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BROTHERLY LOVE

In the church of God today brotherly love is greatly lacking. Many of those who profess to love the Saviour neglect to love those who are united with them in Christian fellowship. We are of the same faith, members of one family, all children of the same heavenly Father, with the same blessed hope of immortality. How close and tender should be the tie that binds us together! How careful we should be to have our words and actions in harmony with the sacred truths that God has committed to us. The people of the world are looking to us, to see if our faith is exerting a sanctifying influence on our hearts, making us Christlike. They are ready to discover every defect in our lives; every inconsistency in our actions. Let us give them no occasion to reproach our faith.

Our Greatest Danger

It is not the opposition of the world that will endanger us the most; the evil cherished in the hearts of professed Christians works our most grievous disaster, and retards most the progress of God's cause. There is no surer way of weakening ourselves in spiritual things than by being envious, suspicious of one another, full of faultfinding and evil surmising. "This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace."

How We May Reveal Christ

When you are associated with one another, be guarded in your words. Let your conversation be of such a nature that you will have no need to repent of it. "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." "A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the

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evil treasure bringeth forth evil things." If the love of the truth is in your hearts, you will talk of the truth,—of the blessed hope that you have in Jesus. If your hearts are filled with brotherly love, you will seek to establish and build up your brother in the most holy faith.

If a word is dropped that is detri-

world. If we cherish His Spirit, if we manifest His love toward others, if we guard one another's interests, if we are kind, patient, forbearing, the fruits we bear will give evidence to the world that we are God's children. It is unity in the church that enables Christians to exert a strong influence upon unbelievers.

To build up one another in the most holy faith is a blessed work; to tear down is a work full of bitterness and sorrow. Christ identifies Himself with His suffering children; for He says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." If all would carry out the instruction given by Christ, love and unity would prevail in the church.

Every heart has its own sorrows and disappointments, and we should seek to lighten one another's burdens by manifesting the love of Jesus to those around us. If our conversation were upon heaven and heavenly things, evil-speaking would soon cease to have any attraction for us. We would not then be placing our feet upon dangerous ground; nor would we enter into temptation, falling under the power of the evil one.

Instead of finding fault with others, let us be critical with ourselves. Every one should inquire, Is my heart right before God? Am I glorifying my heavenly Father? If you have cherished a wrong spirit, banish it from the soul. Eradicate from your heart everything that is of a defiling nature. Pluck up every root of bitterness, lest others be contaminated by the baleful influence. Do not allow one poisonous plant to remain in the soil of your heart. Root it out this very hour, and cultivate in its stead the plant of love. Let Jesus be enshrined in the soul-temple.

My brethren and sisters, prayerfully consider the exhortation given to those who have left their first love. "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works." God is now calling for heartfelt repentance, and for a return to the love that

Hope

There is hope in a place however dark.
There's hope in a prison cell.
'Twas hope that lighted up Noah's Ark
When the raging waters fell.
And there's never a breast so bleak and bare
But the spark of hope is glistening there.

There is hope whatever the place may be,
There is hope in the darkened room,
Hope on the storm-tossed, angry sea,
And hope at the loved one's tomb.
And there's never a heart so sorely torn
But can cherish the hope of a brighter morn.

Hope can shine through a gray stone wall
And barriers strong and stout,
And hope can answer the faintest call,
And no power can shut it out.
Though a man be shackled and locked away,
Hope sings to him of a better day.

For hope will follow the will to be,
And go with the will to do,
And there's none so low in this world but he
May fashion his life anew.
For hope shall shine through the darkened day
Till the last brave man shall have passed away.
—Edgar A. Guest.

mental to the character of a friend or brother, never encourage this evil-speaking; for it is the work of the enemy. Remind the speaker that God's Word forbids this kind of conversation. We are to empty the heart of everything that defiles the soul-temple, that Christ may dwell within. The Redeemer has told us how we may reveal Him to the

we once manifested toward one another. "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."

"If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and His love is perfected in us."

SIGNS OF THE TIMES IN EDUCATION

The apostle Paul, in his second letter to Timothy, says: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." Chapter 4, verses 3, 4. A generation ago, if a minister of the gospel had preached in his pulpit as ministers of today preach, he would not have had a second hearing. It was an unknown thing for a minister to state his disbelief in any Biblical statement. Such is not the case today. But now it has become popular to speak in terms of what is known as scientific thought. Is not this a fulfillment of what the apostle Paul wrote to Timothy?"

In 1 Timothy 6:20, Paul again advises: "O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called." The words, "falsely so called," should engage our attention. A science is simply the knowledge we have gained concerning any given thing classified. The word *science* comes from the Latin word *scientia*, which means *to know*.

The educational world today is leaning hard on the very unscientific theory of evolution. They do not know that what they say is so, but they put it out as a theory, and then they misname it as science, or knowledge. A very major part of this theory is what is known as the *nebular hypothesis*. Now a hypothesis is a very good thing if so used, being merely a theory as a beginning point to check up to see if the theory is true. Years ago the doctors did not know the cause of malaria. They had a theory that it was caused from bad air. That is what the word *malaria* means. Now we know that bad air has nothing at all to do with this disease, but that it is caused by the bite of a certain mosquito which has the germ of malaria. We still call it malaria, but we know better.

This theory of evolution is unscientific, and not one single proof has ever been submitted. This theory is that the

world and all that is in it came about by a slow process of development, that both animal and vegetable life came into being from small and imperfect forms, and that by slow development they have reached their present perfection. This eliminates the Creator. Yet nature everywhere speaks the same language to the effect that all living forms have become smaller rather than larger.

Shall we not conclude, then, that we have reached that time mentioned by the great apostle, and that these things say to us in thundering tones that we are in the last days of this world? We must be careful lest we also become a living fulfillment of the prophecy itself.

W. L. ADAMS.

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WHAT HAS OUR RECORD BEEN?

The yearly reports from the thirty different missions and conferences have now reached our office through the unions in our division. As we compile the complete record for the year 1930, we feel grateful to God for what has been accomplished through the faithfulness of the earnest believers scattered throughout the Inter-American Division. It should cheer our hearts as we realize, quarter by quarter, and year by year, how the Lord is working in and through human instrumentalities for the saving of souls. And wherein we sense our failures, let us arouse ourselves to more active service and to stricter self-denial, that the Lord may use each one of us individually as we heed the following counsel: "You are to make a gratitude offering of yourself. Your time, your talents, your means,—all are to flow to the world in a tide of love for the saving of the lost."

We have had a net gain in church membership of 1,026. The total baptisms in our field for 1930 numbered 1,755, which, with losses and gains, by apostasy, death, profession of faith and letter, bring our church membership for the division to 15,628 at the close of the year. Perhaps you would be interested in learning that these 15,628 church members are divided among the different languages as follows: Spanish, 4,305; English, 9,662; French, 1,623; and Indians, 38. There are 22,681 men, women and children attending our 665 Sabbath schools. What an army at study to better prepare themselves for service in the Master's cause!

It is estimated there were 2,062 persons in the baptismal classes at the beginning of the present year, and we are sure this number would be greatly increased if we could have a complete report from each mission and conference.

The existing financial depression has been seen in the funds reported. Fol-

lowing is a comparative report by unions for tithe and mission offerings:

Tithe			
FIELD	1929	1930	Loss
Antillian Union	52,695.55	48,228.74	4,466.81
Caribbean Union	25,262.83	22,199.30	3,063.53
Central Am. U.	31,516.55	26,864.03	4,652.52
Col.-Ven. Union	11,621.63	11,216.59	405.04
Mexican Union	12,391.84	12,115.73	276.11
<i>Division Totals</i>	133,488.40	120,624.39	12,864.01

Mission Offerings			
Antillian Union	36,462.52	33,503.38	2,959.14
Caribbean Union	14,590.25	12,456.13	2,134.12
Central Am. U.	23,525.75	21,756.09	1,769.66
Col.-Ven Union	7,683.93	7,097.06	586.87
Mexican Union	7,352.77	7,051.88	300.89
<i>Division Totals</i>	89,615.22	81,864.54	7,750.68

Again we wish to express our appreciation to the believers in this division for their untiring efforts in helping to make our records so encouraging; and yet, we are told that "the work of evangelizing the world has been greatly hindered by personal selfishness. Some, even among professing Christians, are unable to see that the work of the gospel is to be supported by the means that Christ has given them. . . . Thousands upon thousands are perishing in sin, and a lack of means is hindering the proclamation of the truth that is to be carried to all nations and kindreds and tongues and people." "Testimonies" Vol. IX, p. 52.

"Love for lost souls brought Christ to Calvary's cross. Love for souls will lead us to self-denial and sacrifice, for the saving of that which is lost. And as Christ's followers give back to the Lord His own, they are accumulating treasure, which will be theirs when they hear the words, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord,' 'who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.' Matt. 25:21; Heb. 12:2. The joy of seeing souls eternally saved will be the reward of all who follow in the steps of the Redeemer." —*Id.*, p. 59.

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ARE YOU PLANNING TO GO TO SCHOOL?

"If you would be satisfied with your lot in life, build a service station on it." Quite a comprehensive saying; and how true and simple and easy to follow. Hundreds of earth's princes have gained wealth and fame and honor, but have died without ever having tasted of the satisfaction of life because they have left the service station out. No life can boast of any lasting worth if the service station has been omitted.

Jesus, the only perfect example or pattern for human beings, attained His success and power through His service

station plan. "Through His whole life He was possessed of one purpose, He lived to bless other." Single handed, and in spite of open opposition of bigoted priest and self-righteous Pharisee, He launched a world-wide service program; and His ministry must embrace, not alone the entire human family of His own generation, but every nation, tribe and creature until the very end of time.

Was His a day dream, an idle fancy, a visionary undertaking? No, a thousand times, no. He put His time, strength, honor, mind, life, love, His ALL into the task He had set for His goal. Wayfarers were attracted by such zeal. They heard the message: "He that would be great, let him serve." They caught His vision, they united in His great program; and today thousands are ministering in His name, and are to be found in every remote corner of the whole world. There have been sufferings and hardships and misunderstandings, and self-denials and sacrifices. It has cost His life and the lives of more than fifty millions of devoted followers; but from pagan China and heathen Africa and the jungles of India and the wilds of South America, thousands who have been ministered unto will tell you that it is worth the price.

The world has its mammoth organizations, its colossal commercial undertakings; but none of them are large enough nor important enough to be compared in size, in influence, or in achievements with the church established by Jesus Christ. The humble service program launched by the carpenter of Nazareth's Son is rightly the most wonderful enterprise in all the world today.

Jesus has conferred on the remnant church the honor of bearing the last Message of mercy to a sinful world. Every Seventh-day Adventist young person should sense keenly the responsibility of such a sacred trust. The older standard bearers are falling in death. The youth must not alone fill in the gaps, but must bear the blood-stained banner forward to millions yet unwarned.

The gateway to service is the training school. Young man, young woman, are you planning to go to the training school this year? Have you decided to devote your time, your ability, yes all your talent to Jesus and His glorious work? Have you decided to be a soldier in active service when the battle is pressed to the gates, and the cross triumphs mightily in final victory over sin? You may secure preparation for this service of the great King in one of our training schools.

Inter-America is favored by having six of these training centers established within her borders,—three English, two Spanish and one French. I appeal to the youth in this division that you make

it your one ambition to enter one of these schools and prepare for service. Your salvation will be made more certain if you spend a few years pursuing a course of training in a Christian school. Is any sacrifice too great that will help strengthen your hold on eternal life?

Write to the principals for information. The Latin youth of Colombia, Venezuela and of Central America will kindly direct their inquiries to the writer—Apartado 1325, San José, Costa Rica. The time has come for this new school, "Colegio Adventista Latino," to make its influence felt. The teachers are here to serve the youth that the youth may be prepared for service. Let us hear from you immediately. Let us begin to get acquainted.

Are you planning to go to school, and this year? W. H. WINELAND.

San José, Costa Rica.

NO ORDAINED MINISTER BUT THE MESSAGE SPEEDS

Although it has been somewhat lonely with us here in Honduras for the past few months, due to the lack of workers, yet really we have reason to know that God is going before His people as He did with Israel of old. Our hearts have been cheered to see the encouraging results from missionary efforts on the part of our Spanish lay members.

Recently four new companies have been formed wholly by the labors of the laity, so that Tela, Nueva Armenia, Piedras Amarillas and Jalaca now have the light of this truth shining in their midst.

As the fruit companies abandon certain farms after a few years' production, there are many Spanish families settling on them, who seem to be doing well in an independent way, thus allowing many to live out their convictions by keeping God's commandments. In these companies there is a good number who after receiving Bible studies from our Spanish worker, Brother Juan G. Ianza, are now waiting the arrival of an ordained minister to receive the rite of baptism.

Recently one of our young colporteurs, working with small books and magazines among the banana camps, was severely mistreated by a former evangelist who became angry merely because the colporteur was selling Adventist literature. Being a cripple, he deliberately struck the colporteur in the face below the eye with the end of his crutch. People were astonished that the young man did not strike back. The offending person was given fifteen days in prison, but our young colporteur resumed his work after a few days, and is doing well.

Word has just reached us telling of a successful colporteur experience by Brother de la Cerda, our field man. After spending a few days in the department of Choluteca, he has delivered \$250.00 worth of literature. We be-

lieve we shall see the results of these printed pages now being scattered in these remote places; for God has promised to care for the seed that falls on good ground.

We are glad to have with us Brother Christiansen from the union office, who is checking the accounts of the mission. The reports for 1930 show that it has been a good year financially, although the country has been passing through a serious crisis. The tithes from 130 members was \$1,559.70 and the mission offerings \$2,670.96, including \$1,525.69 Harvest Ingathering. Thus a total of \$4,230.66 was received from our members.

We are confident that 1931 will open many avenues of progress in this needy field. Upon the arrival of the new superintendent, we are sure there will be a harvest of souls to be added to these who are now faithfully bearing the light of God's everlasting truth.

J. W. COLE.

San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

TIDINGS FROM COSTA RICA

The series of meetings which Pastor N. W. Dunn has been conducting in San José, Costa Rica, has now closed and we give God all the glory for results obtained. We feel that the Lord has signally blessed in this effort and honored the consecration and prayers of the workers as they gathered night after night, seeking to know the will of the Master and to follow in His footsteps.

The attendance never was very large, something like an average of thirty-five or forty besides the church members, but about fifty percent of these are really interested and about fifteen are beginning to keep the Sabbath. Some are suffering persecution but are determined to follow the light. One lady, the mother of a young protestant minister, is in deep trouble because her son ridiculed her and finally left home for a time. She has faith to believe God can touch even his heart. Another lady, who was doing some work for another mission, was relieved of her work because she came to the meetings. A man and his wife came to the meetings and have promised to keep the Sabbath. They also had their work taken from them. It means a great deal to step out and lose work in these times of stress, but we know that God has something better for these dear souls. The first Sabbath after the close of the effort over twenty visitors attended Sabbath school.

"We praise Thee, O God,
For the gift of Thy love,
For Jesus who died
And is now gone above."

FRANCES LIGHT.

San José, Costa Rica.

BRITISH HONDURAS

Our general meeting is now in the past and we look forward to the great task of saving souls with renewed courage. It was our privilege to have Pastors Crager, Adams and Baxter with us during the meetings, and the instruction they were able to give us was helpful to all. We were very much disappointed in not having a number of our brethren and sisters with us from the Bay Islands, but sailing was very dangerous on account of the high seas. Several started out in a boat but had to return until the storm was over; then they made a second attempt and came some distance when another storm arose and they had to return. Some became discouraged and would not try again, but six made the third try and they were privileged to be with us during the last part of the meeting. We were glad to see them and wished that the rest of their party might have been with us also. I am sure that the influence of this meeting will be felt in all of our churches. During the entire meeting we were caused to feel that we are very near the end and the great need of consecrating our lives to the One who is able to help.

Professor Adams was compelled to leave about the middle of the meeting to make connections with his boat. Pastor Crager, from the General Conference, was able to be with us just a week, and Pastor Baxter remained throughout the entire meeting and several days after, assisting in the interest that was developed in the night meetings. We are still going ahead with the effort and a splendid interest is developing. We fully believe that a number will take their stand for this truth. We reclaimed one family that was with us just a few years ago but left because they were not in harmony with some of the principles of the Message. Now they are so happy to be with us again. The church in Belize is glad to see them take their stand with this people once more. Brother Pinkney has known this truth for more than thirty years, and although Satan tried to turn him away over the question of the Spirit of Prophecy, today we rejoice that he has seen his mistake and has returned to the fold. It is marvelous how Satan tries to hinder this Message! When this good brother left the truth he did not even want to see our denominational papers around the house, so he decided that he would bury them, as the law in Belize does not permit anyone starting a fire in the open. He dug a hole and buried the papers along with some other things in the earth. He thought that he would be happy when the papers were out of his sight, but now he was troubled in spirit more than ever, and three days later when he could not stand it longer,

he went to the place where he had buried the papers and got them out of the earth. Water had gathered in the hole and the papers were all wet, but he dried them in the sun so as to have them in his possession to read again. Surely, the Lord works in mysterious ways to bring His children into the truth.

We are of the best of courage in this part of the Lord's vineyard and are planning to do all we can to bring this truth before the people. Brother Henriquez is planning soon to hold a tent effort in the island of Roatan, and Brother Garbutt and I will hold an effort in Stann Creek at the close of the meetings here in Belize. We are sure that the Lord will help us as we go forth in His name. Pray for the success of these meetings in this needy mission field.

C. B. SUTTON.
Belize, British Honduras.

SALVADOR MISSION

There is real satisfaction in knowing that we are a part of a special Message that in our own time must not only be advanced, but actually finished. The reports of progress and victory that come from the different sections of the world field always bring joy to us, so we hope that a brief note from Salvador will be read with interest by other members throughout this division.

We are glad to be able to report that there is also a note of advancement in this country. Our members are loyal to the Message, and long for the coming of the Master. To help in hastening His coming, they are active in carrying the truth to their friends and neighbors. Our colporteur army, under the leadership of Brother Roque Reyes, is using every opportunity to place truth-filled literature in the homes. We look for a good increase in this line of ministry during the year.

At this writing our interests are quite centered in the city of Santa Ana. Brother Librado Concepción and wife have just arrived from the academy in Costa Rica, and they with the writer are carrying on a series of meetings in the church. We are now at the close of the fourth week, and while the attendance has not been large, yet it has ranged between 100 and 175, 125 attending most of the time. We have just presented the Sabbath question, which caused some to cease attending, yet others are showing a real interest. Up to this time, thirteen have manifested their desire to obey. We expect this number will be increased as other subjects are presented. The three daily newspapers do not publish all the articles we send them, yet each one has published several articles.

We desire that the truth may triumph in this, the second city of Salvador.

H. L. OLSON.
San Salvador, El Salvador.

A NEW SABBATH SCHOOL AT OBISPO

The Obispo Sabbath school which was organized the 14th of January by Pastor E. J. Lorntz and Prof. F. W. Hahn has been functioning nicely. Twenty-five members are enrolled. We surely are thankful to the Lord for His blessings to us from day to day.

A woman that has been a visitor to our Sabbath school for two weeks has been very much impressed. During the marking of the class records it could be seen that something had made an impression on her mind. What was it? The thought of giving an offering! When the envelope was passed around she had two rings and she gave one, asking us to keep it until she should bring an offering of money. She returned the same evening with an offering and took the ring.

Surely the Lord is going before and preparing the hearts of the people.

Obispo, C. Z. A. A. MARSHALL.

CENTRAL AMERICA

Brother Kieser, field missionary secretary of the Central American Union, writes: "Wherever our colporteurs are working, success is attending their efforts, but in some of our fields there is a great lack of colporteurs. The budget does not limit the number of colporteurs we can use." He also informs us that several of the student colporteurs from the union training school have already delivered more than enough to entitle them to the scholarship privileges. His words are true, "Brethren, 'There is no crisis with the Lord.' Let us pray for more faith."

At the close of March, Brother Mulholland reported about ten new Sabbath keepers in Chorrera, as a result of the meetings held there, and also a promising interest in the truth a few miles farther on at Coco.

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GOD BLESSES THE LITERATURE MINISTRY

Brethren Jorge Rendón and Gilberto Bustamante can be numbered among those colporteurs who have suffered arrest in the pursuance of their work. This took place in Cucuta, where a man to whom Brother Rendón was delivering a book, threatened him with bodily injury. Our brother could not leave, as the man had his satchel, and kept on

talking in a loud voice. A policeman, hearing the noise, came along and arrested Brother Rendón. He took him, in spite of his protest, to the village priest, then to the police station. Brother Bustamante was also brought in when he was about to leave town for a trip to other places, and all their books were brought to the station. It was necessary to see the governor before the books could be released and our brethren continue with their work. I understand that the governor gave them a permit that would secure them against any further trouble in that state.

At the time of the foregoing experience, Brother Rendón was about to go to Ocaña. We see now why Satan tried to discourage him and prevent him from going. A letter from a man in Ocaña says that while studying under a Jesuit father some years ago, he was anxious to study the Bible and see for himself what it taught. He had hard work to find one. When he did, he studied and compared the doctrines of the Bible with those of the church, and "saw the enormous difference that there is between the one and the other." He left the church and knew of no other religion to accept. About two years ago there came to his hands a copy of "Our Day," which he studied together with the *Centinela*. Then Brother Rendón came and was with him for a short time. Since then he has been telling every one what he knows of the truth, and six in all, he says, are keeping the Sabbath and in every way conforming to the standards of our faith. God indeed blesses our literature ministry.

Brother Jorge Escandón had a similar experience. In Pivijay two customers demanded the refunding of their money when they learned they had an Adventist book. The bishop of Santa Marta happened to be in town on his pastoral visit, and when our brother was taken to the mayor's office, the bishop, the village priest, and three other priests came in. Jorge had the best of the argument with the bishop, who finally became angry and excommunicated him, when he saw that the young man was not at all intimidated. As our brother came out of the mayor's office, a number of men congratulated him. A large number of the villagers had collected and heard this witness to the truth. We are thankful that our young men let nothing hinder them from going right forward with their wonderfully fruitful work.

I recently made a trip to the department of Bolívar. I was glad to find Brother Redondo greatly improved in health. It was my privilege to baptize Brother Ramos. In Plato three evening meetings in the open air were attended by a large number, including the most influential people in town. They were

much pleased with what they heard. Brother Valdés will follow up the interest. One man is already keeping the Sabbath as the result of work by Brother Urbina.

In Carmen we found Sister Teresa de Jaraba very sick. She fell asleep in Jesus the next day, the second death in the history of our mission, the first being that of Brother Modesto Mayorga who died while canvassing in Bucaramanga in 1925. In Lázaro four went forward in baptism. Brother Nicolas Herrera is donating a fine building spot to the mission, and we hope to have a chapel and workers' room constructed in the near future. A telegram from Brother José Manuel Martínez, one of our faithful canvassers, announces that he organized a small Sabbath school in Chinú. I did not know we had two families there. When interests spring up faster than we can attend to them, we can only attribute it to the pouring out of the latter rain upon this needy field.

E. W. THURBER.

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"THE BLIND SHALL SEE"

It is just a little over a year since Doctors Gloor and Reynolds came to Mexico to do self-supporting missionary work. Many are the witnesses, however, in this short period of time, who will forever praise God for having guided these men to come to Mexico. It certainly is a great and rare privilege to be able to minister to the needy, not only in a physical, but also a spiritual way. These doctors have acquired the ability of doing both.

Many wealthy and influential people in Mexico are already aware of the ability of these consecrated men. Not long ago, while visiting the work in that portion of this mission, Doctor Gloor invited me to accompany him to the farm of the late ex-president Obregon in search of guinea pigs.

After having been introduced to Mrs. Obregon, she related an experience she had had, which had brought the good work of the doctors to her attention. She said that for many years a blind beggar had unfailingly called at their farm. Being kind-hearted and a lady of means, she had always given him something. One day, however, after having not called for some little time, the beggar came back with the request that he be permitted to see Mrs. Obregon. Of course, it was a puzzle to her how a blind beggar could see her, so out of mere curiosity she asked for him to be led in.

"I have come," he said, "to see you,

Mrs. Obregon. You have been very kind to me and have helped me for a long time, and it has always been the desire of my heart to see you. And now I thank you for your kindness."

To her astonishment, it was the same old blind beggar, but he certainly could see.

"Those American doctors," he said, "have operated on my eyes, and now I can see."

This man begs no more. As he had no money to pay for the operation, he offered to give his services to the doctors the rest of his life. It is needless to say, however, that they do not accept this kind of pay. What is more interesting, is that this man is now keeping the Sabbath along with many more in that part of Old Mexico.

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ANTILLIAN UNION INSTITUTES

In the very beginning of the present year, our colporteurs of the Dominican Republic met in Santo Domingo for their annual institute. The interest was good from the start, and God's presence was felt by all. We were glad to have with us E. W. Everest, manager of the Cristobal branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Ass'n., who brought to us greetings from that loyal corps of workers, the men and women engaged in producing the books and magazines, who are too frequently forgotten when we speak of this great literature ministry.

Perhaps in no other country in the western hemisphere has a government passed through more of a strain than the Dominican Republic during 1930. In addition to extremely poor marketing conditions for their products, such as exists in most of the tropical countries at the present time, this little nation with less than one million inhabitants, suffered in the early part of last year a political revolution, which lasted for some time and greatly affected its already critical financial situation. Then to add to the almost unbearable load came the terrible cyclone in the fall of the year, leaving the capital city wholly in ruins.

Yet, as the colporteurs of that mission met from day to day during the institute, surrounded by the wreckage and debris of the storm, not one word of doubt or discouragement do we remember hearing. To the contrary, their faith and spirit were splendid, as they faced the future. From the superintendent of the mission and the field missionary secretary on down the line, every



Colporteurs in Santo Domingo



Colporteurs in Porto Rico

worker and colporteur seemed to manifest a wonderful spirit of optimism. It was the spirit of faith in the onward progress of this Message. Such faith always has its reward, as is to be seen in the report which came to us recently for the balance of the month in which our institution was held.

Some of the colporteurs had time after reaching their field to work only one week in that month, while others worked parts of two weeks. They reported 194 orders for the large book and of this number 176 were in combination with a year's subscription to *El Centinela*. Total sales amounted to over \$1,000. Surely this is a demonstration that our success in this work does not depend upon conditions that may surround. It is God who gives us success.

Following the Santo Domingo institute, we passed over to Porto Rico, where another institute was held. Brother Bernardo Hernandez, our newly appointed field missionary secretary, had gathered a goodly number of promising young people. We feel to thank God that once more Porto Rico has a strong colporteur leader, and for the number of colporteurs again in that field. We were pleased to see once more Brother Borrero and also Miss Laura Tomei, who have so faithfully stayed by the work for a number of years.

Our Haitien institute, the last of the season, was held in Port au Prince. The keen interest manifested in the colporteur work by the superintendent, Pastor J. A. de Caenel, and also his faithfulness in translating to the French for the speakers were appreciated. For a long time it has been considered impossible to sell our large books in this republic, because of the extreme poverty that exists there; but our colporteur director, Pastor F. D. Apollon, has demonstrated recently that this is not true, and has had some very interesting experiences in his work. From this place Brother Everest returned to Cristobal. We feel

the publishing work throughout the Antillian Union was greatly benefited by Brother Everest's visit, and believe the present year will be one of progress.

W. A. BERGHERM.

Havana, Cuba.

CUBAN COLPORTEURS OF GOOD COURAGE

(Continued from April)

Brother Williams, who has been in the book work for more than fourteen years, is still going strong. He has placed his personal goal at 200 "Patriarchs and Prophets" sold during the first six months of the year. He is doing his best and the Lord is blessing his efforts.

There are many colporteurs who can show records of sales much larger than Brother James can, but when it comes to souls saved he can always tell many interesting experiences. He was able to reach his goal of two souls during 1930 and he has gone out after more during 1931.

Brother Labrador is a thorough believer in the colporteur work for it was the colporteur work, indirectly, that brought him into the truth. He is willing to give to others the thing that has done so much for him. He is a new beginner but he is going after things as though he had had years of experience. I was with him a day or two last month and he was telling me how the enemy tried to discourage him when he was beginning. He was working a few days with Brother Diaz and one day while they were delivering, a man who had ordered a book decided that he would not take the book when they returned. The day they returned to deliver the book the man came out at them like a mad man. He had a sword in his hand and he drew it out of the scabbard and came at Brother Labrador with it. When he came up so close that the point was right against Brother Labrador's chest, it seemed as though an unseen hand

took hold of the man and prevented him from coming any farther. All the time Brother Labrador was very calm and instead of thinking of what the man was doing he was thinking of the promise in Ps. 34:7. This experience, instead of discouraging Brother Labrador, proved that this is indeed the work of the Lord and that He is in it with the colporteur to protect and to give success.

If we were to look at the outward appearance we would not go out with the prospectus. Every one is crying hard times and no money. Wages are very low and many people are without work. In spite of all these reverses when we go out in the name of the Lord, we find those who are looking for the things contained in our books and are willing to make sacrifices in order to get the Message we carry.

Last week while working with Brother Williams we went almost two days without an order but we kept going, doing our part trusting the rest to the Lord. When it seemed the least probable we took three orders in succession. We are seeing that it pays to follow Solomon's advice: "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand: For thou knowest not whether shall prosper." R. R. MATTISON.

Manacas, Cuba.

HOW THE CHINESE HELP IN JAMAICA

The Lord blessed us in our Harvest Ingathering among the Chinese. We were able to more than reach our goal of ten pounds per day on our last trip out. We received from the Chinese a total of three hundred and sixty-seven pounds, twelve shillings. It seems that the conference may not reach its goal this year but the amount in the office, including the amount received from the Chinese totals one thousand and eighty pounds.

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NEWS FROM THE CARIBBEAN UNION

The Guiana meeting is now in the past, but the blessings will remain, we trust, for many a day. God came very near to us there, and many of the delegates told of blessings received, and expressed their determination to be faithful to the end. Pastor G. W. Wells was with us throughout the meetings, and gave strong help. God greatly blessed his ministry. He spoke at most of the morning and evening meetings.

Owing to circumstances, four years had elapsed since a conference was held in this field. The first meeting of the conference convened at 10:30 Sunday morning, February 8. A total of seventy-five delegates attended. Fifty-five of these were lay members, representing the various churches. From day to day the delegates were faithful to be in their places, and gave their attention to the business to be done. The committee did faithful work and we were able to close the conference with all its work completed.

The reports were for the four year period, and while the advancement made has not been all that one could wish, still something has been accomplished and we all look with courage to the future. Three hundred and sixty-five have been added to the churches, but because of loss by death, removal, and apostasy, the net gains are only one hundred and forty-one. The total membership of the conference now stands at six hundred and forty-one, organized into seventeen churches. Three new churches were admitted to the sisterhood of churches at this conference.

The tithe for 1930 showed a small gain over that of the previous year. In this respect Guiana made an exceptional record. A good record was also made in Harvest Ingathering, for they more than doubled the amount raised the year before, securing \$277.59. Big Week results were not so encouraging, but let us be thankful for what has been accomplished and put forth greater effort for the next campaign.

The home missionary report shows that many of the people are actively engaged in working for others, and things are being accomplished. Although little has been done in the book work, plans are being laid, which, when worked out, will, we hope, greatly increase our literature sales in this field. There are many thousands who have not yet heard the Message, and to these the colporteur should go, for they must hear the call.

The Missionary Volunteer report shows eleven societies with a member

ship of one hundred and fifty-nine and a reporting membership of sixty-nine.

Officers were elected for the ensuing two-year period as follows: President, Pastor L. H. Gardiner, Secretary-Treasurer, ———, Field Missionary secretary, Charles Manoram, Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath school secretary, Miss B. Callendar. Ministers in the conference are: Pastors A. E. Riley, J. T. Carrington, Henry Beck and C. A. Blackman.

A short time must elapse before Brother Gardiner can connect with the conference, because of an effort he is conducting in Bridgetown, Barbados. He reports about seventy persons there preparing for baptism. We are indeed thankful for what has been and is being accomplished in Barbados. During the conference held there in January, forty-nine were added to the church by baptism. Brother Gardiner writes that there is an interest all over the island, and a great desire on the part of thousands to hear the truth. Let us not forget to pray for the work and workers in Guiana and Barbados.

W. R. ELLIOTT.

Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

With Our Departments

OUR WORKERS' CORNER

Criticism and Contention

1. *Pride is the cause of all contention.*
"Only by pride cometh contention." Prov. 13:10. The hidden motive behind all criticism and faultfinding is to exalt self.

2. *Friends are separated by "whisperers" and "talebearers."*

"A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends." Prov. 16:28.

"But he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends." Prov. 17:9.

3. *Where there is no wood "the fire goeth out."*
"Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease." Prov. 22:10.

"Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth." Prov. 26:20.

4. *Satan is the father of all criticism.*
"Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before God day and night." Rev. 12:10.

5. *It has always been the plan of Satan to especially criticize and bring into disrepute those who have been called to lead out in the work of God. Even Moses, the meekest man that ever lived, did not escape.*

"Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: . . . and they said, Hath the Lord indeed spoken only by Moses? hath He not spoken also by us? Num. 12:1, 20.

6. *Criticism, and not being willing to submit to organization are always ear-marks of apostasy.*

"But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lusts of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, self-willed they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities." 2 Peter 2:10.

"Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities." Jude 1:8.

7. *The church is in need of earnest builders and not church scavengers.*

"The church is in need, not of burdens, but of earnest workers; not of fault-finders, but of builders of Zion. Missionaries are needed. . . . who will be true as steel to preserve the honor of those whom God has placed at the head of His work, and who will do their utmost to sustain the cause in all its departments, even at the sacrifice of their own interests and lives, if need be.

"The church is suffering for want of unselfish Christian workers. . . . Those who live upon the husks of others' failings and deficiencies, and who gather to themselves the unwholesome miasma of their neighbor's neglects and shortcomings, making themselves church scavengers, are no advantage to the society of which they form a part, but are an actual burden to the community upon which they inflict themselves." —"Testimonies," Vol. IV, pp. 193, 194.

8. *Parents should be careful in their homes in making criticism before their children.*

"Many heads of families make the service a subject of criticism at home, approving a few things and condemning others. Thus the message of God to men is criticised and questioned, and made a subject of levity. What impressions are thus made upon the young by these careless, irreverent remarks, the books of heaven alone will reveal. The children see and understand these things very much quicker than parents are apt to think. Their moral senses receive a wrong bias, that time will never fully change. The parents mourn over the hardness of heart in their children, and the difficulty in arousing their moral sensibility to answer to the claims of God. But the books of heavenly record trace with unerring pen the true cause." —*Id.*, Vol. V, p. 497.

9. *By dwelling on mistakes of others we become changed.*

"You see that your brethren do not come up to the Bible standard, that there are defects in them; and you dwell upon these defects. You feed upon them instead of feeding upon Christ; and by beholding, you become changed into the same image. But criticise no one; do not contrast your own exact course with the deficiencies of others." —*Id.*, Vol. V, p. 334.

10. *We should not criticise, but love one another.*

"We are not to condemn others; this is not our work; but we should love one another and pray for one another." —*Id.*, Vol. V, p. 345.

11. *Criticisms bar the working of the Holy Spirit.*

"The Spirit can never be poured out while variance and bitterness toward one another are cherished by the members of the church. Envy, jealousy, evil-surmising, and evil-speaking are of Satan, and they effectually bar the way against the Holy Spirit's working. Nothing else in this world is so dear to God as His church. . . . Nothing so offends God as an act that injures the influence of those who are doing His service. He will call to account all who aid Satan in his work of criticising and discouraging." —*Id.*, Vol. VI, p. 42.

12. *Criticism comes to the church that is not earnest in God's service.*

"Wherever a church is established, all the members should engage actively in missionary work. They should visit every family in the neighborhood, and know their spiritual condition. . . . By this neglect a condition of things has been brought into the church that has eclipsed the high and holy interests of the work of God. A spirit of criticism and bitterness has come into the church, and the spiritual discernment of many has been dimmed. Because of this the cause of Christ has suffered great loss." —*Id.*, Vol. VI, pp. 296, 297.

L. V. FINSTER.

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MISSION MAIL FROM LANDS AFAR

There is one great blessing to give thanks for and that is the privilege of communication by mail. Who would not desire to visit one of our mission stations at the four points of the compass? But what a long time it would take and perhaps more money than we could ever save to spend. So let us realize our dreams in quite another fashion. Visualize a table covered with papers. The choice remains with us. In a second we forget the heat and the palms of the tropics. We are dressed in reindeer skins and accompanying Brother Christian on a journey of 220 kilometers in a small, single, boatlike sled through biting cold and drifting snow to visit and give the truth to those far northern Laplanders. They, too, must be prepared to meet Jesus. We finally stop at Vardo, Norway where meetings are being held by Brother E. Stinessen. The attendance is excellent and twenty have already accepted the truth.

A picture of Palestine draws our attention to the fact that treatment rooms were established in Jerusalem in 1899, suspended in 1916 and reopened in 1929, and we are glad to know the message of the Lord's coming has gained a foothold in this land of historic wealth.

A swift glance at a statistical report reminds us that during the past five years 699 new mission schools have been opened and 889 adult missionaries have severed home ties and turned their faces to distant shores in service for the Lord, and 127 new institutions such as hospitals, publishing houses, and academies have been established. The Message has entered twenty new countries and eighty new mission fields organized. The truth is reaching the ends of the earth. Shall we triumph with it?

I wish we had time to tarry and listen to all the interesting features of the division council at Poona, India at the close of 1930. Listen to Pastor Cormack in his address of welcome:

"We rejoice in this family bond that binds us together, and we thank God that it has been possible for you to come. We think of the expectations of your hearts. There is a great longing in our hearts that that great desire of your hearts might be realized. . . . In welcoming you I would remind you of the seriousness of the hour. I am persuaded that down in each heart there is a solemn impression that we have come to a very, very serious time in our history."

In view of the great political unrest in India, could he bring to our members a more comforting message than this:

"The Majesty of heaven has the destiny of nations, as well as the concerns of His church in His own charge."—"Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing," p. 175.

Then we cannot leave while Brother Montgomery is speaking such words as:

"This has been, I think, the outstanding year in our work. Each year has brought us larger and greater developments. In 1928 we added

68 new languages to the list of languages in which we were working. In 1929 we added 47 more. At the beginning of this year we were working in 394 languages. The year 1929 stands out as the year in which some of the most remarkable fulfillments of prophecy we have known in seventy years have taken place. The signs are fast fulfilling, telling us that the coming of Jesus draweth nigh. Jesus is coming. Do you believe it? He is coming very, very soon. Do you expect to see Him? It seems to me that that hope, that assurance, that confident expectation, ought to thrill every one of our hearts and draw us very near to the Lord Jesus."

Now for a peep into China. Pastor Appel from Tientsin informs us that nearly five thousand dollars, Mexican, was raised during the Harvest Ingathering campaign in behalf of the hospital-dispensary at Kalgan, the headquarters of the newly-formed Mongolian Mission.

Dr. J. N. Andrews from Tibet announces the good news that the British and Foreign Bible Society tells him the whole Bible has now been translated into the Tibetan, though it is not printed as yet.

What freedom of travel we enjoy as compared with our workers in China. Dr. D. D. Coffin has been unable to get out of Nanning for six months, due to much fighting by both soldiers and bandits. He finally was able to communicate with our Shanghai office and said, "God has surely heard and answered our prayers. We have felt His protection in a special way. . . . The explosive shells from the big guns in the city fell all around us. Two fell inside our mission yard. One was only ten or twelve feet from our school and chapel and if it had been one minute earlier, would have killed or injured at least eight or ten people." He then mentioned a report received from a man who was taken and held by bandits for over a month. While he was in their camp they planned one night a raid on our hospital and mission. On their way, in the night, they unexpectedly met a company of Yunnanese soldiers. Some of them were injured, and all decided that the project was an "unlucky" venture. All of which proves that the Lord has ways and means that we cannot know about, for the protection of His work.

Balboa, C. Z. VIOLA E. COOKE.

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O'ER LAND AND SEA

Pastor C. E. Wood is again with us, having recently returned from some splendid meetings in the Antillian Union.

Pastor and Mrs. E. E. Andross have had a safe and pleasant return journey from Haiti, after an absence of three weeks. They report encouraging meetings in spite of heavy floods.

Brother Eugenio Plata, after a year of earnest work as field missionary secretary of the Panama Conference, sailed the early part of April for his home in

Colombia, to serve in the same office for the Pacific Colombia Mission. We wish for him much blessing in his work.

Pastor L. V. Finster reports much progress in the Caribbean Union. In fact, we received this splendid item of interest through the mail: "Barbados has a baptismal class of 113 since the early part of the year, when forty-nine were baptized. Are not the fields whitening for the harvest?"

Sister George Chapman of San José, Costa Rica, has been a welcome visitor to the Canal Zone, renewing old friendships and making new ones, before another school year begins in Costa Rica.

A cable from our division headquarters in China was received in the General Conference office at Washington, and carried the tragic words: "American Consulate, Yunnanfu, informs with regret death of Vera White and Victoria Marian Miller, both being murdered while asleep. Children unharmed. Husbands away itinerating." We can only pray that in time of such unspeakable sorrow, the mystery of God's love and power may be revealed in a special manner to those involved. Further details of this catastrophe are unknown, but will doubtless appear in the *Review and Herald*.

While writing this, word has just been received of a destructive earthquake in Nicaragua. The extent of the damage we cannot learn, as cable connections broke just after sending the message, "Managua destroyed, houses that remain standing are burning." We think of our mission headquarters and our dear workers and members there. How full of meaning these well remembered words of warning appear: "Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

GOOD TIDINGS: We are very grateful to be able to add that a few days later a cable came from Brother Howard in Nicaragua which reads thus: "Workers safe." How thankful we are to receive and pass on this brief message.

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