister Trummer may be restored fully to health.

Brother and Sister Mulholland and their little Margaretta, and Miss Sallie J. Jenkins of the division office have gone to Costa Rica for a well-earned holiday in a cooler climate. Brother Mulholland has charge of the Spanish work in Panama City. We hope the change will enable all these workers to return to us with a good reserve in health for service this year.

A letter recently received from Brother Ishmael Ellis, our pioneer missionary among the Guaymi Indians in Panama, brings a very cheering report of the onward march of the work there. But with the remarkable progress has also come considerable opposition from enemies of the truth. Brother Ellis is full of courage and solicits your daily prayers in his behalf.

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