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## A Day of Fasting and Prayer

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It is generally recognized by the most thoughtful men of the world—statesmen, journalists, men of letters, students of world problems—that the times in which we are now living are fraught with extreme peril. Distress and perplexity are confessedly filling the hearts of men everywhere. As never before, men and women of sober thought are ready to listen to the one and only Message of hope and comfort that can be offered to a distracted, troubled world—the Message of the Third Angel.

This is a time of test and trial. At the very moment when men and women are appealing to us for the consolation of the gospel Message, our treasury is depleted. In order to sustain our present force of workers our mission treasury must be replenished from some source.

*"God will test the strength of our faith; He will prove us to see if we will trust Him under difficulties. The silver and the gold are the Lord's, and when His stewards have done their full duty, and can do no more, they are not to sit down at ease, let things take their course, and let the missionary work come to a standstill. It is then that they should cry to God for help. . . ."*

*"We are not left alone in this work. We are laborers together with God, in partnership with divine resources. The Lord has agencies that He will put in operation in answer to the importunate prayer of faith."—E. G. W., Ms. 3.*

At such a time as this God would have His people turn with all their hearts to Him for help. At a recent meeting of the Division Committee the following recommendation was passed:

*"VOTED: That we approve of the action of the General Conference Committee in appointing December 12 as a day of fasting and prayer, and that we earnestly appeal to our constituency to unite in the special celebration of this day. The cable regarding the appointment of this day comes from the president of the General Conference, Elder C. H. Watson, and reads as follows:*

*"In view of our spiritual need, facing rapidly fulfilling signs, great opportunities to advance work all countries, and serious shortage means, Autumn Council appointed December 12 special day consecration, fasting, prayer in all world.—Watson."*

This is a time for prayer, not for despondency or gloom; it is a time for all true believers to "look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." While it is a time of great need, our Leader possesses great resources. "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19. "Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope: even today do I declare that I will render double unto thee." Zech. 9:12.

When the kingdom of Judah was threatened with entire extinction, Jehoshaphat, the king, "feared, and set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the Lord." While God never fails to answer the prayer of faith, perhaps a more distinguished victory has not been recorded than that which followed this season of prayer and fasting by all the people.

As we come before God in prayer, we should very diligently search our own hearts, lest we be found under condemnation. Soon "we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ." If we have been unfaithful in rendering to God His own in tithes and offerings, let us confess our sins and return to Him that which is His due. If, in any way we have grieved Him, let us make all things right. With broken and contrite hearts, let us observe this consecrated day.

May the entire Week of Prayer be a precious season of refreshing and of thorough preparation to meet our God. Pray for the prosperity of Zion. Pray for our missionaries. Pray that funds may be provided for their support, and pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

## The Time of Trouble

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These plagues are not universal, or the inhabitants of the earth would be wholly cut off. Yet they will be the most awful scourges that have ever been known to mortals. All the judgments upon men, prior to the close of probation, have been mingled with mercy. The pleading blood of Christ has shielded the sinner from receiving the full measure of his guilt; but in the final judgment, wrath is poured out unmingled with mercy.

In that day, multitudes will desire the shelter of God's mercy which they have so long despised. "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: and they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it."

The people of God will not be free from suffering; but while persecuted and distressed, while they endure privation, and suffer for want of food, they will not be left to perish. That God who cared for Elijah, will not pass by one of His self-sacrificing children. He who numbers the hairs of their head, will care for them; and in the time of famine they shall be satisfied. While the wicked are dying from hunger and pestilence, angels will shield the righteous, and supply their wants. To him that "walketh righteously" is the promise sure, "Bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure." "When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them."

"Although the fig-tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:" yet shall they that fear Him "rejoice in the Lord," and joy in the God of their salvation.

"The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul." "He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."

Yet to human sight it will appear that the people of God must soon seal their testimony with their blood, as did the martyrs before them. They themselves begin to fear that the Lord has left them to fall by the hand of their enemies. It is a time of fearful agony. Day and night they cry unto God for deliverance. The wicked exult, and the jeering cry is heard, "Where now is your faith? Why does not God deliver you out of our hands if you are indeed His people?" But the waiting ones remember Jesus dying upon Calvary's cross, and the chief priests and rulers shouting in mockery, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He be the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe

you that He will avenge them speedily." The end will come more quickly than men expect. The wheat will be gathered and bound in sheaves for the garner of God; the tares will be bound as fagots for the fires of destruction.

The heavenly sentinels, faithful to their trust, continue their watch. Though a general decree has fixed the time when commandment-keepers may be put to death, their enemies will in some cases anticipate the decree, and before the time specified, will endeavor to take their lives. But none can pass the mighty guardians stationed about every faithful soul. Some are assailed in their flight from the cities and villages; but the swords raised against them break and fall as powerless as a straw. Others are defended by angels in the form of men of war.

In all ages, God has wrought through holy angels for the succor and deliverance of His people. Celestial beings have taken an active part in the affairs of men. They have appeared clothed in garments that shone as the lightning; they have come as men, in the garb of wayfarers. Angels have appeared in human form to men of God. They have rested, as if weary, under the oaks at noon. They have accepted the hospitalities of human homes. They have acted as guides to benighted travelers. They have, with their own hands, kindled the fires of the altar. They have opened prison doors, and set free the servants of the Lord. Clothed with the panoply of heaven, they came to roll away the stone from the Saviour's tomb.

In the form of men, angels are often in the assemblies of the righteous, and they visit the assemblies of the wicked, as they went to Sodom, to make a record of their deeds, to determine whether they have passed the boundary of God's forbearance. The Lord delights in mercy; and for the sake of a few who really serve Him, He restrains calamities, and prolongs the tranquility of multitudes. Little do sinners against God realize that they are indebted for their own lives to the faithful few whom they delight to ridicule and oppress.

Him." Like Jacob, all are wrestling with God. Their countenances express their internal struggle. Paleness sits upon every face. Yet they cease not their earnest intercession.

Could men see with heavenly vision, they would behold companies of angels that excel in strength stationed about those who have kept the word of Christ's patience. With sympathizing tenderness, angels have witnessed their distress, and have heard their prayers. They are waiting the word of their Commander to snatch them from their peril. But they must wait yet a little longer. The people of God must drink of the cup, and be baptized with the baptism. The very delay, so painful to them, is the best answer to their petitions. As they endeavor to wait trustingly for the Lord to work, they are led to exercise faith, hope, and patience, which have been too little exercised during their religious experience. Yet for the elect's sake, the time of trouble will be shortened. "Shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him? . . . I tell

#### Our Privilege Today

"I saw that God had children that do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully. . . . 'The commencement of the time of trouble', here mentioned, does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out, but to a short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is in the sanctuary. At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry yet held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. At that time the 'latter rain', or refreshing from the presence of the Lord will come to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out."—*Early Writings*, p. 85, 86.

Though the rulers of the world know it not, yet often in their councils angels have been spokesmen. Human eyes have looked upon them; human ears have listened to their appeals; human lips have opposed their suggestions and ridiculed their counsels; human hands have met them with insult and abuse. In the council hall and the court of justice, these heavenly messengers have shown an intimate acquaintance with human history; they have proved themselves better able to plead the cause of the oppressed than were their ablest and most eloquent defenders. They have defeated purposes and arrested evils that would have greatly retarded the work of God, and would have

caused great suffering to His people. In the hour of peril and distress, "the angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them."

With earnest longing, God's people await the tokens of their coming King. As the watchmen are accosted, "What of the night?" the answer is given unflatteringly, "The morning cometh, and also the night." Light is gleaming upon the clouds above the mountain tops. Soon there will be a revealing of His glory. The Sun of Righteousness is about to shine forth. The morning and the night are both at hand,—the opening of endless day to the righteous, the settling down of eternal night to the wicked."

As the wrestling ones urge their petitions before God, the veil separating them from the unseen seems almost withdrawn. The heavens glow with the dawning of eternal day, and like the melody of angel songs, the words fall upon the ear, "Stand fast to your allegiance. Help is coming." Christ the Almighty Victor, holds out to His weary soldiers a crown of immortal glory; and His voice comes from the gates ajar: "Lo, I am with you. Be not afraid. I am acquainted with all your sorrows; I have borne your griefs. You are not warring against untried enemies. I have fought the battle in your behalf, and in My name you are more than conquerors."

The precious Saviour will send help just when we need it. The way to heaven is consecrated by His footprints. Every thorn that wounds our feet has wounded His. Every cross that we are called to bear, He has borne before us. The Lord permits conflicts, to prepare the soul for peace. The time of trouble is a fearful ordeal for God's people; but it is the time for every true believer to look up, and by faith he may see the bow of promise encircling him. Read Isa. 51:11-16, 21-23.

The eye of God, looking down the ages, was fixed upon the crisis which His people are to meet, when earthly powers shall be arrayed against them. Like the captive exile, they will be in fear of death by starvation or by violence. But the Holy One who divided the Red Sea before Israel, will manifest His mighty power and turn their captivity. "They shall be Mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him." If the blood of Christ's faithful witnesses were shed at this time, it would not, like the blood of the martyrs, be as seed to yield a harvest for God. Their fidelity would not be a testimony to convince others of the truth; for the obdurate heart has beaten back the waves of mercy until they return no more. If the righteous

were now left to fall a prey to their enemies, it would be a triumph for the prince of darkness. Says the psalmist, "In the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me." Christ has spoken: "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. For, behold, the Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity." Glorious will be the deliverance of those who have patiently waited for His coming, and whose names are written in the book of life.—"The Great Controversy," pp. 628-634.

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**Are All the Children In?**

Are all the children in? The night is falling,  
 And storm clouds gather in the threatening west:  
 The lowing cattle seek a friendly shelter;  
 The bird hies to her nest;  
 The thunder crashes; wilder grows the tempest,  
 And darkness settles o'er the fearful din;  
 Come, shut the door, and gather round the  
 hearth-stone,  
 Are all the children in?

Are all the children in? The night is falling,  
 When gilded sin doth walk about the streets.  
 Oh, "at the last it biteth like a serpent."  
 Poisoned are stolen sweets.  
 O mother, guard the feet of inexperience,  
 Too prone to wander in the paths of sin!  
 Oh, shut the door of love against temptation!  
 Are all the children in?

Are all the children in? The night is falling,  
 The night of death is hastening on apace;  
 The Lord is calling, "Enter thou thy chamber,  
 And tarry there a space."  
 And when He comes, the King in all His glory,  
 Who died the shameful death our hearts to  
 win,  
 O may the gates of heaven shut about us,  
 With all the children in!

—Elizabeth Rosser.

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**MATTHEW 24:14**

*Honolulu*: "Hawaii over the top—fifth week—\$8,600." This record in Harvest Ingathering was made by a church of 150 members and the few conference workers located in that field.

*Africa*: The African Division membership has grown from 3,239 in 1921 to 14,995 by the close of 1930. The 451 Sabbath schools have 30,795 members. The students enrolled in our various schools there last year numbered 19,152. At the recent council of the division a religious liberty association was formed and two new papers in different languages were launched.

*Europe*: From 1920 to 1930 the Scandinavian Union alone brought in to the cause in tithes and offerings approximately \$2,160,000. The literature sold in that field during the same period amounted to \$1,254,000, and of her young people sixty went forth to help

finish God's work in heathen lands.

*The Bible*: The Bible is the Book that must accompany the missionary in the work of Matt. 24:14, and we are glad to learn from the American Bible Society that already the Bible or parts of it have appeared in 919 languages and dialects.

*China*: Pastor O. B. Kuhn writing from China says: "In four days' work in Nanking, Brethren Reed and Hartwell sold 1,600 Big Week books. One thousand of these were purchased by a high official of the executive branch of the Nationalist government. Officials of other governmental departments took from ten to one hundred books each."

*South America*: "Never in all my experience in this field," writes Brother Pedro R. Tabuenca, a worker in the Inca Union Mission, "have I seen such an awakening on the part of the people, and such a real hunger to study the word of God. . . . The appeals which are made to us to establish schools, treatment rooms and clinics are very numerous and urgent, and in our Harvest Ingathering work we are finding many doors open to us which hitherto were closed. Men standing at the head of large business organizations, even where bankruptcy has been declared, readily respond to our appeal for Harvest Ingathering funds."

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**WHAT DO THESE THINGS MEAN?**

Hendrick Willem Van Loon, a noted historian and author, spoke thus of world conditions a few months ago:

"Our civilization is creaking very badly and a few more anaesthetics will not prevent it from going over."

What could this world do to save itself from the fate that looms ahead?

The historian did not think it would care to arouse itself from its lethargy to do anything.

"Only the realization of where they are in this life would help them," he stated. "But people will not listen to the truth nor face the facts. They want to close their eyes and their ears. They prefer to be drugged by some forms of literature. They will only listen to lecturers who previously have been cautioned as to what may or may not be said. That is why they are unable to realize how far the whole civilization is going to pieces."

Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of *The Nation* drew this distressing picture in the *Reader's Digest* of last July:

"Fear, hate, hunger, poverty, the deadly lack of work, the loss of hope—one meets them on every hand. They dog one's footsteps in the streets of Istanbul, the byways of London, in every lane of every German town. Let no man look upon this scene and declare that there is a bright side of war, or that war accomplishes any moral reform, or frees men's minds, or safeguards democracy, or creates a new order of life. The truth is that you cannot wander about Europe and believe that the World War is over; it will not be in its consequences in our lifetime."

Friends, these are only two of the innumerable cries from men with world-

wide vision. Could history more accurately fit into the prophetic mold? Could prophecy be more fully enacted than we see it today before our eyes? Could events declare in more certain tones that the end of all things is at hand?

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**FINANCIAL DEPRESSION A  
BLESSING**

The conditions in the earth today are causing the people to take time to think, and they are really anxious to know what is coming. It seems that there are poor prospects of conditions getting better. Business men are beginning to think seriously. A few days ago one of them expressed his belief that the end is near. *Now is the time to give this Message, as it is the only thing that throws light on the future.*

Since our general meeting here in Belize last January there has been a very good interest on the part of the public. Sixteen have been baptized and united with the church and many others are planning to join us before the end of the year. We have a small chapel and school room, and both are packed on Sunday nights and some are seated on the veranda.

After the meeting here in Belize, a four weeks' effort was held in the church at Barrios during the month of March. There was a splendid interest throughout these meetings and ten were baptized as a result of the earnest efforts put forth by the members of the church. During the month of April the tent was pitched in Stann Creek. Now we have a church there, and rejoice that another light has been planted in a dark place.

The work has been established in this mission almost forty years, and the first organized church in all of Central America was on the island of Bonacca. Some of those charter members are still of good courage and longing for that great day to come. We, too, are of good courage and hope to have the work finished in British Honduras before Jesus comes.

C. B. SUTTON.

*Belize, British Honduras.*

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**WITH THE INDIANS OF  
GUATEMALA**

Until about three years ago very little medical work had been done for the many Indians of this locality. They were left to rely wholly on their own methods of treatment, such as sticking the end of a red hot wire into their teeth when suffering from tooth ache, and calling their witch doctors to tell them whether the sick person would recover.

By God's help, we have been able to save the lives of many suffering from influenza as well as other maladies and to relieve over 1,500 suffering from the effects of bad teeth.

A short time ago we were called to see a young man some little distance from the mission. We found him suffering from influenza. He was then unconscious. The family had sent to call all the relatives as they expected him to die in a very short time. We are very glad to say that with God's help and the use of hydrotherapy treatments he is well and working today. And as a result of this he has become interested in studying his Bible and he with other members of the family are now coming to us for Bible studies.

HARRY LARRABEE.

*Solola, Guatemala.*

**What the Bible Will Do  
for You**

The study of good books will always enrich the mind, soften the heart, and beautify the character. But where can we find a book that will do this like the Bible?

This old book has done more than all books besides it to honor marriage, to create happy homes, to produce civilization, to educate the people and to make its students free and law-abiding citizens.

The Bible will help us to live, and teach us how to die. It will glorify our labor and sweeten our rest. It will deepen our joy and soften our grief. It will elevate our ambitions, and quell our fears, making victory possible. It is bread to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, a lamp to the straying, a friend to sinners, a safe guide to all. To obey its teachings is life in this world and life everlasting in the world to come.—*Signs of the Times.*

**INDIANS AT TAMAGAS**

I am glad to say that the Lord went with me into the interior among those sons of the mountains, and brought me safely back. Praise His holy name.

These Indians belong to the Quiche tribe of Guatemala, and live around the Tamagas Creek, in the department of Izabal. I left Punta Gorda, the southern district of British Honduras, September 3, and went up the Sarstoon River, the southern boundary of Guatemala. I arrived at Warree Creek about seven that night, where the captain of the little auxiliary sloop of about five tons decided to spend the first night. The journey was resumed around four the next morning, and about six hours after I found myself at the landing of the Indian settlement of San Pedro. These Indians, who are British subjects, are well civilized. There are schools in English in the different stations.

My mission was to find the Indians who visited us early in the year, and as they lived over in Guatemalan terri-

tory, I concerned myself about finding conveyance from San Pedro, which was the destination of my boat. I was told that it would be possible to get some Indians to take me further on; but, after waiting more than a day without success, I decided to make the journey with a Carib Indian, in a small dory about nine feet long. The end of this journey was Chochoc, where I met one of the men who had visited us. He is a native Guatemalan, and is the *alcalde*. He speaks the Indian dialect fluently. He belonged to a Protestant denomination formerly, but has signified his willingness to obey the truth and go through with this people to the kingdom. His entire family also have promised to obey the truth.

After spending a few days in Chochoc I went a day's journey into the interior to Tamagas, the headquarters for the Indians living in this vicinity. The one in charge of the Indians told me that during the last presidential election there were 650 men of voting age. This I think places the population well over a thousand. Here I met two more families of Guatemalan Indians. I had the opportunity to study the Message with them; and again the Lord blessed and they promised to obey. I had the privilege of speaking to several and they seemed delighted when I told them of the possibility of sending some one to teach them the things of God. There is a Catholic church in the village, but no resident priest. They are visited periodically by the priest from Livingstone, Guatemala; but when I was there he had not paid his yearly visit. He seems to be satisfied to have the poor Indians travel a week by dory down the river to have him bless their images and relics, and then to visit them when there are sufficient weddings and baptisms to reward him.

I understand that the chief executive of Guatemala, who is a highly educated man, entertains the thought of educating the great Indian population of his country; and I am of the opinion that he would look with favor upon our plan to establish a station among them. I believe he would co-operate in this matter. Then the Indians are sadly in need of medical aid. I see no better way of entering among them than by medical and educational efforts.

Indeed, this great Indian population in our territory is a mighty challenge to us, and it seems to me that Matthew 24:14 awaits fulfilment in the giving of the Message to these people. May our people arise to the challenge of the hour and give the Message to these while the time is favorable.

L. L. GARBUTT.

*Belize, British Honduras.*

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Make January a Big Tract Month!

**GUATEMALA**

Writing from a little town in Guatemala, Brother Orley Ford says:

"I am away over in the interior. At least this place seemed far away until this time. It always took long hard days of travel by train and auto to get here; but, I visited the manager of the airplane company here for Harvest Ingathering, and, besides giving me an offering, he said he would be glad to give me a special reduced rate on their planes. The fare to this place from Guatemala City is the same as by land so I took passage on their plane and landed here in Jalapa in fifteen minutes.

I have been here a week doing Harvest Ingathering work, circulating the special number of *El Centinela*, and holding evening meetings, which have been very well attended. It is wonderful how the Lord is working here; although times are very hard, we have already gone over our Harvest Ingathering goal and hope to double it. On this trip I have met many new interested people who are studying the truth. One young lady, a public school teacher, is anxious to prepare for church school work. We have been praying for some one to do that kind of work and it looks as if the Lord is answering our prayers. The part that troubles us in our work here is how to answer even a few of the many, many calls that are coming to us."



**THEY BELIEVED NOT**

You really have to see Belize to appreciate the conditions. Everywhere you see wrecks of houses and the poor people living in almost every kind of condition. We do not have one family left with a home. Brother Pinkney is living in his home with the top off and Brother Pryor is living in his house off the pillars and flat on the ground. Brother Fisher had four houses and all of them are flat and some carried out to sea. What little money he had was in a trunk; and it is gone. He is staying with another family. People who have money can adjust themselves; but those who have nothing will be a long time in getting hold of enough to repair the houses that are left.

There is going to be a turning toward this truth as never before and we should get our church started soon as I am sure that many who have known the truth are now going to come in. One business man sent for Brother Henriques and told him how much he had read about this truth and he seemed very much concerned over conditions.

At Tela there are five awaiting baptism who have been won by a lay member. At another place thirty are attending the Sabbath school, and several are awaiting baptism. In La Ceiba ten are in the class. I never saw the church packed as it was when Brother Cole and I were there. Every seat was taken and some were standing. My heart goes out for workers to help these interests. I saw a man from Utila who said that they are longing for someone to come. He remembered the tent meetings we had there and he said, "Now those things are coming." Surely the harvest is ripe.

We had a day of fasting and prayer

for deeper consecration, better Sabbath keeping and tithe paying; and September brought in the largest remittance received from one church in a long time —\$172.00 from about forty members. Money will come when we are in earnest in this great work.

I saw Mr. — while on the north coast, and he said we can begin our schools in the islands any time. Utila is so anxious to have a school and one man in Tela said that he had two children he would send and give us five dollars a month. All seem so anxious for us to begin. A lawyer in Port of Castilla told us that as soon as we begin a school, he will help us.

Another word about the hurricane: All the business places were insured

**Why the Clothes Would Fit**

What a simple yet wonderful faith was that of Billy Bray, the eccentric Cornish preacher—One day he was met by a member of the Society of Friends. "Mr. Bray," said the kind hearted Quaker, "I have often observed thy unselfish life, and feel much interested in thee, and I believe the Lord would have me help thee; so if thou wilt call at my house, I have a suit of clothes to which thou art very welcome—that is, if they'll fit thee."

"Thank you!" said Billy Bray, I will call. But I have no doubt that the clothes will fit me. If the Lord told thee they were for me, they're sure to fit for He knows my size exactly."—*Selected.*

against fire, but I have not heard of one who had any insurance against wind and water. So the people have lost heavily. They heard the storm was coming, but did not believe as one never before had come this way. What a lesson in this for us today! Men do not believe Jesus is coming, but soon He will be here. Now is the time to work for the salvation of souls.

C. B. SUTTON.

*Belize, British Honduras.*



**FOURTEEN IN NEW CHURCH**

In the quiet little town of Stann Creek, British Honduras, washed by the gentle waves of the sunny Caribbean, we held our first baptism Sunday, August 30. In the presence of a large crowd, including the commissioner of the district, thirteen precious souls were baptized. These were won during an effort held by Pastor C. B. Sutton, assisted by his daughter and Miss Myrtice Elwin.

These dear ones together with an old member residing here were organized the same day into a little church. Others are troubled so we look to the future with bright hopes, and surely as evidences of God's transforming power are

seen in the lives of these new believers, others will be attracted by the truth.

To God be the glory for this little company which stands as another light-house emitting bright rays to warn pilgrims of the reefs of superstition and error.

L. L. GARBUTT.

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**A FRUITFUL EFFORT**

As a result of a short series of meetings, held during the month of August in San Cristobal, the capital of one of Venezuela's Andean states, about sixty people promised to keep the commandments of God and walk in the gospel light. The last series lasted eighteen consecutive nights. Being unsuccessful in securing either a theater or a hall, we finally decided to hold the meetings in the house where the church meets, though this is not situated centrally and afforded only limited seating capacity. Nevertheless, we were happily surprised with the splendid results obtained under those circumstances.

Friends were not lacking who kindly lent us such things as we needed. One person lent us his piano; another let us have a dozen folding chairs; the president of a certain club lent two dozen chairs; and the public library furnished us with eighteen more; the members of the church also gave unstinted service in various ways, and are to be commended for their loyal co-operation throughout this soul-winning campaign.

Satan had his forces marshalled and sought to thwart God's plan for that city in ways too numerous to mention: There were patron-saint feast days, lasting through the first week of our effort; counter campaigns in the cathedral with illustrated pictures; special lectures on hygiene and agriculture, running simultaneously with ours; and a proclaiming in clarion tones through the streets, upon the death of a brother in the church during the high peak of the meetings, falsely declaring that he had retracted and confessed to the priest, notwithstanding numerous witnesses to the contrary. Furthermore, a certain Protestant expressed his fury against the fourth commandment in an insulting personal challenge made to the writer. But God used this wrath to His glory and for the magnifying of His truth.

God was very near during these meetings, and His holy Spirit brought blessings and pardon and peace to many a hungering soul. One night, after the lecture was over, a woman who had bitterly persecuted one of our sisters in the faith, but who had been impressed to go to the meetings, got up and went

straight to this sister and ask her pardon for all that she had done. She is now rejoicing in her new faith and manifests a zeal fully equal to that with which she formerly persecuted.

Converts to Jesus came from a very representative class of people, and evidences of their sincerity were not lacking. The man who lent us the piano gave both his heart and his piano to Jesus. Though he comes to us from one of the principal families of the city, he is happy to cast his lot with the humble followers of the humbler Saviour.

The writer was assisted by Brother J. A. Lamas, the elder of the San Cristobal and Cucuta churches, and by Sister Lillith Newball, our Bible worker in Caracas, who had charge of the music and aided in the Bible work. Sister Lamas also rendered timely aid with vocal solos and efficient Bible work.

Before leaving that part of the field, we held two baptisms,—one in the town of Santana, twelve miles from San Cristobal, where fourteen were immersed, and the other in Cucuta, where ten more received this rite. This makes a total baptized membership for the two churches in that region of sixty-three. Could Brother Lopez have seen how God was to water the seed he sowed in that section at the cost of his life, he would have rejoiced. The colporteur work played an important part in opening up that portion of the country to the Message, and now the lay-members are doing a splendid work in soul-winning endeavor. The twenty-four baptized in these two places just mentioned are almost wholly the results of lay-missionary activities.

We are looking forward to a large baptism in San Cristobal in the near future, as a result of the new interest awakened during this special effort. God be praised for the wonderful work He is doing in saving souls in these last of the last days!

L. V. CLEAVES.

Caracas, Venezuela.

### OUR THIRTEENTH SABBATH

Throughout the quarter the officers had kept before the Caracas Sabbath school the object of the Thirteenth Sabbath offering. All were asked to pray earnestly that the Lord would provide ways and means whereby each one could bring a liberal offering for the work of God in Inter-America. Friday afternoon the chapel was decorated with crepe paper of soft blending colors. Sabbath school goal mottoes were placed on the walls. There were also other mottoes, placing before the people the thought of reverence, in harmony with the lesson for the day.

At 9:30 Sabbath morning the program began. A happy expression could be seen on the faces of all present. The

opening song was a prayer, inviting the presence of God to be with us, and a pledge of our reverence and consecration to Him. The review of the lessons for the quarter was divided among three members, each reviewing the school on four lessons. The Spirit of God was very near, and hearts were touched with the admonitions and helpful instruction studied throughout the quarter. Then the lesson on "Reverence" formed a beautiful climax to the quarter's study.

The special music by a quartet, the song by the children, as well as instrumental music, added beauty, life, and interest to the program. The exercise by the children and a dialogue by three young people prepared the people in an enthusiastic way for the offering. The Thirteenth Sabbath goal was printed on a crepe paper ribbon and placed upon two young ladies who, with daintily decorated baskets, waited upon the congregation for their offering, while the organist rendered a selection.

The offering was immediately counted and with joy it was announced that the Sabbath school not only had reached its goal, but had passed it. Although times are harder than ever before, the offering was almost double that of the last Thirteenth Sabbath. Opportunity was given for a few to give their experiences as to how they had secured their offerings. I have selected a few that may serve as an encouragement to others.

The superintendent told how that she had grown begonia plants and sold them for her offering. She told how that the people to whom she sold said that surely the blessing of the Lord rested on



Indian women of Tamagas, Guatemala, carrying water.

her plants. They said that her plants were so fresh and pretty. Thus the Lord blessed her so that she had a good offering for the Thirteenth Sabbath. Another member had set apart her offering, but it looked so small that she promised the Lord if He would help her sell some books she would give all the profits to the Thirteenth Sabbath offering. So she dedicated one morning to the sale of books. However, by eleven o'clock she had not sold one book, and began to be a little discouraged; but she remembered her promise and stayed by the work until one o'clock. As a result she sold eight books. It is needless to say that she came with gladness bringing a liberal offering. Another member told his friends about the program that was coming, and how that at the end of the program they took up an offering to help with the work of God. So two or three of his friends gave him an offering to help with the good work. He likewise was very happy because the Lord had helped him realize his goal.

Other experiences were related that were equally interesting. All are planning on a larger offering for the coming Thirteenth Sabbath. The Sabbath school was fittingly closed by singing "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."

MRS. R. O. GARNER.

Caracas, Venezuela.

### A CRY FROM A PRISON CELL

Our young people here in Medellin have a singing band and they go out on Sabbath and at other times to sing gospel hymns. One Sabbath they sang in front of the penitentiary for the guards and the prisoners and the next Sunday morning a letter was brought by a messenger to the home of one of the young people. Below you will find the English translation of it:

"Mr. Don Gilberto Bustamente,

"Very esteemed Friend:

"*Pax tecum* (Peace be with you and your house). I write you from this dark den where for the present I am confined for having broken the commandments of God. I desire some comfort, dear brother, in the condition that I find myself. I desire that comfort which the divine Master did not deny the thief on the cross when he asked for it nor the great multitudes that thronged Him, hungry for His word. The favor that I desire is that you send me a copy of the sacred Scriptures or some portion thereof.

"Perhaps you may say 'It is not meet to take the children's bread, and cast it unto the dogs;' but I respond: 'Truth Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table.' Put yourself in the place of the Master and I am the Canaanite.

"Dear friend, do not think it strange that I ask of you this favor; you know God can make a sinner a just man and the time appointed of God for my repentance has arrived. I desire to return to Him in sincere repentance and I am sure that He will look upon me with favor and pardon me.

"Upon being liberated I plan to live the life of the Master; I will preach and follow Him telling the people that do not know of His word. If I die my children will continue with the work for it is necessary that all shall know



that the coming of Jesus is near. All the events of the day are fulfilling the prophecy: 'The whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth it to heart.' Jer 12:11.

"I ask you to pray to God that He may give me the patience of Job and prolong my days that I may preach the gospel. I am persuaded that there is no better thing in life for man at this time when they are not able to better their condition by leagues, congresses, or parliaments. The prophecy says that men will be ignorant of the meaning of calamities, wars, famines; that children will rise up against their parents and that the rich will oppress the poor. It also says that nation will rise up against nation and that there will be great advance in science. Through forgetfulness of God the wickedness of man will be complete. 'And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.' At that time He will ask, 'Why have ye not made known to the world the time of my arrival? The Holy Spirit has been at your disposal to make known my purposes.'

"Therefore, dear brother, give me that comfort and God who is good and merciful will more than recompense you. By this act you may save another soul and in this place where men live in darkness and idleness the Word will be more apt to take root. No more for the present.

"Your brother,  
"Jesús María Tuberquias"  
F. W. STEEVES.

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**O'ER TROUBLED SEAS**

Brother Aguilar canvassed in — two years ago selling "Patriarchs and Prophets," small books, and *El Centinela*. When he went back to the same place a year later, he found people were interested in our Message. Upon questioning them if they had read the books and if they believed that the message contained in them was true, they said, "yes." Last year we organized a Sabbath school of eighty-four members there. Among them is a captain and a colonel from the army. They gave up their work in order to keep the Sabbath. This group grew to 120 in a few months, and now we have 180 according to the last report from our worker who also sent us their offerings and tithe which amounted to 277 pesos.

We are thankful to our heavenly Father for these blessings. Satan, however, is working hard to destroy the efforts of God's faithful servants. Just the day before I left Mexico City for —, a letter came from our worker telling me that the authorities of that place were "waiting for the pastor of the Adventist church to kill him," but the work of the Lord is going onward. God's hand has been over our work in this mission. One Sabbath morning while church was on, a government auto stopped and four policemen got out, went to our church door and listened and said "Oh, they are only talking" and went off.



Baptismal scene at San Juan, Puerto Rico

Several times delegations were sent to the governor to call his attention to our work. One of these came on the first of May, when they have their socialistic labor day celebration, and complained that the Seventh-day Adventists were holding meetings in their town. On a different occasion a delegation said to the governor "the Seventh-day Adventists are overrunning the country."

A number of our church leaders have been arrested. One of our good brethren in — has been in jail several times and only gets released after paying a fine of twenty pesos. The last time he was arrested he was sent to work on the road in all kinds of weather. The brother became so sick that he had to have an operation which cost him 200 pesos. He has just returned to his home, after being in bed for three months.

There are forty ready to be baptized. Nor is — the only place where we have large interests. In another letter this brother writes that calls come to him from here and there to bring to these poor people the glad Message. In one place a whole church of about fifty members has come to us. In other places work has been started this year with thirty-five to one hundred in attendance.

In — there are four new places where they are calling, in one of these places a man found the Sabbath by reading his Bible, and had been keeping it for a year before he came in contact with us. I spoke to the man and found him in earnest about it. In — meetings are being held during the week with thirty to forty in attendance. Work has been in progress in that place for three years and up to last December there was only one believer. Now there are twenty-five in the Sabbath school.

We have only one native worker in the whole mission. Most of the work is done by colporteurs and lay members, and while I am writing this, comes a

telegram from the faithful wife of our worker in — saying that her husband and others have been arrested. The authorities may send him out of the state as they have the Presbyterian minister. This is persecution. But we hope and pray that the work of the Lord shall not be hindered. A WORKER.

Mexico.

**JAIL WORK IN TEHUANTEPEC**

Recently our worker in Chiapas, Brother Aurelio Jimenez, sent in an interesting item of what two of our sisters in Tapachula, Chiapas, are doing along missionary lines.

As in all the cities of Mexico, Tapachula has a jail, and it never lacks boarders. Some are there for a short time, and others to spend several years within those prison walls.

These two sisters go each week and take with them tracts, magazines and other Christian literature to distribute among the prisoners; and when the opportunity arises, they do not fail to witness for their Saviour.

One of the prisoners, in particular, became interested as a result of their efforts, and eagerly looked forward to their next visit to receive the literature that they never failed to bring.

He served his sentence, was liberated, and now is keeping the Sabbath. He buys literature himself and goes to the same jail to visit these poor, unfortunate folk and help some one else to live on a higher plane and trust in a Heavenly Father, as he has learned to do.

What these two sisters have done and are doing in Chiapas, it is possible for our Missionary Volunteers to do in other parts of the Mission of Tehuantepec and in all of Mexico. May God help us to speak a word in season to those less fortunate than we are.

Mrs. F. L. E. ULMER.  
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**HAVE A PART**

Jamaica is in the Harvest Ingathering swing. Pastor B. A. Meeker succeeded in reaching a high standard in his organization of the work among the churches. It is too early to give very full particulars, except that we were unfortunate this year in launching our campaign just after the Chinese floods, the Belize disaster, and the fall in the gold standard. Yet these are just the things we expect in these days, and we take it that the prophecies of promise anticipated all these conditions when they affirmed that the gentiles would bring their wealth to God's people.

So we started. Pastor L. L. Hutchinson, although carrying on an effort at the time, joined the writer in visiting some of the leading merchants. We were greatly encouraged to find the merchants as willing to give as they have been previously. So we gathered in about \$300. Pastor Meeker visited some of the Chinese, obtaining one check for \$100 from one man, and several smaller gifts.

Mrs. Edmed and Mrs. Grounds formed another team to finish up the city work, and up to the present they have gleaned over \$200. We started out September 30. Because of the Chinese crisis, and the calls for the Belize Fund, we had to count less on the Chinese, and had to visit many more of the estate owners and others in affluent positions. We worked steadily on for twelve working days, and returned last Friday with \$390. Our plan made us start immediately after breakfast, and work until after dark, taking about twenty minutes each day for lunch. Up to date our conference team has collected \$1,100, for which we are thankful to the Lord.

We used a small leaflet which features our college at Mandeville, as we found the people interested in that but not so with missions outside. However, they were always glad to get a copy of the large magazine to know of our wider work, and we believe this year's work will be more helpful in giving us a standing than our previous campaigns. Pastor Meeker and I will take another portion of the island in another tour, and then finish up before Christmas. We want to cover the whole island. The other members of the team are also working. Praise the Lord for the Harvest Ingathering work. It has done more to establish our work in the eyes of the public, and to make it known among the well-to-do than any other plan we have adopted. Let us all have a part in it. H. J. EDMED.

Kingston, Jamaica.

**PUERTO RICO DOING  
SPLENDIDLY**

I have just completed my sixth week in the beautiful island of Puerto Rico. Every day, except the Sabbath, has been spent in bending over books and figures. But I have enjoyed going through these records. The help that Brother Borrowdale has given me has been much appreciated. He is busy, for, besides his own work, he is doing the work of the

**Nature's Message**

I awoke from sleep one morning hour,  
The dew was still on leaf and flower,  
And the first bright rays of the golden sun  
Had scarcely above the horizon come,  
When for a message I knelt to pray  
By my lowly bed at break of day.

I arose from my knees and stepped outside,  
Heaven's blue vault stretched far and wide,  
Fleecy clouds were floating around,  
And the birds in the trees made the air re-sound.

As I tuned my ears to listen in,  
A chorus, I heard, like a morning hymn.

The silent vines joined the melody sweet,  
And fruits and flowers did love's story repeat;  
The zephyr, that softly fanned the trees,  
Joined in the chorus with the quivering leaves,  
And the stately palms added notes rich and deep,  
While the waving fronds the time did keep.

The cricket sang on so shrill and clear,  
While the near-by strutting chanticleer  
With clarion call rent the morning air,  
And a dove sang softly of God's tender care.  
The mingled notes of that morning song  
Brought a message ne'er heard in the busy throng.

Enraptured with the music I did stand,  
As if transported to some mystic land.  
The message clear and grand and sweet,  
Each bird and plant did oft repeat.  
T'was this wonderful theme from heaven above:  
Our great Creator, friends, is love.

PERCY BEAUMONT.

Pueblo Nuevo, Panama.

secretary-treasurer. We hope he will not have to carry two men's work very much longer.

Since coming here, I have had the pleasure of visiting some outside of San Juan. One day was spent in Aibonito, where we operated an academy until 1928 when the hurricane took the school buildings away. Since then the property has been sold. One Sabbath was spent in Mayagüez where we have a live Sabbath school and church. The visitors—113 of them—were not Adventists. Is it not wonderful to have the children from non-Adventist homes come to Sabbath school? The Lord is blessing this school in a remarkable manner. Sister Méndez is the enthusiastic superintendent.

In the afternoon, Elder Méndez baptized several dear souls in the river. They came up from the watery grave with expressions of peace stamped upon their countenances. How sadly we need a church building in which these people

may meet. On September 26 eleven were baptized near San Juan, one group in the Atlantic Ocean, and the other in a beautiful inland stream. The scene was indeed solemn.

I was much interested in a plan that Sister Borrowdale, the mission Sabbath school secretary, has introduced in some places. A piece of white card board is used on which to stick a thirteenth Sabbath envelope for each member in the class. Each Sabbath someone passes these cards to each class. And nearly every Sabbath every member places a coin in his envelope bank. When the envelopes were opened on the thirteenth Sabbath it was surprising to find how much they contained. In the Santurce church, for instance, the thirteenth Sabbath offering on September 26 was \$50.75.

The previous thirteenth Sabbath offering in Santurce—before this plan was used—was \$38.16. So it pays to use devices—but simple ones. If the Santurce church can do this, where the daily earning capacity is not better than elsewhere, other churches can better their offerings. I notice the membership in the Santurce Sabbath school on that day was 53.

It is indeed surprising how the tithes and offerings in Puerto Rico are ahead of the 1930 record thus far. The tithe for 1930 to the close of September was \$4,055.44, for the same period this year it was \$5,060.05. You will notice a gain of \$1,004.61. We are glad for this splendid gain in tithe. The general mission offerings for this year thus far are ahead of last year. For the same period in 1930 the total was \$4,043.09, while for this year it was \$4,125.44. These dear people are loyal and give liberally to this great cause.

I shall be very happy to visit the other fields in our union. My first round of calls is rather lengthy for the work is far behind. For instance, in the Puerto Rico Mission I checked work for 1928, 1929, 1930, and to the close of August 1931. In Cuba it was almost the same, checking to the close of May. My next stop is Santo Domingo. I fear Jamaica will not see my face this year, but I hope to be over there early in 1932. I need the prayers of the people in this large division that I may keep my health and do God's work faithfully.

F. I. MOHR.

Santurce, Puerto Rico.

**Aspects of Love**

Every Christian grace is an expression of love.

Repentance is love grieving.

Hope is love expecting.

Faith is love trusting.

Courage is love daring.

Patience is love waiting.

Peace is love resting.

Joy is love exulting.

So a man has just as much Christianity as he has love, and no more.



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**MARTINIQUE AND GUADELOUPE**

New courage was brought to our believers in the French West Indian Mission in the coming of Brother and Sister W. H. Atherly, who arrived at Fort-de-France, Martinique, August 27, to take charge of the work of the mission. They take up the work laid down by Pastor and Mrs. Dexter, who were forced to leave the field last December because of Mrs. Dexter's critical state of health. Since then no one has been in the field to supervise and give pastoral help. So it was indeed a very warm welcome that was extended to Brother and Sister Atherly.

Brother Tisserand, the local elder of our Trinité church, owns and operates a large truck which is equipped to carry passengers as well as freight. Friday September 4, he came over to Fort-de-France and took Brother and Sister Atherly, Sister Ledran, our Bible worker, two or three of the Fort-de-France church members, and the writer over to Trinité. The next morning, Sabbath, four persons were baptized and added to the church. The Spirit of the Lord was present to guide and to bless in the services of the day as the Book of books and the Spirit of Prophecy were studied.

Sunday morning the truck was in readiness again, and a group of twenty-two went to Lorrain, about an hour's ride from Trinité. We had a good trip over, but it began to rain soon after we arrived. Four candidates for baptism were presented. They were found to be well instructed, and as others gave a good testimony of their lives, we proceeded to prepare for the baptism. Interest ran high as this was the first baptism held in that place. Directly across the road from the hall secured for the services of the day the sea had become so rough that the ceremony could not be performed there, so we went to a river about a mile away. About fifty came out to witness the baptism, and stayed until it was over, in spite of the beating rain. Two fathers and a son of each were baptized, having been won and instructed by another son of one of the fathers. These are our first baptized members in Lorrain.

In the afternoon, the writer spoke on the signs of Christ's coming and the end of the world. We had a good audience in spite of rain, and at the close many expressed a desire for us to come back and teach them the way. Many are hungering for the truth.

Then we went back to Trinité. The next morning, Monday, we all got into the truck again and went to St. Pierre. This is the city ruined in 1902 by the eruption of Mont Pelee. And, even as

some rebuilding has been done on the old ruins, so from lost humanity, by the new birth, is the gospel Message bringing out some to "walk in newness of life." Three were baptized there. Two were sisters, who had been driven from their home when they accepted the truth. These two sisters are the fruitage also of lay-member effort.

The following Sabbath, another baptism was held in Fort-de-France when three followed their Lord in this rite. This was followed by the communion service, at which time seven were added to the church,—the three baptized at St. Pierre, the three baptized that morning, and one on profession of faith. In the afternoon, the new director of the mission and the writer sailed for Guadeloupe.

In Guadeloupe, two places were visited. At Gripon, Sister Hérisson has been doing her best to hold up the lamp of truth. Her joy was great as she wit-

**The Men Who Win Out**

I once knew a man who would figure and plan  
 The deeds he intended to do;  
 But when the time came to get into the game  
 He never put anything through.  
 He would dream with a smile of the after-a-  
 while,  
 And the deeds he would do pretty soon;  
 He was all right at heart, but he never would  
 start,  
 He never could get quite in tune.  
 If he would have done half the things he'd begun,  
 He'd be listed among those of fame,  
 But he didn't produce, so he was of no use—  
 Good intentions do not win the game.  
 It is easy to dream and to plan and to scheme,  
 And let them drop out of sight;  
 But the men that put through what their dreams  
 bring to view  
 Are the men who win out in the fight.

—Edgar L. Jones.

nessed the baptism of four persons from among her neighbors. Here also, approximately fifty of the neighbors and friends witnessed the ceremony,—the first one to be performed in that section of Guadeloupe. Others are now preparing to go forward in baptism soon.

About twenty miles from Gripon, Brother and Sister V. Charbonnier and their little girl, from Switzerland, are living. One of our native members is working at the same place and is uniting with the Carbonnier family in giving the Message to those around them by the sale of Bibles and other books, and above all by consistent Christian living.

All evidences point to the ripening of the harvest in Martinique and Guadeloupe,—but the laborers are so few. "Pray ye therefore," remembering the laborers already in the field and the efforts of the lay members; and then support your prayers with the material gifts so necessary to carry out the gospel commission. M. D. HOWARD.

*Port of Spain, Trinidad.*

"If every moment were valued and rightly employed, we should have time for everything that we need to do for ourselves or for the world."

"When we give ourselves wholly to God, and in our work follow His directions, He makes Himself responsible for its accomplishment."



**With Our Departments**

**IS THERE NO BALM IN GILEAD?**

No. 1

In a lecture given sometime ago by Dr. A. W. Truman, secretary of the medical department of the General Conference, he gave many helpful suggestions which all who desire to keep physically fit for the finishing of God's great work on earth, would do well to heed. Below are a few paragraphs gleaned from his lecture and other selections will be given in later issues of this paper:

"The ninety-first psalm and the twenty-fourth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew make it very plain that we may expect the grim reaper to mow down the inhabitants of this unbelieving world like grass before the sickle. But what shall we expect of the church? Let us read the question again: 'Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of My people recovered?'"

"Is there healing balm for our physical wounds in the Seventh-day Adventist church? I want to answer emphatically, Yes. And I believe it is a most excellent kind of balm. This physical balm for the healing of our physical wounds will not only help a sick man or woman to get well, but it will enable a well man or woman to remain well and to keep from getting sick."

"Now I know that is a broad statement, but I believe it is true. We are the farthest removed from the tree of life and the garden of Eden, the very fag end of the human race. And I do not mean to imply that by anything we can do we can insure ourselves 100 per cent of health all the time; but I do believe that we have, as a part of this Message, some great fundamental principles of life and health and healing that will help God's children to be in a very much better state of health than most of us are."

"I wish to read a paragraph from this excellent book, 'Counsels to Health,' page 49: 'The health reform is an important part of the Third Angel's Message.' Do you have the whole Message, or just a part of it? 'The health reform is an important part of the Third Angel's Message; and as a people professing this reform, we should not retrograde, but make continual advancement. It is a great thing to insure health.' Do you carry health insurance? I know of a great many people who carry insurance, but they get sick, and many of them die prematurely and their relatives get a bit of money. But I prefer that kind of health insurance that keeps a man well. I am interested in a kind of medicine that will keep well people from getting sick."

"This old world is not running by chance. Nature is not doing her work at random, without reference to law. Students in school learn that everything in this world is governed by law. We have laws of electricity, laws of light, laws of sound, laws of falling bodies, laws of gravity, laws of physics. Is the question of health the only thing in the world that is not governed by law? Are there laws of health? and if these laws are applied, do they work out?"

"It is a great thing to insure health by placing ourselves in right relations to the laws of life, and many have not done this. A large share of the sickness and suffering among us is

the result of the transgression of physical law, brought upon individuals by their own wrong habits.—*Counsels on Health*, p. 49.

"There are laws that govern the normal action of the stomach; there are laws that govern the healthy functioning of the kidneys, the liver, the heart, the nervous system. Are we intelligently acquainted with these physical laws of life which govern our physical health and well-being, or are we trusting to luck or random chance to keep us well? It is a great thing to insure your health. How can you do it?—By placing yourselves in right relation to the laws of life. But many have not done it.

"In 'Ministry of Healing,' page 234, we read: 'Disease never comes without a cause. The way is prepared, and disease invited, by a disregard of the laws of health.' Dear friends, are you sending out any invitations for some dreadful disease to come and camp with you for a few years? This says that disease is invited by transgression of the laws that govern our health. Here is acute appendicitis; here is high blood pressure; here are failing hearts; here is diabetes; here is cancer. It would be a terrible thing to send out invitations for any of these maladies to come and seize upon our physical frame, wouldn't it? Are you fully acquainted with all the invitations you have sent out?"

### ESPECIALLY FOR YOU

Did you enrich your life this year through the reading of good books? It is far more important that you and I become rich in character than in gold. Gold cannot buy the best things even in this life; but a Christian character will make them ours for time and eternity.

In His great mercy God has sent us many books to help us build characters that will fit us for service here and hereafter. But they can never enrich our lives unless we read them and make them our friends. As we read them, however, God will use them for making our lives a glory to His name. Really, dear young people, there is a liberal education in store for the young people who make friends of good books and read several of them every year. That is why we have Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses.

Each one of us is accorded twenty-four hours every day. None receive more. None fewer. And God hands those hours out to us in fragments so that we may grasp each firmly and use it well. Then on it passes to add strength or weakness, a bit of beauty or an ugly stain, to the great fabric of life,—all depending on the way in which we have used our moments. The 1932 Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses are now waiting to help you to improve wisely your spare moments. Take at least one of these courses. If possible add these books to your personal library. Make them your personal friends, and then they will make your life happier, stronger, and of more value to others. The courses are as follows:

Senior:

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| "Messages to Young People    | \$1.25 and 2.00 |
| "Advance Guard of Missions"  | .50             |
| "Thoughts on the Revelation" | .75             |

### IS BEAUTIFUL SIN BETTER?

Sin can be very beautiful. Does that make it better than repulsive sin? A missionary in the Belgian Congo sends an answer to the question as given in an illustration used by a native Congo pastor whom she heard preach one Sunday morning: "Sin is not always sordid and low. Often it comes in a most beautiful garb. But does that lessen or help us bear the misery of its results? A carrier is going to Kinkonzi to bring a load for the missionary. As he walks along the path, there is a flash from the bushes and he feels the treacherous sting of a deadly serpent. When he turns to look at it, does he care whether it is gorgeous and beautiful? Does it make any difference to him whether it is the most beautiful snake in existence or whether it is drab and ugly? Its sting is in his body. Its poison is already in his blood. Ugly or beautiful, the creature means but one thing—death. Even so with sin. It can be in the most attractive surroundings or in the most beautiful attire; it can be ugly and repulsive. But the wages is always the same—death."—*Sunday School Times*.

Junior:

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| "Bedtime Stories No. 6" | .25          |
| "Beautiful Joe"         | .50 and 1.50 |

Order your books from your Book and Bible House.

### OUR COLPORTEUR INSTITUTES

The latter part of May the writer left Havana, Cuba, for Yucatan, Mexico, to attend an institute for the colporteurs of that field. Elder C. L. Dinius, the superintendent, assisted, and a profitable time was spent with the colporteurs, listening to their experiences and studying together their problems.

The principal industry of the state of Yucatan is the raising of sisal hemp, or henequen, used in the manufacture of cordage. Like many other industries at this particular time, the raising of henequen has suffered greatly. Many fields of this plant were seen going to ruin. This naturally has affected the colporteurs, but in spite of difficulties they are pressing forward, and God has blessed them richly.

One of the colporteurs attending this institute, Brother Gonzalo Aguilar, brought an intensely interesting experience from the State of Tabasco, where he had been working. Three years ago he had sold a Bible and a year's subscription to *El Centinela* to a merchant in a small town. Returning the following year, he found an interest, and sold the man two of our large books. Early this year when he again called that way, he found the merchant and his grown son keeping the Sabbath. He also found that the merchant had been actively engaged in missionary work in his neighborhood, and that several of the neighbors were keeping the Sabbath.

Never having had contact with any other Seventh-day Adventists, they urg-

ed our brother to stay and explain to them more of the Bible. That night they gathered a group of about eighty people, all of whom, to the surprise of the colporteur, were keeping the Sabbath. The following Sabbath a Sabbath school was organized. The colporteur made up a list of the names of the charter members and sent it to the office. The list contained the names of eighty-six adults, all of whom the colporteur said were keeping the Sabbath. Surely it does pay to circulate the printed page.

From Yucatan in company with Brother and Sister Dinius and their little daughter, Chula, we went by boat to Vera Cruz, and then by train to Mexico City to attend the union committee meeting. In Mexico City we met Elder J. A. P. Green of the General Conference Publishing Department, who had come to visit our division in the interest of this department.

Immediately following the union committee meeting an institute was held in that city. This proved to be the largest institute for colporteurs ever held in the history of the division. The average attendance daily was about forty-five. Something like thirty colporteurs went out into the field at its close. Brother L. L. Grand Pre, the union field missionary secretary, and Brother V. M. Calvo, the local field missionary secretary, were very much encouraged over the good prospects.

We next visited the Gulf Mission to hold an institute in the city of Tampico. We found there a fine corps of colporteurs, which spoke well for the leaders of that field. We are glad to report that since the institute there has been a splendid gain in sales in this mission in spite of the many obstacles that have presented themselves.

Our last institute in the Mexican Union was held in the city of Vera Cruz, in the Tehuantepec Mission. The faithful attendance throughout the entire institute of both the superintendent and the secretary and treasurer of the mission, Pastor J. B. Nelson and Brother F. L. E. Ulmer respectively, was greatly appreciated. Brother Max Fuss is the field missionary secretary of this field. In all something like seventy colporteurs attended the institutes held in the Mexican Union.

Leaving Mexico we journeyed by train to Guatemala. There had been such heavy rains, and the lowlands were so flooded, that we feared at times we would not be able to continue our journey; but, fortunately, with little delay we were able to meet our appointment with the colporteurs of Guatemala. Brother Green and I both felt well repaid for the long and wearing trip after meeting the interesting group of colporteurs in this republic. Both the superintendent, Pastor Orley Ford, and the field missionary secretary, Brother Lutz,

had only a short time before been called to their work. Their endeavors to co-operate were an inspiration.

From Guatemala we journeyed on south to San Salvador, where another institute had been started by the field missionary secretary of the Central American Union Mission, Brother W. D. Kieser. After spending a few days there with the colporteurs and workers, studying their problems, we were again on our way to the division headquarters. To Brother Green the visit to Balboa proved a real home-coming, having lived there so long, while to the writer it was his first visit. After a pleasant stay of just one week, the division committee voted that we should go to Haiti and hold an institute for our French speaking brethren, and then to Cuba for another institute in Havana.

Perhaps the most interesting of the institutes held in this series was the one in Haiti. We arrived in Port-au-Prince the third of September and found the field missionary secretary, Pastor F. D. Apollon, awaiting our arrival. For some time it has been considered impossible to sell our large books in this republic but Brother Apollon has proved to the satisfaction of all that this idea is false. His next task was to gather together a corps of colporteurs and teach them how to work. We were made very happy to find upon our arrival in Haiti such a fine group of young men and women. A very interesting time was spent setting the principles of our work before them. As French is the language used, all of the instruction had to be translated into that language. Brother Orville Dunn, the secretary and treasurer of the mission, rendered faithful service in translating. We will watch with interest the development of the work in this field.

From Haiti we passed over to Cuba where our last institute was held. Here we met Pastor J. R. McWilliam, the union field missionary secretary, and the workers of the local field. Cuba has suffered greatly from the economic depression, but the colporteurs were of good courage in spite of the conditions. With the Lord there is no crisis. To the writer it was a privilege of meeting once more the faithful workers and members of the Antillian Union. From this place Brother Green left for the States. His visit has been a real blessing to the fields, and his instruction has been appreciated by all.

W. A. BERGHERM.

Balboa, Canal Zone.

### OUR SABBATH SCHOOLS

The Sabbath school is the one department which is organized and maintained for the purpose of benefiting directly every man, woman, and child among Seventh-day Adventists. From the time that a child is old enough to

### NOW IS THE TIME

Now is the time to lay plans for the new year. Be sure to give the Morning Watch a place in your daily program during 1932. Have you secured your calendar? One man in Mexico went to prison because he was heard repeating the precious promises in the Morning Watch Calendar. That man loved his morning appointment with the Master. Do you? If we keep that appointment faithfully, it will transform our lives and make them more like the beautiful life of our Master.

One day a young person showed an older friend a long list of New Year's resolutions he had made. She looked over them with sincere interest. Then she said quietly: "Well, I have made only one. I am resolved during the new year to 'take time to be holy.'"

Now is the time to decide firmly to "take time to be holy," to "seek first the kingdom of Heaven." Spending much time with the Master and His Book will help us to carry out that resolution. Only those who do "take time to be holy" can be secure during these hours of final crisis. BE ONE OF THEM!

comprehend anything at all until feebleness has made it impossible for him to receive mental benefit, the Sabbath school is calculated to be of service. Since this is so, it is very important that this organization be so conducted that the greatest possible good may come to those who attend. And in order that the organization may bring the best possible results, every church member should hold himself ready to give freely of his service in any way that may be required. Let us consider some of the plans for this work.

It is a great school, therefore those who are among its members should study diligently the lesson assigned. It is designed that each member should study the lesson each day of the week so as to be familiar with the contents. Not only should we study daily, but we ought to study for a given time. Usually we think that *at least* ten minutes a day for the week is none to much. In our secular schools, the pupils are expected to spend at least double the time of recitation in study. On this basis, since the recitation of the Sabbath school lesson takes at least twenty-five minutes, we ought to study for the time specified. Then when we have studied the lesson for this time, we ought to be present and on time each Sabbath so as to get the benefit of the recitation of that lesson. Being present and on time each Sabbath, and studying the lesson each day during the week, form the basis for giving the Honor Cord for the quarter.

The financial goal for missions is another fundamental part of the Sabbath school. The plan of the gospel is to receive, and then give. We give, not only the mental and spiritual things we receive from the Sabbath school, but, as

we have the commission to go into all the world, we have the privilege of assisting in this good work by giving a portion of that which the Lord so freely gives to us. Since all cannot go to the foreign parts of the world, we can give of the means that He places in our hands. When we have succeeded in any Sabbath school in reaching an average of 65% of the two points, of the goal to missions and the Honor Cards, we can then display the Pennant. Surely we ought to strive for perfection in these two points.

Then we have a very great responsibility in the matter of training the teachers in our Sabbath schools. In the secular school, and in our own denominational schools, we know that it is not profitable to have teachers who have not been well trained. Of course, it is impossible for all of our people to go to school and get all this good instruction concerning the methods of teaching, but we can bring a little of this to the teachers in the Teachers' Training Course. We ought to have this line of work carried on in every Sabbath school. If this plan is not known in your Sabbath school, send a letter of inquiry to the secretary of the department in your field. We cannot very well have the Teachers' Training Course unless we have the teachers' meeting. The Training Course is simply a part of the work which ought to be done in the teachers' meeting. No school can do good work unless it can get its teaching force together once each week for the purpose of outlining the work that is to be accomplished and to bring to the attention of the leaders of the Sabbath school the things that need to be considered. A meeting for this purpose is very essential.

Some progress has been made during the past year. Shall we not strive very earnestly to come more nearly to the mark of perfection in these lines. What are they?—Daily lesson study, and prompt and regular attendance for the Honor Card; meeting the financial goal set for us, which, with the required percentage of Honor Cards, entitles the school to the Pennant; a teachers' meeting in every Sabbath school; a Sabbath school workers' Training Course for every teacher and Sabbath school worker.

Let us strive for these high marks of perfection. W. L. ADAMS.

Balboa, Canal Zone.

### PLEASE WRITE. THANK YOU!

The clerk of the Colon Seventh-day Adventist Church, Brother Oswald L. Robinson, Box 900, Cristobal, Canal Zone, would be pleased to have all absent members of the church communicate with him, telling him of their plans regarding their absence and whether they expect to return to Colon.

**O'ER LAND SEA**

In September Pastor W. R. Elliott spent considerable time in Guiana. He visited the believers up on the Demerara River, organizing a church of twenty-one members. When he returned to Trinidad he was very ill with malaria; but we are grateful to render a good report of his recovery and also of the work in Guiana. Brother M. D. Howard writes as follows:

"Brother G. A. Coon is helping in an evangelistic effort in Georgetown, Guiana, and it seems to be eclipsing all others he has held. He tells us that there is the best interest in the Message that he ever witnessed. Two hundred forty-five signed the covenant one night. That was the nineteenth night in the series, and the Sabbath question had been studied for four nights. They have more than 500 on their visiting list. Let us pray for a rich harvest in that field."

Regarding the new dispensary work in Mexico, Pastor C. E. Wood on October 6 wrote as follows:

"The dispensary is making good progress. The roof will be completed this week. Brother Ulmer expects to come to Mexico City next week to buy equipment for the Puebla dispensary, so we shall soon have something started in the way of medical work."

Last we heard from Pastor L. H. Gardner, who recently was asked to take the presidency of the Leeward Islands Conference, he had eighty in the baptismal class over in Barbados where a wonderful revival has been in progress this year.

Our believers over in the Virgin Islands seized the opportunity "to proclaim the Sabbath truth more fully" as they went forth to obtain signers against the blank day calendar. Brother Philip Buntin wrote "many people signed their names readily and were glad to do so."

A very good campaign against the blank day calendar was conducted also in the South Caribbean Conference. One result was more than 10,000 signatures and we trust another will be many souls for the kingdom.

Early in November came Sister L. V. Finster, for whom we had long been waiting. She brought her sister who is an invalid and hopes that she may find renewed health and strength in the tropics. We trust so; and we heartily welcome these friends to our family circle and wish them God's special blessing in their service here.

Pastor L. V. Finster, who spent several weeks in Costa Rica in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering campaign, returned just in time to welcome his wife to her new home. He reports a very good campaign.

Once again the division office family circle is complete. In October Brother and Sister Bergherm and little Helen reached Balboa. The MESSENGER family already knows that Brother Bergherm has had charge of the publishing work

**God Will Guide**

God will guide you—He'll not fail—  
O'er the hilltop, through the dale,  
Day by day, in sun or gale!

When threat'ning clouds are hanging low,  
Increasing storms around do blow,  
L-o, He whispers, "With you I go,  
Let your heart no trouble know!"

Give Him then your hand, my friend,  
Until your sojourn here shall end,  
In every trial, He'll you befriend;  
Darkest clouds He'll quickly rend;  
Every day He'll you defend!

Yes, keep your hand in His alway,  
Onward, up the rugged way,  
Until the glad reunion day!

in the division for some time; but it has not been possible for him to move his family here sooner. We are very thankful to have these members of our family with us and pray that they may be greatly blessed in every way as they help to finish the work in Inter-America.

During the last few months we have had the pleasure of seeing some of the recruits going forth to South America, our sister division. First came Dr. J. W. Taylor and wife on their way to the Inca Union for medical missionary service. Soon after our pleasant visit with them we were happily surprised to have Brother and Sister Cecil Morton drop in, while their boat docked here. They were on their way to Peru where Brother Morton will serve as principal of the Juliaca Training school. So our fellow workers are pressing on in the ever advancing line of missionary endeavor; but soon will come the great reunion day when the faithful shall come home rejoicing "bringing in the sheaves" from all lands.

We were happy to have Brother and Sister L. Astleford and their two little boys with us for a few days here at the division office. They are joining the force of workers in the Colombia-Venezuela Union and will locate at Curacao. We are glad to welcome these new workers to a share in the joy of giving this blessed Message in Inter-America.

The mail has just brought good news from Caracas, Venezuela: On October 9 little Doris Marilyn arrived safely. She weighed almost eight pounds and will live in the home of Brother and Sister R. Oral Garner. We welcome this little missionary to our Inter-American family and pray she may be a great blessing in the home of her parents.

You who worked and prayed so earnestly for the defeat of the proposed blank-day calendar will rejoice to learn that your efforts have been rewarded. God gave a signal victory in Geneva. Because of the serious world conditions it was decided to postpone indefinitely further consideration of the proposed blank-day calendar.

One of our subscribers in California writes: "The MESSENGER has found a place in my heart all its own, for it is full to the brim with stories that sound like a Modern Acts of the Apostles." Yes, we thank the Lord that the faithful in Inter-America are writing a Modern Acts of the Apostles. How does your chapter in that volume read? Is it a record of great achievements for Jesus? Does it tell of new victories gained over self? of many souls led to "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world"? Surely these closing days in God's great soul-winning campaign should more than duplicate the efforts of the first Christian church! We are told in the Spirit of Prophecy that

"All that the apostles did, every church member today is to do. And we are to work with as much more fervor, to be accompanied with the Holy Spirit, in as much greater measure, as the increase of wickedness demands a more decided call to repentance."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VII, p. 32.

**AT REST**

*Nyack*.—Sister Eliza Nyack of Mt. Rose Grenada, succumbed to pneumonia on the 11th of August after a brief illness of six days. Sister Nyack accepted the present truth in 1907 under the labors of Pastor W. A. Sweany. The first home department conducted in Grenada, as far as I have been able to learn, was held in her home. Her hospitable doors were ever open to the comfort of the workers. All who knew her recognized her as an earnest student of the Scriptures and a devoted follower of the Master. We believe she sleeps in Jesus and will be awakened by His voice at the first resurrection. The advent family unitedly join in extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved family and sorrowing friends. J. D. Wood.

*Mt. Rose, Grenada.*

*Young*.—On September 6, Charles Fletcher Young died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Currier in Santa Barbara Heights, where he had made his home for several years. He was eighty-five years old. Brother Young came to this island from Buffalo, N. Y., in 1905 and has since made his home here. He was much beloved and highly respected by all for his kindness, integrity, and loyalty. He was baptized and joined the Adventist church in 1921 and remained a faithful member to the last. His health slowly failed the last two months. The last three days he lay in a state of coma. While still conscious he offered a heartfelt prayer, placing all in God's hands. He quietly fell asleep in Jesus and was buried in the Santa Barbara cemetery, the writer officiating.

R. E. STEWART.

*Nueva Gerona, Isle of Pines, Cuba.***DIVISION DIRECTORY**

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