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Earth's Most Solemn Hour

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Continuously through a period of years a voice from heaven has been sounding in our ears, warning of the coming of the great day of God. Repeatedly our attention has been called to the great proximity of that day as revealed in the fast-fulfilling signs of the times.

Today no one, who is familiar with Bible prophecy, can fail to see in what is taking place about us the sure fulfillment of every prophecy pointing to the coming of Jesus, nor yet fail to discern the steady tread of events that proclaim in thunder tones the imminent peril of every soul who is unprepared to stand before the Son of Man in that great day.

Events of the greatest magnitude have taken place within the past few months. Serious political difficulties, especially in Spain, India, China and Russia; revolutions in South and Central America; unrest at times breaking out into disorder, plots against the government, radical agitation and rumors of "red" activity, all have contributed to a state of general apprehension.

From the February number of *Current History*, 1931, under the subheading "International Events" I take the following:

"No truer words were ever spoken than those by Lion Blum in the French chamber a few weeks ago, when he warned his countrymen that, though none of them wanted war, they were heaping up fuel for the conflagration. We are all doing it. Tariffs and unjust treaties, braggart speeches by statesmen, the ruthless exaction of pounds of flesh by nations possessed of power, minorities that are oppressed, these are the things of which wars are made."

In the political field there are fear, suspicion, jealousy, and hatred that persist, and that are becoming more intense involving practically all the nations. This is leading to feverish preparations for war far in excess of any thing previously known.

Add to all this the general economic depression, the millions of unemployed,

the amassing of colossal fortunes by the masters of industry, the increase of moral corruption and debasing crime, and we have a picture of conditions that the prophets have described as existing in the earth when "the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity." Isaiah 26:21.

At this time the Lord tenderly appeals to His people saying: "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast." Isa. 26:2. "Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek

the prophecy is addressed to every soul. Let no one feel that he is secure from danger of being surprised."—*Special Testimonies.*"

"When the storm of God's wrath breaks upon the world, it will be a terrible revelation for souls to find that their house is being swept away, because it is built upon sand. Let the warning be given them before it is too late. We should now feel the responsibility of laboring with intense earnestness to impart to others the light we have received. We cannot be too much in earnest. *Even those who have felt much have not felt enough. They must feel still more deeply.*

"As you see the peril and misery of the world under the working of Satan, do not exhaust your God-given energies in idle lamentations, but go to work for yourselves and for others. It is fitting for us to weep as Christ wept, but let us weep to some purpose: Awake, and feel a burden for those that are perishing. If they are not won to Christ they will lose an eternity of bliss. Think of what it is possible for them to gain.

"No district is to be neglected. *Any region that is left in darkness testifies to our unfaithfulness.*

"Sound an alarm throughout the length and breadth of the earth. Tell the people that the day of the Lord is near, and hasteth greatly. Let none be left unwarned. We might have been in the place of the poor souls that are in the darkness of error. We might have been placed amidst barbarism. According to the light we have received above others, we are debtors to impart the same to them. The day star has risen upon us; let us flash the light upon the pathway of those in darkness."—*Special Testimonies.*"

If we are prepared to stand in the presence of the glorified Redeemer, when He comes as KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS, if we are ready to bear this solemn, saving Message to the people we must be "purified from iniquity and elevated by adherence to pure and holy principles."

"Those who teach the Word must themselves live in hourly contact, in conscious living communion with God. The principles of truth and righteousness and mercy must be within them. They must draw from the Fountain of all wisdom moral and intellectual power. Their hearts must be alive with the deep movings of the Spirit of God."—*Testimonies, Vol. VI, p. 43.*

If Christ Should Come Tonight

If you could know that Jesus would appear
Before another morn should give its light,
O, would your heart be filled with joy or fear—
If you could know that He would come tonight?

How many things would you find time for then
Now crowded out or else forgotten quite,—
The kindly deed, the hour of prayer again?
Would aught be different, should He come to-
night?

Some day that dawns will mark all time as past:
Then may we keep our lamps all trimmed and
bright,
O, may we live each day as 'twere the last,
And ready be if Christ should come tonight!
—Pearl Waggoner Howard.

of the earth, which have wrought His judgment: seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." Zeph. 2:3.

This is the time for individual preparation to meet God, for self-examination. "The solemn fact is to be kept not only before the people of the world, but before our own churches also, that the day of the Lord will come suddenly, unexpectedly. The fearful warning of

FROM OTHER PARTS OF GOD'S VINEYARD

All the world is God's vineyard; and every hour of the day some are busy gathering the harvest. When one group of workers retires for the night, another army arises with the break of day to go forth with fresh vigor. So the work goes rapidly forward, and I am thankful for the mail service that makes it possible for us to catch glimpses of the work around the world occasionally. Here are a few news notes:

Bible Best Seller:

Last December Pastor M. E. Kern, associate secretary of the General Conference, attended the meeting of the American Bible Society, and in reporting that gathering he said: "It will be of interest to our people to know that the last detailed summary indicated that the Scriptures have now been published in 886 languages and dialects throughout the world, and that in 1927 over 36,000,000 copies of the Bible and Bible portions were distributed."

Malaysia:

"In one village where we spent a few days holding evening meetings, we gave some help and medicine to more than 100 patients in a day. Our meetings had an attendance of from 300 to 400 each evening. How I wish we had the means to start a little treatment room in this village, for it is greatly needed. I often think if we only had the means that is often wasted or spent needlessly how much could be done to lighten suffering."

Palestine:

One of our workers in Europe has been spending some time recently in Palestine. He speaks of visiting Nazareth, Mt. Carmel, Damascus, and other places whose names have long been familiar to us. Then in closing his report he says: "Everywhere we see the opening providences of God."

The Orient:

Brother and Sister Ritz, who are working alone among 300,000 people in Siam, send to believers elsewhere a note of courage as they forge ahead in that difficult field. Brother and Sister Pickett up in Cambodia in French Indo-China, are doing much medical work, and in a recent report they said: "In a few weeks we hope to have our first tract in the Cambodian language."

Southern Europe:

During the first nine months of 1930, 2,000 were baptized in Southern Europe. This brought the membership of that division up to 17,928.

Australasia:

From Fiji, where the work has gone so splendidly and where we have a good training school, comes the sad news of a very destructive hurricane. Brother Lang, one of the foreign missionaries, and seven of the Fijian young men were lost in the storm. When the storm was seen approaching, they volunteered to bring the school boats from their anchorage to a place of safety. But, alas, suddenly it broke in its fury, and these

fellow-workers were never seen again by their loved ones.

North America:

A dentist up in Ohio had a burden for souls, so he started to hold week-end meetings. Others helped him. The interest was good. Through the months he labored faithfully in his soul-winning work, nor did he do less faithful work in his profession. As a result of that one effort twenty persons were baptized.

South America:

Pastor Stahl, who has long been working among the Indians along the Amazon River, is rejoicing over the new mission boat he has for use in his work. Of his return home from one missionary tour he says, "It was with difficulty that we proceeded on our journey home because of the many canoe loads of people who came out to meet us, pleading that we stay with them to teach them the Word of God."

Africa:

One of our missionaries in Africa, wrote of a little boy of six who was very ill. He was lying in a state of coma, but suddenly he awoke and in clear Zulu, a language he knew not, but which was understood by the friends gathered around him, he told them that the Seventh-day Adventists had the true Message and that they should obey it. This made a deep impression on the village and among those who joined the Bible classes to study the truth, were this little boy's parents.

Outgoing Missionaries:

Last year 116 missionaries bade farewell to their loved ones again after brief furlough periods in their native lands to go forth once more to seek and save the lost in strange countries; and during the same year 183 new recruits joined the ranks in foreign mission service. Of these two classes forty-six came to Inter-America. Serious illness, however, already has taken away six of these recruits from our division. Nevertheless God's truth goes marching on; and how cheering to hear the same good news from other parts of the world. Everywhere the same cry arises from the waiting millions; and everywhere the same gospel brings deliverance and peace to troubled hearts.

"We are too faithless. Oh, how I wish that I could lead our people to have faith in God. They need not feel that in order to exercise faith, they must be wrought up into a high state of excitement. All they have to do is to believe God's word, just as they believe one another's word. 'He hath said it, and He will perform His word.' Calmly rely on His promise, because He means what He says. Say, He has spoken to me in His word, and He will fulfill every promise that He has made. Do not become restless, be trustful. God's word is true. Act as if your heavenly Father could be trusted."—Mrs. E. G. White.

CARIBBEAN UNION CONFERENCE

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THE CONFERENCE SESSION

The South Caribbean Conference session and general meeting was held in Port-of-Spain. It was a good meeting, the believers assembled were greatly encouraged, the presence and power of God was in evidence, and each heart that responded to the influence of the Holy Spirit was enriched, taught, and blessed.

These general assemblies of God's people are occasions when the Lord draws near, and He always comes to leave a blessing with His own. It is a pity that sometimes we are not as diligent in seeking the Lord as our needs demand, and we do not therefore receive the refreshing and spiritual uplift that God designs. Often we allow the material and mechanical work of the Lord's house to absorb time and attention, and thus lose much. At this meeting, a definite time was set apart for special study of the Word of God and for heart devotion. These devotional hours were well attended by workers and laity. The instruction given was of such a character as to create a desire for careful study of the Bible, to establish the believers in the great truths of the Message, and lead them into more active service in soul winning.

Strong work was done for the young people each day. Every day they were led to see new beauties in the blessed Christ, and how they might labor together with Him in leading others in the way of life. Special instruction was given in the lines of Christian service, Standard of Attainment, proper reading, and character building.

There was a large attendance, the delegates were in their seats each day, and all joined in discussing plans and ways to advance the work of God more rapidly. They were united in their choice of officers, and the same men were re-elected: Pastor C. E. Andross as president and R. W. Bickett as secretary-treasurer. The departmental secretaries remain the same.

It was a pleasure to be associated with the officers of the division and the union, the local workers and laity in this good meeting, and we trust the spiritual uplift and helpful instruction received will abide with us all, and help each one in his daily walk with God.

G. W. WELLS.

Takoma Park, D. C.

"The oftener and more diligently you peruse the Scriptures, the more beautiful will they appear, and the less relish will you have for light reading. The daily study of the Scriptures will have a sanctifying influence upon the mind. You will breathe a heavenly atmosphere."—"Testimonies," Vol. I, p. 242.

CHEERING WORDS FROM THE SOUTH CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE

(Excerpts from address read by the president of the Conference at the general meeting.)

It is indeed a pleasure to be able to welcome this gathering of delegates from our churches in all parts of this conference to attend the seventeenth biennial sessions of the South Caribbean Conference, which is especially favored by the presence of Pastor G. W. Wells, of the General Conference, the president, secretary-treasurer and Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Inter-American Division, as well as Pastor W. R. Elliott, president of the Caribbean Union Conference, and his associate workers. To be thus peacefully and quietly assembled to hear the reports of the progress of this Message throughout the world and to plan for further aggressive work in our portion of the world field at this period of the world's history is a privilege in which we may well rejoice.

We regret that fifty of our members have fallen in death since our conference two years ago. We wish to mention especially the loss of Brethren Samuel Jones and S. A. Crichlow, and Sisters Henry Wiseman and Forbes. To the loved ones of these fallen comrades and to all others in our field who have been called to mourn we extend our deep sympathy. We must also mention the loss of Brother R. J. Christian to our field through sickness in his family. We are glad, however, that with the change of their field of labor to the cooler climate, they are considerably improved.

One outstanding interest in connection with the report of the progress of the work in this field during the past biennial period is the reorganization of the conference boundaries by which the islands of Barbados and St. Lucia were transferred to the Leeward Islands Conference. The setting apart of the French islands mission left the Leeward Islands Conference with a very small population and after due consideration by the division, union and local committees, it was voted to grant the request of Leeward Islands for the transfer of those two islands to that conference, thus more nearly equalizing the two conferences in population. In January (1930) the matter was submitted to each of the churches in Barbados, and the plan was given their approval by formal vote in each church. The transfer was effected at that time. By the transfer of these two islands we lost over four hundred members, but I am glad to be able to report that through the blessing of God on the faithful labors of our conference workers and other church members, the membership of our conference without Barbados and St. Lucia at the close of this biennial period was as large as it

was including those two islands nine months before the conference meeting two years ago. Four hundred and sixty-nine baptisms were reported during the two years, bringing the conference membership to approximately 2,165 at the close of 1930.

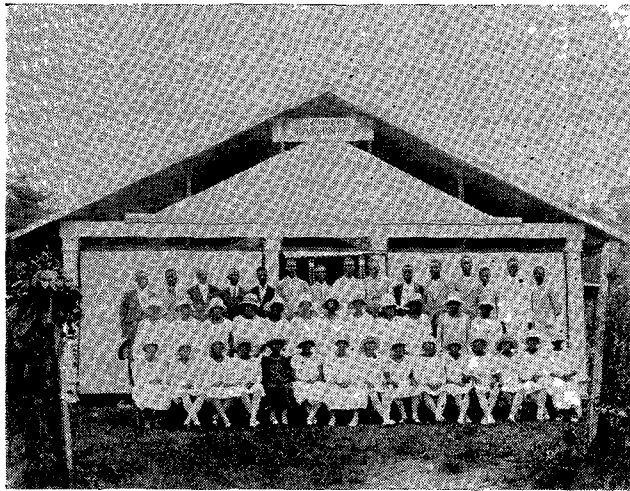
An important factor in the evangelistic work in this conference during the past two years has been the erection of two galvanized-iron portable tabernacles, in one of which we are holding this conference session. In this tabernacle, Brother G. A. Coon, who came to our field at the beginning of this biennial period, has held evangelistic meetings at Tunapuna and San Fernando. At the present time Pastor Glenn Millard, who recently arrived in our midst, and Brother G. A. Coon are together conducting a series of meetings in this same tabernacle now increased in size by a twenty-foot extension. Pastor T. J. Warner has pioneered the work in Scarborough, Tobago, in the other

Road, Trinidad; Moriah, Tobago, and Risk, Barbados, church buildings have been brought to a stage of completion sufficient for regular services to be held in them. Improvements of various natures have been made on the church buildings at Tunapuna, Trinidad and Glamorgan, Tobago. In several other places work is being done to provide suitable places for worship, while other churches still without building are collecting funds and materials for the same purpose.

Turning to the departmental work in the conference, we are glad to be able to report large gains in the home missionary work since the inauguration of the ten-minute service in the churches and the adoption of the new type of reporting cards. After years of faithful service as secretary-treasurer of the conference, Pastor Benjamin Yip has been appointed home missionary secretary that the churches throughout the conference may have the benefit of his ministry

in organizing them for soul winning endeavor. In this work he succeeded Brother C. H. Carter who, in the re-organization of the work here, remained in the States following his furlough.

We especially appreciate the labors of those who have taken part in raising \$6,500 Harvest Ingathering funds. Our Sabbath schools now number fifty-three with an enrolment of 2,331. Our 790 Missionary Volunteers have mani-



Tabernacle and group baptized in Tobago, Oct. 23, 1930

festated a remarkable increase of activity in the educational features of the organization. We hope we will soon be able to provide primary education in church schools in various parts of the conference. A number of young people are being trained at the school as teachers, and, while this training of young people is progressing, we are glad to be able to report that it has been possible for the conference to set in reserve a little money with which to render some assistance to our churches when they shall be prepared definitely to lay plans for the beginning of church school work. It is suggested that any church looking forward to the establishment of a church school in their midst begin at once to count the cost and to gather funds for the same.

The past biennial period has been marked by considerable activity in church building. A neat and commodious church building has been erected at Chirkoo Village, Trinidad. At Plum

Our treasurer, Brother R. W. Bickett, recently arrived in our field. I am glad

to be able to report that in spite of the world-wide financial crisis that our tithe income for the biennial period amounted to approximately \$27,613.42, in addition to total mission offerings \$15,805.18.

For what God has wrought in this field during the past two years, we offer Him grateful praise, and for our shortcomings and failures to take full advantage of all the opportunities that He has opened before us for the advancement of His work, we ask His forgiveness. For the future, with its doors of opportunities wide open before us, we beseech His grace and power that we may accomplish the fullness of the task which He has allotted to us for the salvation of souls, and for hastening of the day of His coming and His abundant honor and glory.

C. E. ANDROSS.

Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

The Virgin Islands form the northern boundary of the Leeward Islands Conference, and the members here send greetings. I am happy to report that my labors during the last biennial period have been abundantly blessed of God. The first half of this term was spent on the island of Antigua, where I had previously spent two years. Among many others, I baptized here a fine and talented young man. Having borrowed and read "Great Controversy," he began to attend my Sunday night meetings, and in a short time had decided to keep the Sabbath and unite with the church. This decision, of course, brought him into direct conflict with the devil, who marshalled his forces to turn this young man away from the truth. But God knew his honesty of heart and wrought wonderfully for him.

Thinking that his Catholic employers would discharge him if he requested Sabbath privileges, he decided to resign. On handing in his resignation, to his

surprise and joy, his employers commended him for his interest in their business, and expressing their appreciation of his faithful and efficient services, told him that they regarded him as a real asset to the firm. They offered to increase his salary and give him Sabbath privileges if he would continue in their employ. Needless to say he thanked God for His goodness.

The devil was defeated but not discouraged. The young man was soon summoned before the priest, and later before the bishop, who used every means within his power to dissuade and turn him away from the truth, but he ably defended the truth and stood firmly for it. He is now leader of the St. John's Missionary Volunteer society.

Near the close of 1929, I arrived in St. Croix to take up the work in the Virgin Islands. At once I began to lay definite plans for aggressive work to increase the membership of the churches. My first evangelistic effort was conducted at the public market at Christiansted, the capital. The municipal authorities were very favorable toward our work, and extended certain courtesies to us, chief of which was the installation of electric lights at their own expense. This must be regarded as a special act of providence, for the earnest and insistent requests of the people for light at the market had been denied. As a result of this effort nineteen persons were baptized and united with the church. The Spirit of God is moving upon many hearts, and we look forward to the accomplishment of greater things for Him during the present year.

The very center of the economic storm seems to have hit St. Croix, where, for the greater part of a year, the Red Cross has been feeding thousands of people. Nevertheless the members of the Christiansted church did better in Harvest Ingathering and Big Week cam-

paigns in 1930 than they had done in previous years under more normal and favorable economic conditions. In 1929 they received a little more than \$30.00 in Harvest Ingathering, and sold only twenty-five books for Big Week; while in 1930 they passed their goal of \$50.00 and sold 157 books. Their little church building, with a seating capacity of about seventy-five, has become quite inadequate, especially for the Sabbath school. We are now laying definite plans to enlarge the building.

One of the nine baptized at St. Thomas, a fine Christian woman, met with considerable opposition from her husband and other relatives. Her former minister, who called at her home a few days later, at once began to speak disparagingly of Seventh-day Adventists, and upbraided her for having decided to unite with them. She asked the minister to explain the Sabbath question. He said: "I don't believe the world was created in six days," and "everything in the Bible is not true." Seeing her perturbation, he suggested that they kneel in prayer. I was told that he prayed something like this: "Lord, Thou knowest that all that's in the Bible is not true, and we cannot understand everything; help this sister who has been deceived to see her error and return to Thee." This experience strengthened her determination to obey the truth.

The four churches in the Virgin Islands, with a combined membership of about 134, are loyal to the Message, and unite in renewing their consecration to God for the speedy finishing of the work. There are four persons at Fredericksted receiving instruction preparatory for baptism, the fruitage of missionary activities of some of the lay members.

C. G. VAN PUTTEN.

St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

REPORT OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT IN THE LEEWARD ISLANDS

Sabbath school! What do these two words mean to you? We turn our minds back to the time when we were children in the primary division, and then on up to the senior division. We all love the Sabbath school. Many people are brought to a knowledge of the saving gospel through this agency. God has promised that He will meet with us during the Sabbath school and what He has promised He will do. When people first accept the Message they are anxious to be present every Sabbath. One of our first Sabbath keepers in Sandy Point, St. Kitts, a young man, was hindered in Sabbath observance a great deal by his aunt with whom he was living. Many were the times that he found his clothes wet, thus preventing his attendance at Sabbath school. He would go into the bush early in the morning and make his



Congregation in front of church building at Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands

way to church in a round about way but the aunt did not give up her evil threats and would come and jerk him from the church. This good brother stood firm and is still loyal to his God. He loves this truth.

Our membership at present is 1,419. For the past biennial period we have had an average membership of 1,095. This is only 165 members more than we had during the biennial period 1927-1928. We have twenty-seven schools throughout the conference, of this number seven are in Barbados and seven in Antigua. There was an average of twenty-two schools reporting for the past biennial period.

Five of our schools are proud owners of a banner. During the two year period the largest number of banners sent to our schools at any one time was eight. At one time only two schools were holding banners, so you can see that our banners have been traveling. Our St. Thomas Sabbath school has held a banner since September 1927 and I do not know how long before this. Our small Sabbath school at Swetes, Antigua, has held a banner since March 1928.

MRS. H. L. NIELSEN.

Castries, St. Lucia, B. W. I.

LEeward ISLANDS CONFERENCE

It was a real privilege to be associated with the workers and believers of the Leeward Islands, as they gathered in conference and general meeting at Barbados, January 9-18. These gatherings are always occasions of rich blessings for those whose hearts are searching for truth; and it was a pleasure to join with the brethren in studying the Word of God and the Testimonies of the Spirit, and thus to enter into closer fellowship with the Master Teacher and with one another.

"Although God dwells not in temples made with hands, yet He honors with His presence the assemblies of His people. He has promised that when they come together to seek Him, to acknowledge their sins, and to pray for one another, He will meet with them by His Spirit. But those who assemble to worship Him should put away every evil thing."—*"Prophets and Kings," p. 50.*

Each day we had evidence of God's presence and power and the people in regular attendance were greatly blessed and enriched in their heart experience; and, as they listened to instructions given on the definite points of the Message, they were more fully established in the faith. Much thought and earnest emphasis were placed upon the spiritual life both for old and young. All were encouraged to unite their hearts and service with the remnant church which God is leading forward to final triumph.

The reports rendered by officers and other laborers were encouraging and showed advancement. We are never fully satisfied with our attainments, but

there was evidence that earnest service had been done and that the work of the conference was going forward.

The business sessions were given careful thought and the delegates were united in electing Pastor L. V. Finster as president and H. L. Nielsen as secretary-treasurer. Plans were laid to strengthen the work along every line. A good note of cheer and courage was sounded, and I believe every one had a clearer view of the work to be done and pledged themselves to even greater faithfulness.

Pastor E. E. Andross, Mrs. E. E. Andross and F. L. Harrison from the division office rendered efficient help. Pastor W. R. Elliott, M. D. Howard and L. G. Jorgensen, the newly elected educational, Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer secretary of the union, were present and each one gave valuable assistance. The local laborers and the writer also joined in helping to make the meeting a success.

As a fitting climax of the conference came two important events: In the afternoon of the second Sabbath, Brethren L. H. Gardiner and E. A. Baptiste were ordained to the gospel ministry; and the last Sunday morning a large gathering of people on the shores of the beautiful Caribbean Sea witnessed forty-five souls buried with their Lord in baptism.

It was a good conference. The old and the young were blessed and helped and all went to their homes encouraged and strengthened for better service.

G. W. WELLS.

Takoma Park, D. C.

IN THE ESSEQUIBO DISTRICT

We have four organized churches and one small company in the Essequibo district. The last of these churches was organized four years ago, in the midst of much opposition; but the rage of

Satan has not hindered the progress of the Message. Every year new souls are added, and although the progress has been slow the cause of truth is advancing.

The difficulties of travel are one obstacle before the worker here. Nevertheless much personal work is being done, seeds of truth are being planted in the hearts and many are investigating our Message.

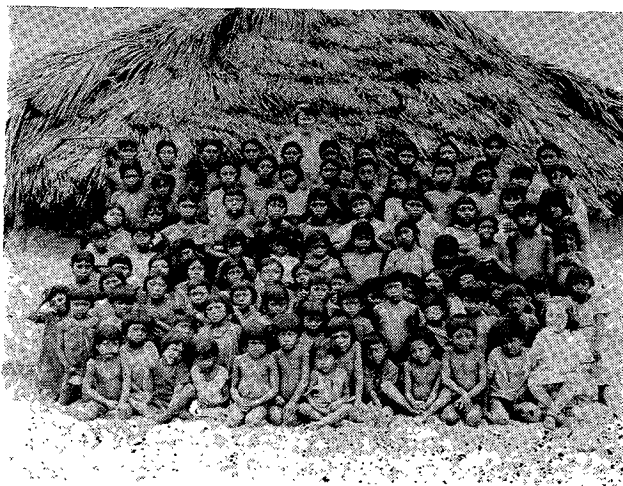
Our people are of good courage in spite of the hardships that have come because of the breakdown of industry. In fact this condition has served to strengthen the faith of our people and lead them to renew their consecration to God and to His service, for they realize that these are the closing days of our earthly pilgrimage.

I am pleased to state that the adoption of the ten minute missionary service and the new method of reporting have greatly improved the missionary activities. Many of the members who had not been very active heretofore have awakened, and the reports for the last two quarters have been very encouraging.

A new interest has awakened at Pickersgill, twenty-two miles from Bethel. It began with the conversion of a woman from Catholicism. She has been baptized and added to the Bethel church. This sister is doing what she can in witnessing for the truth, and there are prospects of having a good work done there. I received calls for evangelistic work in that village a year ago, but was not able to go.

For many years the Queenstown church has not been able to report progress. That field seems very hard. The membership is small; but all are of good courage. They do not neglect to witness for the truth, and I am confident that, under the loud cry, many to whom has been given the Message, and who now seem indifferent, will respond to the Spirit's call and accept the truth.

Recently I visited the Tapakruma church, now renamed Bethany. The believers comprising that church are very scattered, but the Sabbath attendance was good. The believers are of good courage. The Lord came very near to us as we studied His word and a revival was experienced by all. Plans were laid for renewed ef-



"Our school at Acurima. It is without a teacher now. How we wish we could have a good native teacher."—Mrs. A. W. Cott

Brother Olson, writing from Santa Ana, Salvador, February 2, says:

"I am sure that you are anxious to hear something about how the meetings are going in this city. At our first meeting about thirty persons were turned away because there was no more room. Last night our attendance was about 175. We have been praying constantly that the special blessings of the Lord would be manifested during these meetings, and it has brought real joy to our hearts as night after night the same persons have been coming. I am thoroughly convinced that now is the time to present a definite message and how thankful we are that this Message fills every need."

HARD FIGHTING BUT GAINING GROUND

We have plans for three evangelistic efforts this year in Nicaragua. Brother Fred W. Kelley of Corn Island writes as follows:

"Since you left us we have had more or less hard fighting; but thanks to our Father, we are still here and of good courage. We have been holding open air meetings at various points in the island, telling of the soon coming of the Lord. The people are interested and attend regularly. We have also been holding cottage meetings in various homes. The enemy is very active, but we are gaining ground. We are hoping to see you soon."

It does us good when we see our people doing such work. When we all earnestly unite our efforts the Message will go much faster and will be finished much sooner. ELLIS P. HOWARD.

Managua, Nicaragua.

STUDYING WORK OF CHURCH

The meeting held February 15, at La Concepción, Panama, will be remembered for a long time by all who had the privilege of being there. It was a round table institute. Representative leaders of the Boquete, San Andres, David, Cerro Iglesia, our recently organized church among the Guaymi Indians, as well as our church at La Concepción were present. It was a profitable meeting.

The different subjects concerning our church work in general were considered, and matters touching the duties of the different officers of the church were discussed in detail. The point here emphasized was that the church is organized for service and not to be served. Its service is the winning of souls. Our Sabbath school work received careful consideration. All its different phases were touched. Our Missionary Volunteer work received a warm welcome in our discussion.

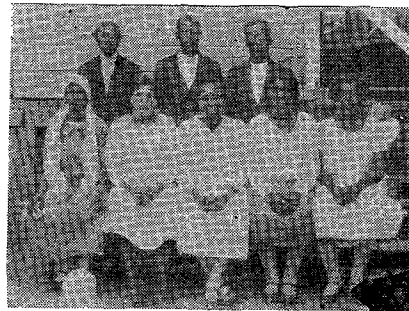
Nor did we fail to bring our church school problems to the front. Those were met in a brave yet conservative way. One leader said: "I believe that a good church school is of more importance than our Sabbath school." [Our division Sabbath school and Educational secretary says they are equally important. Ed.] No one argued the point with the brother. The decision was:

among them. Living in polygamy as they do, it was touching to see how they arranged their family affairs when the Message came to them. Each man, who had several women, married one of them and separated from the rest. Usually he married the first or the one who had children. Thirteen marriages were performed, and most of the couples had their children and some even their grand-children looking on during the ceremony.

The news of the marriages and baptisms has spread like wild fire among the thousands of Indians and stirred up quite an interest in our work. Even the Panamanians in the surrounding districts took special notice as nothing like this had ever happened before. Of course, the enemies of the truth are busier than ever to destroy our work; but we are confident that this is the beginning of a real revival among these Indians who for centuries have been neglected and overlooked.

The newly organized church is located at Cerro Iglesia. Pedro Montero, who has been very active in helping his own people to receive the truth and who translated for me while I was there, is the leader of the church. We ask you to remember our work among these Indians who have joined the family of God's children. Pray for victory among them. E. J. LORNTZ.

Cristobal, Canal Zone.



Candidates baptized at Bethel, Pomeroon

ANXIOUS TO HEAR THE TRUTH

In a letter to the workers in the Central American Union Pastor W. E. Baxter says:

"On the night of February 1, we had the largest attendance yet at our meeting in Belize, Honduras. There must have been 450 present. The tent was packed and a lot of people were standing outside. We were thinking of closing the effort that night, but it seemed to me that it would be too bad to do so as the interest was so good. Fourteen took their stand that night for the truth. We are praying that the Lord will greatly bless this effort.

"Brother Sutton plans to go to Stann Creek, to hold a meeting after this one is closed. He will be assisted by Brother Garbutt, whose mother lives there. She has taken a definite stand for the truth and was here at the meetings, not missing one of them. I think with the interest that there is in that place a good church should be raised up."

forts. The church building is in too bad a condition to be repaired, and plans were made for building a new one four miles distant from Tapakruma at Ariabo, where the majority of the members now live.

One brother told me of this interesting experience in tithing: His wife used to raise a large number of chickens, paying tithe on the increase at regular times. On one occasion she found that animals and birds of prey were diminishing the number of her brood daily. Her husband said to her: "Why are the animals taking your chickens? Have you tithed this latter set? You know the Lord has promised to rebuke the devourer for our sake." The fact was that she had put off tithing them; so the next day she tithed them and from that time not one fowl was lost by seizure by wild animals or by hawks, although the neighbors were losing theirs daily.

These people are sure that the Lord does not go back on His promises. They have proved Him. An important lesson can be learned from this experience. It is wrong to delay the returning of the tithe to the Lord. This sister meant to pay it, but had delayed it. The Lord taught her that when He said, "Bring ye all the tithes into the store house" He meant to bring it as it is received. Many need to learn this same lesson.

J. T. CARRINGTON.

Pomeroon, Br. Guiana.

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FIRST GUAYMI INDIAN CHURCH

We are glad to report the ingathering of the first-fruits among the Guaymi Indians of Panama. Sunday, February 1, witnessed the baptism of twenty-nine full-blooded Indians. Later four more were added, making a total of thirty-three persons baptized. A church was organized the same day—the first Christian church among them,—and the newly baptized members are now busily engaged in erecting a neat church building.

It is now about two years ago since Brother Ishmael Ellis opened up the work among the Indians of that region, and he has had many difficulties to overcome. His house was burned by the enemies of the truth, members of his family have been severely beaten, and a regular campaign of lies has been launched against our work. But Brother Ellis has kept right on with his work. Hundreds of sick persons have been treated successfully, and finally he has gained the confidence of the people.

The Guaymi Indians are heathen, and so far as we have learned, Brother Ellis was the first Protestant missionary

We need and must have our church schools.

In all our studies Pastor E. J. Lorntz led. He brought to the front the Word of God and the "Testimonies." The instructions were all timely. The coming together of all our leaders of this part of the field brought a warmth with it that cannot be expressed in words. We all felt like having more gatherings like it. We are going back to our fields with a new inspiration, a new vision! It was a blessed meeting!

ISHMAEL ELLIS.

Chichica, Tolé, Chiriquí, R. P.

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FINDING NEW BELIEVERS

In January I moved my family to our new union headquarters. We were eight days on our way, traveling across the mountains of Caldas on horseback. On our way we enjoyed the hospitality of our brethren in Quinchia and in Rio-sucio.

Upon our arrival in Medellín we were glad to meet Brother and Sister Ross and Sister Steeves, who had moved to headquarters some months ago. We were also happy to greet Pastor Trummer, who had recently returned from furlough, and Brethren Urbina and Casimero who are canvassing there.

We found the church of Medellín forging ahead. On the second Sabbath after our arrival Pastor Trummer baptized six candidates, who had been won through the efforts of our lay members. For the next week-end a Sabbath school convention has been announced, which undoubtedly, will mean a great advance in the experience of the church.

Since arriving here encouraging word has reached me from Bucaramanga. It appears that a good interest has arisen there. Brother Christiansen has rented a hall for a month and he and Brother Bustamente have been holding meetings with a wonderful attendance of several hundred. Outside of Bucaramanga, in Lalaga, a new Sabbath keeper is reported who through his efforts has gained others to the truth. I am told that there are nine that were requesting baptism.

In a letter just received from Pastor Thurber, I read that on a recent journey through the *Departamento del Magdalena*, he baptized ten. Brother Castro reports new believers in Santa Marta and in Rio Frio.

Pastor Kinzer has reported another baptismal service in Cali; he has just paid another visit to Bogotá and Icononzo. In both places persons are preparing for baptism.

Everywhere we go and everywhere we look we are encouraged by signs of spir-

itual life having taken root in the hearts of Colombia's people.

HENRY E. BAASCH.

Medellin, Colombia.

STANDING STIFFLY FOR THE TRUTH

For a long time I had wanted to visit the brethren and sisters in San Juan de Cesar and El Molino. They accepted the truth in the midst of great fanaticism and determined opposition. As I stood about midnight in the street in front of the house from which Brother Castro had to flee for his life from an infuriated mob, raised by the village priest, I thought of the firmness of character and devotion to the truth required to stand true in the face of persecution. Just before I reached El Molino, one of our brethren had been called to the office of the police inspector and was told that the authorities had all our brethren of the banana zone in prison, and that a truck would be sent from Villanueva with police to take them also

The Secret

Men wondered why, in summer heat,
The little brook with music sweet
Could glide along the dusty way,
When all else parched and silent lay.

Few stopped to think how, every morn,
The sparkling stream anew was born
In some moss-encircled mountain pool,
For ever sweet and clear and cool.

A life that, ever calm and glad
One melody and message had—
"How keeps it so," man asked, "when I
Must change with every morning sky?"

Ah! if men knew the secret power
That gladdens every day and hour,
Would they not change to song life's care,
By drinking at the fount of prayer?
—James Buckham.

to prison. They were advised not to hold their meeting the next day, which was Sabbath. Our brother replied that they had to obey God rather than man, and that they were ready to go to prison or die if need be because the Bible foretold that persecution would come. The brother further assured the police that they would be ready to go when the truck came for them.

I found them all of good courage. Through their faithful witnessing and through our literature, which has been sold in that region, our work is known everywhere, and the less fanatical ones really respect it. A good number are interested in the truth in Cañaverales, Urumita, Fonceca, La Distracción, and other points. In El Paso, Chiriquana, Los Venados, Las Pavas, and Campe-rucho there are also interested ones, some of whom are keeping the Sabbath. If we only had a full-time worker to put into that great territory, we should soon have a large work. His field

would be about seven days' on horse-back.

The last Sabbath of my stay in El Molino, in a beautiful spot outside of town, I baptized seven. Among these was Sister Rita Urbina, who was first in all that region to keep the Sabbath. She began its observance through a study of her Bible. Another of the candidates was Brother Ernesto Sarmiento, who was sick in bed with a high fever the night of the riot in San Juan de Cesar, where he then lived. The rioters rushed into his room with drawn revolvers, but did not kill him, as they thought he would die before morning anyway. Brother Fernando Lopez, the first to embrace the truth in El Molino, also went forward in baptism that day. The Spirit of Prophecy speaks of a company who "stood stiffly for the truth." I was reminded of that phrase as these dear people told me of their early experiences.

From El Molino I went on horseback to Villanueva, then by truck to Calledupar, and from there four days on muleback to Fundación. After five days' visiting with our people in the banana zone, I met with the company in Reten on Sabbath, February 7, and had the privilege of baptizing three persons there. Brother Castro reports a new interest in Rio Frio, and we will soon have a good Sabbath school there, I am sure. I met one day with the new company in Orihueca. The Spirit of the Lord came very near as I spoke to those dear people. I have great hopes for Orihueca.

A Spanish missionary priest came to El Carmen recently, bringing with him trunks full of scapularies, medals, rosaries, and other religious merchandise, expecting to make good sales in a town that has been so orthodox. Music and processions were relied upon to interest the people and lead them to buy. It reminds one of Tetzel's propaganda in Luther's time. One day no one came forward to carry the images in procession. Being indignant, the priest asked what was the matter and why there was so little enthusiasm. Some one told him it must be due to the Adventist propaganda, for they taught the people that the images were only pieces of wood which could not help them, and furthermore that even some civil marriages had been celebrated recently.

More indignant than ever, he said that he would make the people return to the bosom of the church and be married over again according to her rites; so he went to the mayor and demanded that they be called in so that he could talk with them. Although they lived eighteen miles out, and had committed no offence against the civil law, a command of the mayor must be heeded. So they came in, four couples of them. Brother Nicolas Herrera of Lazaro was spokes-

man for the party. For two long hours the priest tried to persuade them to retract and submit, but without success. When all other arguments failed, he told them they were excommunicated, to which Brother Nicolas replied: "It is man who says that to me, a man like myself."

The boasting of the priest beforehand only served to make his defeat more apparent to those who were waiting expectantly to see the Adventists meekly submit and return to the fold of the church. It was a source of surprise to them that a humble country man could not be reduced to submission by such a highly educated doctor of the church. That was a great victory for the truth. E. W. THURBER.

Barranquilla, Colombia.

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CONVERSION OF THE FIRST JEW IN TEHUANTEPEC

The following is a translation of a letter recently received at our office from one of our workers in the state of Oaxaca:

"We are all well and enjoying the blessings of our heavenly Father. It was my privilege to bury in baptism three souls and one of them was a Jew—the son of a rabbi. He is from the class of whom Isaiah wrote: 'For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness.' Isa. 10:22.

"In order to lead this man into the fulness of the saving truth, I asked help from on high, that I might have tact to point him to the Saviour of the world. I prayed for the Holy Spirit to guide, that he might be persuaded in his own mind to accept Christ, who died that sinners may be saved. My prayers were answered and I baptized both him and his wife and also another lady.

"It was a very solemn occasion. Before I

entered the water, we all kneeled upon the sand to pray that the Holy Spirit would manifest His presence with us. Truly, His presence was manifested in a powerful manner. No one could restrain himself from weeping as the candidates, one by one, confessed all and were ready to follow wherever He should guide them.

"Upon arising to our feet I pleaded that those who were still outside the fold would soon cast their lot with the people of God. All present seemed to be impressed and were very thoughtful. At once I led the candidates into the water and what occurred was indeed strange. As I entered the water, we all kneeled upon the sand had my hand raised to pronounce the words, 'in the name of the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost,' I noticed the rest of the members were looking toward the heavens, where they saw a cross perfectly formed of clouds. I, too, raised my eyes to see what it was and as I was coming out of the water, it seemed the faces of the three were lighted by what they saw. As soon as all had left the water the clouds dispersed and the cross disappeared.

"I believe these things are shown to draw us closer to God. It is not with the spirit of fanaticism I am writing you this experience, but because it is really the truth."

It is our desire that these souls will remain true to the teaching of the Third Angel's Message.

Mrs. F. L. E. ULMER.

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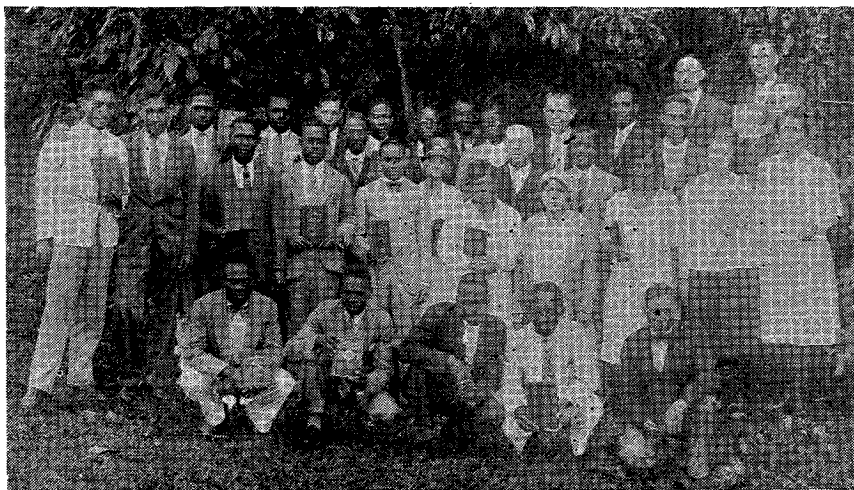
HISTORY OF THE WORK IN JAMAICA

The story of the beginning of our work in the island of Jamaica is the same old story as from most mission fields—the printed page. A little more than forty years ago a tract, presumably "Elihu on the Sabbath," fell into the hands of Mrs. M. Harrison, then a member of the Anglican church. It is unknown how this tract came into her possession, but to make a long story short, after carefully reading the tract and looking up the many Scripture references she became convinced that the

seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord. In the honesty of her heart as an ardent Christian she immediately began to observe the "Sabbath of the commandment." As usual upon finding such joy and blessing in this new found light, she immediately began to feel a burden that the same blessed experience might come to others. The work was begun in the island in 1893 by E. W. Newman, a colporteur. In May of the same year Brother and Sister A. J. Haysmer were sent by the mission board to open evangelistic work, as a result of a visit to the General Conference held at Battle Creek by Sister Harrison.

The first tent effort was held in the city of Kingston in 1896 by Pastors A. J. Haysmer and F. I. Richardson. Among the first believers gathered out were Pastor H. Fletcher, then a young man, who with his parents saw the light and stepped out in obedience to the commandment of God in the observance of the Sabbath. It takes courage and confidence in God for people to start out in a new religion in a new country where such a Message hitherto has been unknown. Pastor Fletcher now an ordained minister and the oldest worker in service in the Jamaica Conference, has brought many people into the truth and his work has been greatly strengthened by the building of church buildings in many parts of the island where he has worked. Recently it was the writer's privilege in company with Pastor Fletcher and the president of the conference, Pastor H. J. Edmed, to spend a Sabbath with the church at Devon, which is the oldest church building in the conference. It was erected by Pastor Fletcher more than thirty years ago. The building was not a great affair, yet it was erected to represent a mighty work and Message, a work that has truly grown to splendid proportions from that early day of small beginnings to the nearly one hundred churches and organized companies that we have in the island at the present time. Our church membership is now more than 3,300. The Sabbath school members number more than four thousand and the tithes and offerings given annually by the believers amount to considerably more than \$30,000. "Who hath despised the day of small things?" Zech. 4:10.

The conference was organized in 1903 with Pastor W. A. Spicer representing the General Conference. From the time of the small beginnings God has signally set His seal of approval and blessing upon the work in this very interesting island field. During the years many workers have come to Jamaica from the homeland. We cannot here give the names of all, but God has a complete record of the faithful endeavors and labors of all of His servants, some of whom have laid down their lives in will-



Colporteurs' Institute in Jamaica

ing and loving service. Pastor Fletcher's father now sleeps. Mother Fletcher though an invalid still lives and the work of these early believers in the Fletcher family is represented by Pastor Fletcher who has done so much to build up the cause in the island, and by his son Frank, grandson of father Fletcher, who is a young minister laboring in Central America. How God has blessed the faith of those early pioneers in the Message and rewarded their labors by the gathering out of many believers was evidenced at the recent conference session. Pastor Edmed, with his associates, is carrying forward a strong work in Jamaica at the present time.

Havana, Cuba. A. R. OGDEN.

A GAIN DESPITE BANKRUPTCY

Among the busiest people in Jamaica today are the Seventh-day Adventists. Our Harvest Ingathering this year was a hard struggle, but everybody took hold with earnest endeavor, and the churches actually reached their goals better than last year. Bankruptcy faced us on every hand, and the celestial shopkeepers, many of whom closed their shops, did not give as much. Then during our biennial conference, we lost three weeks' work, which probably would have brought our total up to last year's level. However, we closed with £1,150 (\$5,600.00), and we rejoice in this and take courage for the next campaign.

Now the soul-winning campaign is at its height. Crowds are drawn into the Kingston tabernacle each night to hear Pastor L. L. Hutchinson. Pastor H. P. Lawson has found an interest in the Trelawny district and will soon have an effort started. Pastor Smith has similar plans at the western end of the island. Pastor Fletcher is hurrying on the Gayle church building, expecting to follow its dedication with an effort. Pastor A. C. Stockhausen will shortly commence meetings at Morant Bay. Everywhere there seems to be a sound of a going.

Our colporteurs are happy over their increase of deliveries, which was 200 more than last year. There is depression everywhere, and if you meet a colporteur and ask him how things are going, he will invariably answer: "Things are going hard, but I am going harder." January was a good month in spite of the depression. Someone said the other day that when he found the Message, he discovered perpetual motion, and I guess he was right.

HERBERT J. EDMED.

Kingston, Jamaica.

OUT OF THE WRECKAGE

From the wreckage of the great storm that laid waste so much of the city of Nassau, there has arisen two splendid new church buildings, modest but rep-

resentative of our growing work. The membership in the city is growing so that now each of the two churches is rapidly approaching a membership as large as the one church before the storm. Again we are assured that even out of catastrophe and calamity God can and does bring blessings to His people and to the cause of truth. It was the writer's privilege recently to spend a week with the brethren at Nassau. It has been a real inspiration to see how God is blessing His work in this field. Meetings were held each evening alternating between the church built on the site of the one destroyed on Shirley street by the hurricane and the new church at Grant's Town. These are truly representatives of our work in this winter resort where so many thousands of tourists come annually to get away from the rigor of the winters in the States.

At Grant's Town where hitherto our work had not been established I had the pleasure of speaking to a splendid congregation of more than seventy-five, a considerable number of whom have been brought into the Message during the past year. In the afternoon I spoke at the old church on Shirley Street. Both congregations are growing. The work is being built up in a very encouraging way. The wisdom of the erection of two buildings rather than the one as before the storm has already been fully proved. Thus the work and Message of God moves triumphantly forward surmounting difficulties and apparent defeat. Our dear people of the Bahamas are a loyal faithful band of believers. They are one with the remnant church in faith and love and good works for the finishing of the work in all the earth.

Havana, Cuba. A. R. OGDEN.

CUBAN COLPORTEURS OF GOOD COURAGE

To me one of the most interesting things that happened in Cuba for a long time, was our yearly institute that we held the latter part of December. We chose Moron as the place of our institute for various reasons. First, the brethren there had just finished a beautiful church, and they invited us to use it for our institute. Then too, it is centrally located and one of our colporteurs lived there. His wife being a good cook, we decided to take advantage of her kindness to help out. I am sure that every colporteur, who had the privilege of attending the institute, enjoyed the good food that Sister Williams prepared for them each day.

It is not always numbers that count. Although we only had five in attendance, we enjoyed many blessings of the Lord and improved the time to the best of our ability. We spent quite a bit of the time studying the new book, "*Hacia la Edad de Oro*," and learning our canvass.

All the men went away convinced that this is the very book the people need at this time.

Regardless of existing financial and political conditions, the men expressed strong faith in the Lord by setting high goals. They believe in attempting great things for God and then in turn expecting great things from Him. The five men set as a joint goal a total of 8,080 hours and \$6,500 for 1931.

You should have seen Brother Diaz as he told how the Lord had blessed his efforts during the last two years with five souls besides sufficient sales to provide for all of his necessities. He was full of enthusiasm and recommended the colporteur work to all who wished to do service for the Lord. It was also very interesting to listen to Brother Novoa tell how the Lord had given him wisdom to instruct a family how to treat one of the sons who was insane in such a way that he was fully restored to his right mind. Later that son met Brother Novoa in another place and, introducing himself to him as the man he had saved, he expressed his gratitude by buying a book from him. He tells every one of his experience and is a living example of the results of true colporteur evangelism.

(Concluded next month.)

R. R. MATTISON.

Manacas, Cuba.

With Our Departments

OUR WORKERS' CORNER

It is our duty to pray for unity:

"It is our duty to study daily, daily and hourly, how we may answer the prayer of Christ, that His disciples may be one, as He and the Father are one. Precious lessons may be learned by keeping our Saviour's prayer before the mind, and by acting our part to fulfill His desire."—*"Gospel Workers,"* p. 447.

Lack of unity dishonors God:

"God is dishonored by those who profess the truth while they are at variance and enmity with one another. Satan is the great accuser of the brethren, and all who engage in this work are enlisted in his service."—*"Testimonies,"* Vol. V, p. 620.

Unity our great need:

"Our great need is unity, perfect oneness in God's work."—*Id.* Vol. VI, p. 300.

Unity a powerful argument for the truth:

"The unity of the church is the convincing evidence that God has sent Jesus into the world as its Redeemer. This is an argument which worldlings cannot controvert. Therefore Satan is constantly working to prevent this union and harmony, that unbelievers, by witnessing backsliding, dissension, and strife among professed Christians, may become disgusted with religion, and be confirmed in their impenitence."—*Id.* Vol. V, p. 620.

Unity brings success:

"Will He (God) give His people success before they sweep away the rubbish of evil-sur-mising and discord, before the laborers, with unity of purpose, devote heart and mind and strength to the work so holy in God's sight? Unity brings strength; disunion weakness. . . .

Those who refuse to work in harmony greatly dishonor God."—*Id. Vol. VIII, p. 240.*

Keep the bond of unity unbroken in your church:

"If in one place there are only two or three who know the truth, let them form themselves into a band of workers. Let them keep their bond of union unbroken, pressing together in love and unity, encouraging one another to advance, each gaining courage and strength from the assistance of others. Let them reveal Christlike forbearance and patience, speaking no hasty words, using the talent of speech to build one another up in the most holy faith. Let them labor in Christlike love for those outside the fold, forgetting self in their endeavor to help others."—*Id. Vol. VII, p. 22.*

Unity our only safety:

"Union with Christ and with one another is our only safety in these last days."—*Id. Vol. VIII, p. 240.*

DIET AND HEALTH

Preparation of Food

"It is a wrong thing to eat merely to gratify the appetite, but no indifference should be manifested regarding the quality of the food, or the manner of its preparation. If the food eaten is not relished, the body will not be so well nourished. The food should be carefully chosen and prepared with intelligence and skill. . . .

"It is a sacred duty for those who cook to learn how to prepare healthful food. Many souls are lost as the result of poor cookery. It takes thought and care to make good bread; but there is more religion in a loaf of good bread than many think. There are few really good cooks. Young women think that it is menial to cook and do other kinds of housework; and, for this reason, many girls who marry and have the care of families have little idea of the duties devolving upon a wife and mother.

"Cooking is no mean science, and it is one of the most essential in practical life. It is a science that all women should learn, and it should be taught in a way to benefit the poorer classes. To make food appetizing and at the same time simple and nourishing, requires skill; but it can be done. Cooks should know how to prepare simple food in a simple and healthful manner, and so that it will be found more palatable, as well as more wholesome, because of its simplicity.

"Every woman who is at the head of a family and yet does not understand the art of healthful cookery should determine to learn that which is so essential to the wellbeing of her household. In many places hygienic cooking schools afford opportunity for instruction in this line. She who has not the help of such facilities should put herself under the instruction of some good cook, and persevere in her efforts for improvement until she is mistress of the culinary art.

THE SELF-WILLED CHILD

How many times you hear: "Mary is such a sweet child. She is never any trouble at all; she always does what you tell her to do." That is all very lovely, and let us rejoice with the unburdened parents of dear little Mary; but the parent who has a child with a strong will should likewise rejoice. True, that strong will may sometimes be hard to deal with; it may require skillful steering, it may sometimes mean strenuous opposition, it may in mishandled cases mean tantrums and fightings; but on the other hand, it means a latent power for great accomplishments in the world.

In the strong-willed child you have a great potential force for the service of God and humanity. But our subject is "The Self-Willed Child," and there is a distinction to be made between being strong-willed and being self-willed. The

self-willed child is simply the child of strong will misdirected. He has been allowed to center upon himself all his desires and activities,—instead of learning to make pleasure for himself by giving pleasure to others. He is selfish, he is quarrelsome, he is determined to have his own way. And if he is not allowed to have his own way, then, according to his individual nature, he fights, or screams, or pouts, or sulks.

He is not to blame for this; his parents are to blame. If you think that a strong statement, think over the facts for a minute. By itself his heritage of a strong will was valuable. If that will were directed to the helping and the pleasing and the blessing of others, both the child and those in touch with him would be the happier for his initiative and energy. Who is there to teach him this but his parents? If they fail then who is to blame if he falls into passions over the denial of the only rights he knows—his own?



A paralytic in Venezuela being carried to Sabbath school by the boys in his class

Rejoice if you have a strong-willed child, but set yourself to prevent his being a self-willed child. Let it be remembered that the child learns by example and environment much more than by commandment or correction.

Are you argumentative? Do you love to uphold your opinion for the sake of proving yourself in the right? Are you disposed to make your own decisions and to set your own course without counseling with your husband or your wife, or with others who may be involved? Then be frank and admit that you are self-willed. And you must, by the grace of God change that trait, or you cannot teach your child to yield willingly either to your direction or to the direction of other authorities. As you establish the good habit, you make an atmosphere of culture for your child, and incite him by your example to reasonableness and unselfishness.

In the stories you tell, present both characters self-willed and characters strong but teachable. These stories should be used as food rather than as medicine. But if he has frequently held before him, not only his parents' exam-

ple, but in story, the example of others, he will seek in his life to emulate the good.

Plan also with your child both work and recreation. If you lead in these suggestions, you will find him keeping closer to you and going in the right way with less resistance or none at all, than if you leave the initiative always to him. Suppose you are to have a birthday party for your little boy. Talk it over with him beforehand: much of the delight comes in anticipation. Talk about who is coming, how to receive them, what they will like to do, the games to be played and the refreshments. Create the impression that his greatest pleasure will come in giving pleasure to his guests. This, of course, is teaching courtesy. Well, courtesy is one of the greatest tammers of self-will. This does not mean he is never to initiate anything; for initiative is a valuable quality of character, and to prevent it wholly would be to lessen his strength of will. Your close companionship with him will enable you to foresee and steer away from the more dangerous paths by your own suggestions.

You should not for "light and transient causes" oppose the child in his desires. There are many times when parents, especially nervous parents, are impelled to say to the child, "Stop!" when reflection would show them that though the child may not be doing what they would be doing in his place, he is not doing real harm. If he is interested, he is learning something, and there should be very strong reasons for interrupting his lessons. If, however, he must be stopped from doing what he is doing, stop him in no sudden and harsh manner. That is what especially arouses opposition, and sets a strong-willed child to be a self-willed child. Speak in level and loving tones; if possible, invite his attention rather than tear it away. If restraining hands must be laid on him, make them firm but not violent. Lead him into something else more interesting, if possible and despite his possible sullenness and ill will, maintain your own poise and kind interest, and gain his good will and cooperation finally.

Corporal punishment may sometimes be necessary. The infliction of pain is often salutary by relieving the pent-up nervous state of the child and changing his trend of thought. Whipping—switching—smarts, but is good for a variant. Cuffing, or striking the child anywhere about the head is the act of a ruffian. It may cause serious injury to the delicate organs of the head, and its only excuse is anger. The Christian parent will conquer and control that anger before he disciplines his child. Otherwise, how can he represent the heavenly Father?

Now in the case of the self-willed

child, do not try to keep up the punishment until his mind is changed. Corporal punishment should be sharp, quick, and through with. The impression in the child's mind must be of the parent's love reaching out through the suffering and the transgression. It is love, not punishment, that wins.

Thus by example, suggestion, and love in punishment, draw the will of your child into the right channels; and gradually you will see him developing his strong will into gracious rather than selfish channels.

A. W. SPALDING.

Washington, D. C.

GOD BESTOWS TALENTS

"In dispensing His gifts, God has not dealt with partiality. He has distributed the talents according to the known powers of His servants, and He expects corresponding returns." "Testimonies," Vol. II, p. 282. No one can consistently say that he has no talent, for the one who gave the "cup of cold water" in the spirit of love received the commendation of the Master. The poor widow who gave "two mites" gave more than they all. There is no individual who does not possess the talent of influence, and this is one of the most important in winning souls.

Here is a wonderful promise to the one who claims that he has no talent: "The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will cooperate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as they put the armor on." "Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 333. "Go ye also into the vineyard."

C. E. WOOD.

Balboa, Canal Zone.

HEART STILL IN INTER-AMERICA

One of our pioneer workers in Inter-America, Pastor Wm. Steele, who now is laboring among the Spanish-speaking people of New York City, writes to the division office as follows:

"I am glad to say that the churches here were able to gather up quite a bit of clothing for the poor stricken people in Santo Domingo. Several barrels also came from Washington. I am sure this will be greatly appreciated by our needy brethren in that stricken field.

"I feel that I am still a part of the field down there. We are enjoying the work here, still we do not forget the work down there, and are praying for its success."

"Love never faileth." It never goes out of fashion. It is never cast aside like an antiquated robe. It is fit and beautiful in every time and season. It adds some light to the light of childhood. It adorns life's prime. It beautifies old age. It is a lovely garment that moth and rust can never consume and that death itself cannot destroy. We may take it with us through "the valley of the shadow," and we may wear it upon the resurrection morning. It is always in fashion. "Love never faileth."—J. H. Jowett.

HEALTH HINTS

Few people realize that they can learn valuable lessons in chemistry by experimenting in their own laboratory—the kitchen—with the contents of their pantry and the products of their garden. Those who have done this, present for our thoughtful consideration a list of foods under two headings:

ALKALINE		ACID	
Spinach	113	Fish	3 to 12
Cucumbers	45	Meat	2 to 10
Lettuce	38	Eggs, whole	7.5
Figs	32.3	" yoke	7
Carrots	24	" whites	9.5
Molasses, natural	20.8	Wheat	3.3
Olives	18.8	Rice	2.7
Fresh Pineapples	15.7	Corn	1.5
Orange juice	14.4	Lentils	1.5
Beans, lima	12	Walnuts	1.1
Lemons	12	Peanuts	.7
Potatoes, Irish	8.6	Granulated sugar, high	
" sweet	5.4	because the minerals	
Raisins	6.8	have been removed to	
Bananas	5.6	crystallize the sugar so	
Grape juice	4	it will keep. Natural	
Milk, whole	2.6	sweets are alkaline.	
" skimmed	5		

THE LAYMAN

Leave it to the ministers,
And soon the church will die.
Leave it to the women-folk—
Then some will pass it by.
For the church is all that lifts us
From the coarse and selfish mob,
And the church that is to prosper
Needs the layman on the job.

Now a layman has his business,
And a layman has his joys,
But he also has the training
Of his little girls and boys.
And I wonder how he'd like it
If there were no churches here,
And he had to raise his children
In a godless atmosphere?

It's the church's special function
To uphold the finer things.
To teach that way of living
From which all that's nobler springs:
But the minister can't do it
Single-handed and alone,
For the laymen of the country
Are the church's corner stone.

When you see a church that's empty
Though its doors are open wide,
It is not the church that's dying,
It's the laymen who have died.
For it's not by song or sermon
That the church's work is done,
It's the laymen of the country
Who for God must carry on.

—Edgar A. Guest.

Dr. Abbott advises that ninety per cent of our food should be selected from the alkaline list. Many other foods come under the alkaline list, but we are just presenting those with the highest percentage and available in the tropics.

When a person is sick, the most important thing to do is to take away all acid foods from the diet and use only fruit or vegetables (Alkaline) till the excess acid wastes are neutralized. We are also told that the normal blood is alkaline, and that the body is constantly using up alkalines and producing acids. So it is very evident that alkaline foods are preferable to acid-producing foods, if we would have the blessing of health.

GIVE THANKS

Thanks for the dawn and sunrise rare!
Thanks for the twilight, evening prayer!
Thanks for all things understood!
Thanks for every kind of good!
Thanks for evidence of wealth!
Thanks for life and thanks for health!
Thanks for love and thanks for peace!
Thanks for joys that never cease!

M. V. QUESTION BOX

During January it was my privilege to attend meetings in the Caribbean Union. I was very glad for the opportunity to meet with our young people there. Truly we have some very promising youth in the Caribbean wing of our division army.

Each day during the general meetings in Barbados and Trinidad we had two meetings for the youth. These were very well attended. The interest evinced by the youth was a constant inspiration to me. They seemed determined to learn how to follow the Master more fully and how to serve more efficiently their fellowmen. In both places the prayer bands did excellent work. Many questions came in through the question box. Not all could be answered and so some of those of general interest will be answered here for the benefit of all.

Question: "Will you please define reverence in the house of God?"

Answer: Reverence is an attitude of the heart of those who know God and it manifests itself in humble, respectful deportment in the presence of God, in His house and before His book. "To the humble, believing soul, the house of God on earth is the gate of heaven." There God meets with us. Remember this and then study the services of the tabernacle to obtain the best definition of reverence.

Suppose Jesus should go to church with you today and conduct the service. How would you behave? Would you whisper? laugh? visit promiscuously in God's house before or after service? Would you criticise, even in your heart, the sermon, your neighbor's dress or anything else? Would not your whole attention be riveted on Jesus and your one all-absorbing desire be to please Him and to show Him due honor? Remember He is there and a record is kept of your conduct.

M. E. A.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORTS THAT ARE DIFFERENT

I wish you could see the way some of our Indian superintendents report to me. Some reports consist of sticks with large notches cut on them for the Sabbath, and small notches for members present, while others are odd pieces of paper covered with pencil marks which are hard to read.

Mrs. A. W. Cott.

Mt. Roraima, Br. Guiana.

OBITUARY

Graham.—Mrs. Adina Graham died November 28, 1930, at her home after a long illness. She was born in 1874. She received a knowledge of the truth through the effort of lay members, was baptized in 1921 and became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Cairo, Costa Rica. She remained faithful to the last.
Port Limón, C. R.
C. E. ELLIS.

A REAL MEMORY TEST

While on a recent trip through the republics of Central America, it was my privilege to come into contact with many of our young people, and to study their needs and possibilities. In the interior of these republics, we have a type of youth which is really excellent. They are Spanish in blood and tradition. For generations they have lived in those parts, but they are nationals in the truest sense of the word. That they are capable and alert is without question. That they do not have advantages that many others enjoy is to state a fact that ought to awaken interest and determination to help. It is a well-known fact that different individuals have mental capacities peculiar to themselves. We have those who are mathematically inclined, and those who are more inclined to language study, others who are of a practical turn, and others who have inventive genius. Among those young people we found a very decided mental turn to the training of the memory.

While in Guatemala, we had occasion to go down to the railroad station of Jalapa between Guatemala City and Puerto Barrios. This is only the railroad station for the town of Jalapa is thirty-six miles away up in the mountains. The road up to the town is very dangerous. At many of its turns and curves one can look down hundreds of feet below where the mangled forms and tangled wreckage would be found if a slip should occur. It is a very picturesque ride.

In the city of Jalapa we have a nice church, which is a real pride, not only to the church itself, but to the mission field as well. Here we met some interesting characters. They have a group of young people who take their Missionary Volunteer membership seriously, and they are doing the things that department has been advocating for years. We were told that they had several young people there who had learned all the texts in the Morning Watch calendar for 1930, and that they could begin at the first and repeat these by rote from beginning to end. We expressed some surprise and decided interest in such a mental feat, and the young lady of the home where we were visiting volunteered to demonstrate her ability. Professor Crager took the calendar and followed her through the 450 texts of Scripture involved. She gave the weekly topics, the texts, and the references with almost no hesitation. Only twice in the one hour and three minutes of this demonstration did we refer to the Bible to assist her in the exact quotation.

We take special pride in introducing this young lady to you. The accompanying photograph will represent her. She is Miss Esperanza J. Ortiz, of Jalapa, Guatemala. We do not give the



Miss Esperanza J. Ortiz

names of the others as we did not hear them demonstrate their ability, but we had the assurance that four or five others of the church were equally capable. When you have finished reading this, get some one to hold the calendar while you demonstrate your ability to repeat the Morning Watch texts. This is something that should stimulate many of our youth to greater endeavor to occupy themselves with things worth while.

Shall we not do all in our power to help to build up a school for this class of young people in this great Central American field? We know that we have the talent through these fields which will make valuable workers when the youth have the opportunity to get the preparation they need. W. L. ADAMS.

Balboa, Canal Zone.

O'ER LAND AND SEA

At the division office our workers are seldom all at home. Early in February nearly all the brethren were out in the field. Brother F. L. Harrison, the last of the absent workers to return, reached home February 25. He had spent about two months in the Caribbean Union auditing the union books and attending committee and general meetings. Several days before he arrived, Pastor C. E. Wood sailed for general meetings in the Antillian Union. Then about the middle of March, Pastor and Mrs. E. E. Andross sailed for Haiti to attend the biennial meeting there.

During the first week in March the Colombia-Venezuela Union committee held its meeting in Balboa, Canal Zone. The division family enjoyed this opportunity of seeing our workers from that field once again. Those attending this meeting from abroad were: Pastors H. E. Baasch, L. V. Cleaves, N. H. Kinzer, and Brethren F. W. Steeves and James B. Ross.

Pastor L. V. Finster, for thirty years a successful missionary in Australia and the Orient, has arrived in Balboa, Canal Zone, to help finish the work in Inter-America. We are happy to have Brother Finster with us and pray that he may be greatly blessed in his work in this division.

The hand of death has been dealing severe blows in the ranks of our leaders this year. Within a few weeks three general workers fell in death—J. T. Boettcher, a leader in the German work; B. E. Beddoe, one of the associate secretaries of the General Conference; and E. R. Palmer, for many years manager of the Review and Herald Publishing Association. Sister D. W. Reavis, wife of the circulation manager of the *Present Truth*, has also passed away. Surely, the loss of these heroes of the cross from our ranks is a call to deeper consecration for the finishing of the work.

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OUR PRAYER LIST

Splendid reports are coming to us from the evangelistic efforts held in various parts of the division, so your prayers are being answered. But keep on pleading for success in all soul-winning efforts by both ministers and lay members, and let us not forget to pray earnestly for the sick among us. Remember "prayer changes things." Here are some of the special subjects of prayer:

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