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God's People Delivered No. 1

When the protection of human laws shall be withdrawn from those who honor the law of God, there will be, in different lands, a simultaneous movement for their destruction. As the time appointed in the decree draws near, the people will conspire to root out the hated sect. It will be determined to strike in one night a decisive blow, which shall utterly silence the voice of dissent and reproof.

The people of God—some in prison cells, some hidden in solitary retreats in the forests and the mountains—still plead for divine protection, while in every quarter companies of armed men, urged on by the hosts of evil angels, are preparing for the work of death. It is now, in the hour of utmost extremity, that the God of Israel will interpose for the deliverance of His chosen. Saith the Lord:

"Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth . . . to come into the mountain of Jehovah, to the Mighty One of Israel. And the Lord shall cause His glorious voice to be heard, and shall show the lighting down of His arm, with the indignation of His anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones."

With shouts of triumph, jeering, and imprecation, throngs of evil men are about to rush upon their prey, when, lo, a dense blackness, deeper than the darkness of the night, falls upon the earth. Then a rainbow, shining with the glory from the throne of God, spans the heavens, and seems to encircle each praying company. The angry multitudes are suddenly arrested. Their mocking cries die away. The objects of their murderous rage are forgotten. With fearful forebodings they gaze upon the symbol of God's covenant, and long to be shielded from its overpowering brightness.

By the people of God a voice, clear and melodious, is heard, saying, "Look up," and lifting their eyes to the heavens, they behold the bow of promise. The black, angry clouds that covered the firmament are parted, and like Stephen they look up steadfastly into heaven, and see the glory of God, and the Son of man seated upon His throne. In His divine form they discern the marks of His humiliation; and from His lips

they hear the request, presented before His Father and the holy angels, "I will that they also, whom Thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am." Again a voice, musical and triumphant, is heard, saying: "They come! they come! holy, harmless, and undefiled. They have kept the word of My patience; they shall walk among the angels;" and the pale, quivering lips of those who have held fast their faith, utter a shout of victory.

It is at midnight that God manifests His power for the deliverance of His people. The sun appears, shining in its strength. Signs and wonders follow in quick succession. The wicked look with terror and amazement upon the scene, while the righteous behold with solemn joy the tokens of their deliverance. Everything in nature seems turned out of its course. The streams cease to flow.

Dark, heavy clouds come up, and clash against each other. In the midst of the angry heavens is one clear space of indescribable glory, whence comes the voice of God like the sound of many waters, saying, "It is done."

That voice shakes the heavens and the earth. There is a mighty earthquake, "such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great." The firmament appears to open and shut. The glory from the throne of God seems flashing through. The mountains shake like a reed in the wind, and ragged rocks are scattered on every side. There is a roar as of a coming tempest. The sea is lashed into fury. There is heard the shriek of the hurricane, like the voice of demons upon a mission of destruction. The whole earth heaves and swells like the waves of the sea. Its surface is breaking up. Its very foundations seem to be giving way. Mountain chains are sinking. Inhabited islands disappear. The seaports that have become like Sodom for wickedness, are swallowed up by the angry waters. Babylon the Great has come in remembrance before God, "to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath." Great hailstones, every one "about the weight of a talent," are doing their work of destruction. The proudest cities of the earth are laid low. The lordly palaces, upon which the world's great men have lavished their wealth in order to glorify themselves, are crumbling to ruin before their eyes. Prison walls are rent asunder, and God's people, who have been held in bondage for their faith, are set free.

Graves are opened, and "many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth . . . awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." All who have died in the faith of the third angel's message come forth from the tomb glorified, to hear God's covenant of peace with those who have kept His law. "They also which pierced Him," those that mocked and derided Christ's dying agonies, and the most violent opposers of His truth and His people, are raised to behold Him in His

Have Faith in God

Have faith in God!
The battle ever rages, loud and long;
On every side the enemy assails;
His fiery darts are falling thick as hail.
O soldier on the battle field, be strong!
Have faith in God!

Have faith in God!
The tempter's snares are scattered all around.
Beware, lest one false step should lead to sin.
With Christ, our Captain, we are sure to win:
The foe He vanquished on this battle-ground.
Have faith in God!

Have faith in God!
Doth heavy care attend thee on thy way?
O friend, 'tis not a time to worry or repine,
He, too, had cares; must easier lot be thine?
O look to Him for strength each passing day.
Have faith in God!

Have faith in God!
Though death's cold finger lay a loved one low
And cold sod hide the fair form from thy sight,
Death and hell could not retain Him by their
might;
The grave also is now a conquered foe.
Have faith in God!

Have faith in God!
Some glorious day quite soon our King shall come.
Then sorrow, sickness, woe will all be past:
The faithful ones will then go home at last,
To gain the warrior's rest, the victor's crown.
Have faith in God!

PERCY BEAUMONT.

Panama City, R. P.

glory, and to see the honor placed upon the loyal and obedient.

Thick clouds still cover the sky; yet the sun now and then breaks through, appearing like the avenging eye of Jehovah. Fierce lightnings leap from the heavens, enveloping the earth in a sheet of flame. Above the terrific roar of thunder, voices, mysterious and awful, declare the doom of the wicked. The words spoken are not comprehended by all; but they are distinctly understood by the false teachers. Those who a little before were so reckless, so boastful and defiant, so exultant in their cruelty to God's commandment-keeping people, are now overwhelmed with consternation, and shuddering in fear. Their wails are heard above the sound of the elements. Demons acknowledge the deity of Christ, and tremble before His power, while men are supplicating for mercy, and groveling in abject terror.

Said the prophets of old, as they beheld in holy vision the day of God:

"Howl ye; for the day of the Lord is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty." "Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His majesty. The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low." "In that day a man shall cast the idols of his silver, and the idols of his gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His Majesty when He ariseth to shake terribly the earth."

Through a rift in the clouds, there beams a star whose brilliancy is increased fourfold in contrast with the darkness. It speaks hope and joy to the faithful, but severity and wrath to the transgressors of God's law. Those who have sacrificed all for Christ are now secure, hidden as in the secret of the Lord's pavilion. They have been tested, and before the world and the despisers of truth they have evinced their fidelity to Him who died for them. A marvelous change has come over those who have held fast their integrity in the very face of death. They have been suddenly delivered from the dark and terrible tyranny of men transformed to demons. Their faces, so lately pale, anxious, and haggard, are now aglow with wonder, faith, and love. Their voices rise in triumphant song:

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof."

While these words of holy trust ascend to God, the clouds sweep back, and the starry heavens are seen, unspeakably glorious in contrast with the black and angry firmament on either

side. The glory of the celestial city streams from the gates ajar. Then there appears against the sky a hand holding two tables of stone folded together. Says the prophet, "The heavens shall declare His righteousness: for God is judge Himself." That holy law, God's righteousness, that amid thunder and flame was proclaimed from Sinai as the guide of life, is now revealed to men as the rule of judgment. The hand opens the tables, and there are seen the precepts of the decalogue, traced as with a pen of fire. The words are so plain that all can read them. Memory is aroused, the darkness of superstition and heresy is swept away from every mind, and God's ten words, brief, comprehensive, and authoritative, are presented to the view of all the inhabitants of the earth.

It is impossible to describe the horror and despair of those who have trampled

duty. Too late they see that the Sabbath of the fourth commandment is the seal of the living God. Too late they see the true nature of their spurious sabbath, and the sandy foundation upon which they have been building. They find that they have been fighting against God. Religious teachers have led souls to perdition while professing to guide them to the gates of Paradise. Not until the day of final accounts will it be known how great is the responsibility of men in holy office, and how terrible are the results of their unfaithfulness. Only in eternity can we rightly estimate the loss of a single soul. Fearful will be the doom of him to whom God shall say, Depart, thou wicked servant."—*"Great Controversy," pp. 635-640.*

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MOVING HEADQUARTERS

Several weeks ago our mission headquarters were moved from San Pedro Sula, on the north coast of Spanish Honduras, to Tegucigalpa, the capital. We believe this was a forward move for our mission. Already there are some interested families here and we hope to have a class ready for baptism in the early part of this year.

In one of our outlying districts where our Message is being lived and taught, the newspaper came out with a report that speaks very highly of our people. This is where Brother Lanza is working.

We are thankful that the truth ever lives and transforms lives. At the present Mrs. Larson and I are the only mission workers in the field but our small membership is composed of active working believers. We hope to keep a stream of books and literature going out into the field and trust that the Lord will give us a harvest of souls. We solicit your prayers.

A. V. LARSON.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

RECEIVING THE LATTER RAIN

It is indeed encouraging to read the reports from various fields concerning the ready response to the last Message. Belize certainly is receiving her share. Praise the Lord. Our little chapel is by far too small to hold the people who come and listen with attentive ears to the story of the early return of the Saviour.

One Sunday afternoon I took my text from Gal. 5:7, "Ye did run well, who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth," and thirteen took a definite stand at the first appeal. The Week of Prayer also brought results. Every morning at five there were no empty

The Bible

The American Bible Society during its 115 years' existence has issued 228,234,048 volumes of the Bible or portions of it. The home and foreign agencies of that Bible society in 1930 handled the Bible in 285 languages. In that year there were distributed in the United States 4,037,924 of these volumes. In Mexico one-fourth more Bibles were used in 1930 than the previous year. In 1930 4,177,000 Bibles or portions of Bibles were distributed in China.

So the Book of books continues to travel around the globe. Nor are the blind forgotten. Last year more than 4,000 copies of these embossed volumes were issued. Of these more than 600 were distributed in Japan in Japanese Braille.

The Gospel of John has just been put out in Mam in Central America, and while this translation is being tried out among four dialect sections of the Mam tribe, the work of translating the entire New Testament into that language is going forward.—Selected.

upon God's holy requirements. The Lord gave them His law; they might have compared their characters with it, and learned their defects while there was yet opportunity for repentance and reform; but in order to secure the favor of the world, they set aside its precepts and taught others to transgress. They have endeavored to compel God's people to profane His Sabbath. Now they are condemned by that law which they have despised. With awful distinctness they see that they are without excuse. They chose whom they would serve and worship. "Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not."

The enemies of God's law, from the ministers down to the least among them, have a new conception of truth and

spaces on the benches. The sixth morning I remarked on a few high points in the reading and made an appeal. Twenty-eight took a definite stand. We hope to baptize at least thirty soon. Pray for us in this field.

RONALD H. ROBERTSON.

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EDUCATIONAL AND MEDICAL WORK IN MEXICO

The *Escuela Industrial y de Salud* of the Mexican Union opened its doors to students on October 19, 1931. The two preceding months were busy ones in repairing and renovating one of the buildings of the *Imprenta la Verdad* Association, and getting it in readiness for the opening of school. A large part of this work was accomplished by prospective students, who were thus enabled to provide for the greater portion of their school expenses. Their industry made possible a very serviceable building for school purposes and dormitory facilities.

Representatives from the Mexican Union and Central Mission were present at the opening exercises, and expressed their confidence that this school will prove to be a great blessing to this union in training laborers for the various departments of the work. Seven students were present at the opening exercises and it is expected that this number will be increased rapidly until the school is filled to its capacity.

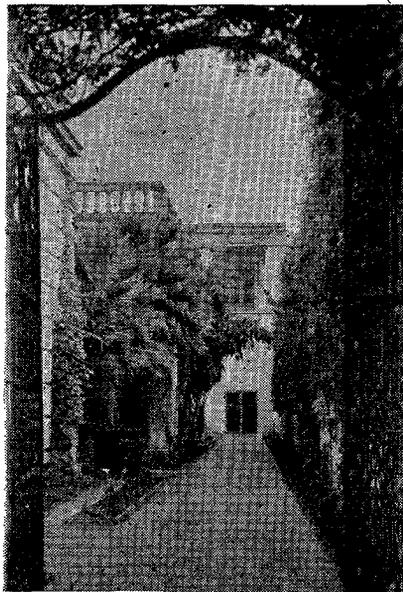
Prof. Harold F. House, the principal of the school, is enthusiastic for its success and is devoting every energy to accomplish that end. As the average Mexican student is poor and finds it difficult to provide the necessary money for school expenses, we are planning to start two or three industries to give work to such students. The union owns a small printing plant, which is a remnant of the publishing house formerly operated in Mexico City, and this has been turned over to the school for one of its industries. The printing department already has more orders on hand than can be attended to, and the prospects are bright for steady employment. Brother J. G. Rojas, who has charge of this department, has started a class in printing and a number of the students are availing themselves of the opportunity to become proficient in that art.

Brother J. G. Perez will have charge of other industrial features and Sister E. O. de Verduzco has joined the faculty of the school as teacher and matron.

We also have two medical dispensaries in operation in Mexico. One is located in Tacubaya, Mexico City. This

building comprises a waiting room, doctor's office, treatment room, operating room, and a small ward for patients. The other dispensary is in rented quarters in Puebla, a large city about 120 miles from Mexico City. A large beautiful building has been secured for this purpose at a very reasonable rental. It can accommodate the mission and Book and Bible House offices, and provide a home for the secretary-treasurer of the mission, besides furnishing three or four rooms for the dispensary. We are confident that these dispensaries will prove to be a great blessing to our work in Mexico in caring for the sick and in turning the attention of many to the truth for this time. C. E. Wood.

Mexico City, Mexico.



Tehuantepec mission office and dispensary

HARVESTING IN LAKE MISSION

"Over twenty years ago a colporteur came to this town and sold me a subscription to this periodical and I liked it so well that I saved the copies and have bound them together and use them in giving Bible readings and preaching to others about this truth," said the aged cobbler, Brother Juan Morales, as he showed me a soiled and worn bundle of *El Mensajero de la Verdad* published in 1909 in Mexico City by Pastor Caviness.

Fifteen years had passed before another Adventist worker called on this cobbler to tell him more of the truth, and finally to baptize him. During the intervening years, Brother Morales had joined himself to two Protestant churches, but found that they did not give him the satisfaction that he derived from the teachings of these magazines. So while he remained an active member of these churches for some years he always felt that they were not teaching

all of the truth and that some day he would meet the true shepherd that would lead him into all truth. This was fulfilled when nearly five years ago he met and was baptized by Pastor Moon, former superintendent of this mission. Somehow with the shifting of mission superintendents and changing of mission boundaries, the record of his name was lost; and during the last five years, with his Bible and little bundle of old magazines, he has held up the banner of truth in his village, without the visit of any worker or brother in the faith to encourage or help him.

As I fingered over the soiled and worn pages of the old bundle of our truth-filled magazines, noting how the pages were literally dropping to pieces from much use, as he told me of how many of his brothers and sisters and neighbors had accepted the truth from his teachings and how many nights he had preached from these magazines while his shop was filled to its capacity and others stood outside to listen, my heart was full of praise for the mighty power God has given our printed pages and the high honor given to us who have a part in their distribution.

Two of our colporteurs, Luis Villareal and Gonzales Fuentes, had asked me to meet them in this town of Los Moches, Sinaloa, and it was while awaiting their arrival that I had found this faithful old brother. With the two colporteurs I called on him the next day before leaving town, and we organized the group of believers he had raised up into a Sabbath school. Several of these will be ready so that on my return trip, within a month or so, they can be baptized. Soon we hope to have here an organized church. Not only has this converted cobbler been working in his village but, with the help of an old Sabbath school lesson scroll, he has visited the Indian villages up the San Blas River, where with remarkable success he has raised up small groups of believers in several of the villages.

This village of Los Moches is near the town of San Blas where another large group of believers has been raised up through the home missionary work of a lady member who found this truth while living in Mexicali, Lower California; and near to San Blas is still another village where more believers are waiting for some one to come to give them more light. When these faithful people have asked me to send them a worker to teach them, pointing out what they have done alone and pleading that we do not leave them, it is a hard task to have to tell them that because of shortage in our mission offerings no worker can be sent them. Here is the nucleus of a great work resulting from a subscription to our Spanish paper sold to a poor cobbler more than twenty years ago. Surely, God will move upon

With profound sorrow we announce to the brethren and sisters of the Inter-American Division that our beloved Pastor A. R. Ogden has just been informed by cable of the sudden death of his dear wife. Sister Ogden passed away December 20 at Glendale, California, at the age of 52.

It is impossible to depict the sorrow of our dear pastor. Sister Ogden had sustained and encouraged her husband in his noble career as a minister of the gospel during the thirty-three years of their married life. Thirty years ago, they responded to the call of God to go to South America as missionaries. It was while in service in that mission field that she contracted heart disease which caused her almost continual pain until it pleased the Lord to call her to rest.

All our brethren at Cape Haitien and at the school, where the sad news reached Brother Ogden, have shared the deep sorrow of our afflicted brother. Our deepest sympathy goes out to him and

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J. A. de Caenel

his sorrowing family. Personally I had the privilege of meeting Sister Ogden in California on my return from the General Conference in 1930. One seldom sees a mother, stricken by suffering, manifest as beautiful and sweet a Christian spirit as did this sister.

During those twenty-nine years of sickness, she never put herself between her husband and his duties though they often called him to be away from home for months at a time. Pastor Ogden has lost a true, devoted, loving companion and an efficient and untiring co-laborer. Well can we, therefore, understand the heart-rending grief of our brother which is intensified by the fact that it even was impossible for him to attend the funeral of his dear one on account of his being at his post of duty thousands of miles across land and sea. They are

both martyrs of duty in the cause of Jesus Christ to which they have devoted their lives unreservedly.

An appropriate memorial service was held in the chapel of the seminary, Thursday, December 24, on which day the interment took place in Glendale. We have the blessed consolation that our regretted sister in Christ is among those of whom it is written: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." We all long to meet her again on the beautiful morning of the resurrection of the righteous, and not only her but all those whom death has taken from our affections. May God comfort our dear Pastor Ogden and his children, and may they be assured of our deep Christian love and sympathy in this hour of bereavement.

"I will not leave you comfortless; saith the Lord, I will come to you." "Even so, come, Lord Jesus, Amen."

"We are much pleased to see such a beautiful building in our city. You are doing a great work for humanity in the world and especially in our republic. Even though your religion is contrary to ours, we are glad for the good work you are doing."

I am sure these men, and one lady, were greatly impressed with the message that was given. In connection with this service, the young people gave a little program which was much appreciated by all. One young woman gave in an acceptable manner, "The Church and the World." Brother Phipps and his co-workers are doing a splendid work in the city of Santiago. He has the confidence of the best people in that city.

Monday morning, November 9, Pastors Ogden and Nygaard and I left by automobile for Cape Haitien. In the middle of the afternoon we caught up with a car, also bound for the Cape. We had not gone far when the car ahead got stuck in the mud. Not being able to turn to either side, our car stuck too. A gentle rain was falling steadily, this did not help the roads any. Pastor Ogden remarked: "I have been over this road not less than ten times, and I never saw anything like this." The road was almost impassable. But soon both cars were on the way again. After two hours' ride, however, we stuck in the mud worse than before. We were obliged to get out. You can imagine what our shoes looked like after walking around a bit trying to find a higher and drier spot. Finally the chauffeurs, with the help of natives standing around waiting for pecuniary suggestions, succeeded in extricating the cars, and although our

wheels were spinning rapidly, we were on our way once more.

An hour later found us at a small swollen river; night was falling fast, and so was the rain. We were informed that the water was too deep for the cars to cross on their power. Not a town in sight! Only a small thatched hut. The mosquitoes were coming upon us with fierce penetrations. We had no time to learn whether they be malarial or not. The man of the hut came out and asked us to stop with him all night. There were eight Haitien men and women and then we three workers,—all in a room twelve by twelve feet. The people of the home prepared a little something for us to eat. However, we had to wait till they went to town—I do not know how far—to purchase some rice and bread. But at nine o'clock our supper was being served.

It was necessary to have a little fire in the middle of the room on the dirt floor to drive the mosquitoes away. It was not long till in came the nanny-goat, placed herself under the table; then the little pig came in to look for something to eat, and from the "masticating sound," it must have found something good.

Pastor Nygaard improved the time by giving the friends in the hut a very comprehensive Bible study on the life of Christ and man's privilege to accept that life. Then after song and prayer, we made ready for the night. Two home-made cots were set up, one for Brother Ogden and me, and one for Brother Nygaard. Two Haitien girls lay down on some mats on the dirt floor, the mother arranged three chairs for

her bed, the men sat on chairs. We enjoyed it all as well as we could, considering the warfare from the mosquitoes. At 6:30 the next morning we were out looking at the river; but it had not gone down much, if any.

F. I. MOHR.

Cape Haitien, Haiti.

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A CHILD'S ANSWER

The Sabbath school under the mango tree of which I wrote sometime ago has three of its members among the candidates for baptism.

Two among the three will first marry. In this locality very few persons are married. One reason is that they can hardly accumulate the sum necessary to pay the officers of the state and of the church for the ceremony. Another reason is that they think very little of the unlawfulness of their union without these sanctions. However, as soon as they come in contact with the Message they feel the necessity of setting their house in order in every way.

Mrs. Giddings' Sabbath school class although not increased in numbers is very interesting. One little girl of five years can repeat all the texts for the quarter. Her mother is in the same class with her.

A few weeks ago, Mrs. Giddings was trying to show them some of the blessings they had. So she asked them: "Why has God given you a mouth?" Promptly a little boy answered, "To eat with." "That is true," she said, "but it has other uses,—to speak kind words, to sing, to pray, etc."

Then she asked, "Why has He given you hands?" Without hesitation, the

*STATISTICAL REPORT

NAME OF CONFERENCE OR MISSION	Number of Churches	Membership at Beginning of Quarter	Mem. Added During Quarter			Mem. Dropped During Quarter			Entire Church Membership at Close of Quarter	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Licensed Missionaries	Book and Periodical Carvassers	Total Laborers	Total Tithe Receipts	Tithe Per Capita	Total Offerings to Foreign Missions (except as noted under 19)
			By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	By Letter	By Death	By Apostasy	By Letter									
1 Antillian Union	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	5	..	8	..	..	..
2 Bahamas Mission	9	262	..	..	..	1	..	261	2	..	2	1	5	561.45	2.82	24.48
3 Cayman Isls. Mission	3	69	..	..	..	..	..	69	1	..	1	2	55.71	.96	6.08	
4 Cuba Mission	16	849	89	..	..	1	12	894	7	4	13	8	32	1,856.93	2.37	245.39
5 Haiti Mission	30	1,561	44	..	1	10	16	1,577	3	15	7	34	34	1,434.25	1.05	39.93	
6 Jamaica Conference	77	3,641	17	2	28	6	52	3,623	12	2	29	20	63	3,992.32	1.17	1,689.57	
7 Puerto Rico Mission	17	457	33	..	3	1	4	483	4	4	9	4	21	1,575.51	3.90	78.11	
8 Santo Domingo Mission	10	432	35	..	..	..	..	467	2	1	10	8	21	923.80	2.54	81.42
Union Totals	162	7,271	218	2	32	19	84	7,374	39	15	84	48	186	10,399.97	1.58	2,164.98	
9 Caribbean Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	7	..	13	..	..	..
10 French W. I. Mission	2	69	18	1	..	1	..	84	..	1	1	1	3	248.34	5.92	22.43	
11 Guiana Conference	19	647	1	..	10	4	4	650	2	2	4	5	13	475.63	.80	38.36	
12 Leeward Isls. Conference	22	1,251	41	..	5	5	7	1,274	4	..	2	6	12	1,393.20	1.20	519.34	
13 Mt. Roraima Ind. Mission	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	1	3	..	4	19.57	9.78	..
14 S. Caribbean Conference	40	2,225	201	2	26	12	24	2,398	7	3	9	6	25	2,460.12	1.20	144.47	
Union Totals	83	4,212	261	3	41	22	35	4,426	14	9	26	18	70	4,596.86	1.19	724.60	
15 Central Amer. Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	9	..	13	..	..	..
16 Br. Honduras Mission	11	299	30	1	3	2	5	380*	2	..	3	2	7	630.20	2.18	54.56	
17 Costa Rica Mission	5	197	15	..	7	..	3	215	1	1	3	6	11	733.91	4.17	134.86	
18 Guatemala Mission	3	160	6	..	..	..	..	160	1	..	7	7	15	346.42	2.94	847.25
19 Honduras Mission	5	121	..	..	..	..	..	65*	..	1	1	2	4	306.14	2.35	696.79
20 Nicaragua Mission	5	110	18	2	..	..	..	130	1	2	4	1	8	335.30	3.02	38.42
21 Panama Conference	28	1,216	28	3	41	2	6	1,234	4	3	4	7	20	3,467.74	2.91	1,196.18	
22 Salvador Mission	6	239	..	..	1	..	..	238	1	..	4	8	13	316.86	1.40	48.98
Union Totals	63	2,342	97	6	51	9	14	2,422	11	10	35	33	91	6,136.57	2.74	3,017.04	
23 Col.-Venezuela Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	4	..	6	..	..	..
24 Atlantic Col. Mission	2	130	..	..	..	..	..	130	1	1	4	5	10	397.34	6.02	21.27
25 Central Col. Mission	4	74	29	..	2	..	..	104	1	..	1	3	5	690.09	28.75	64.99
26 Pacific Col. Mission	2	50	9	..	..	..	..	59	1	..	4	8	13	285.61	9.52	41.13
27 Upper Magdalena Mission	2	110	2	..	..	7	..	105	1	..	1	7	9	370.77	4.69	..
28 Venezuela Mission	9	283	26	..	1	6	7	294	1	3	9	5	18	1,124.28	3.90	158.19	
Union Totals	19	647	66	..	3	6	14	692	5	5	23	28	61	2,868.09	5.89	285.58	
29 Mexican Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	4	..	8	..	..	..
30 Central Mex. Mission	8	360	7	..	1	..	..	368	2	3	3	30	38	799.00	2.92	150.11
31 Gulf Mex. Mission	7	380	31	..	..	..	..	411	2	3	3	16	24	287.30	.93	80.68
32 Lake Mex. Mission	3	77	20	..	..	..	..	97	1	2	3	3	9	160.60	2.82	7.69
33 Sierra Madre Mission	4	71	10	..	..	..	..	81	..	5	..	1	6	111.90	1.35	67.44
34 Tehuantepec Mission	42	847	33	..	3	7	1	869	1	7	5	8	21	591.20	.85	25.97	
35 Yucatan Mission	1	94	1	..	..	1	..	94	1	1	1	10	13	285.40	16.79	94.26
Union Totals	65	1,829	102	..	1	4	7	1,920	8	24	19	68	119	2,235.40	1.56	426.15	
36 Inter-American Division	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	15	..	21	..	..	..
37 Antillian Union	162	7,271	218	2	32	19	84	7,374	39	15	84	48	186	10,399.97	1.58	2,164.98	
38 Caribbean Union	83	4,212	261	3	41	22	35	4,426	14	9	26	18	70	4,596.86	1.19	724.60	
39 Central Amer. Union	63	2,342	97	6	51	9	14	2,422	11	10	35	33	91	6,136.57	2.74	3,017.04	
40 Col.-Venezuela Union	19	647	66	..	3	6	14	692	5	5	23	28	61	2,868.09	5.89	285.58	
41 Mexican Union	65	1,829	102	..	1	4	7	1,920	8	24	19	68	119	2,235.40	1.56	426.15	
Union Totals	392	16,301	744	11	128	60	154	16,834	80	66	202	195	548	26,236.89	1.80	6,618.35	

* 56 transferred from Honduras to Br. Honduras.

little boy replied, "To put food in the mouth." "True again, but there are yet other services they can render," she said, "They can do little errands for mother, etc."

Poor little things, some do not think much outside this subject. They get so little food; but more zealous missionaries than they, when they have found this Message, are hard to find anywhere.

PHILIP GIDDINGS.

Cape Haitien, Haiti.

SELLING BOOKS IN ELEUTHERA

The work in the Bahamas can be expressed by the one word, "onward." The Lord is setting His divine hand to finish His work and bring in everlasting righteousness.

It was my privilege to visit Eleuthera,

one of the Bahamas Islands. It is a long, narrow island, containing about 164 square miles. In Gregory Town I met a company of believers heralding the soon coming of Jesus, but in Hatchet Bay, the next settlement, nothing has been done. Governor's Harbour, the capital of the island, has a beautiful harbor. Large boats are able to come right up to the dock.

I spent three weeks in Eleuthera and sold about \$500 worth of books. My heart was touched as I saw so many fine young people who have not given themselves to Christ. The people are hungering for truth and I am praying that we shall be able to open work on this island soon.

I was treated with much hospitality and the picture on page eight shows the

native boys helping me to fix a punctured tire. Always remember, dear readers of the MESSENGER, the Bahamas Islands in your prayers. May we labor as never before for the finishing of the work and that in the end we may obtain the eternal crown. D. B. REM.

Nassau, Bahamas.

*The Quarterly Statistical Report

It has been arranged by the minority committee that beginning with the third quarter's statistical report we will discontinue getting out the statistical booklet, but will print the report appearing on page two and the report of Mission Funds which has appeared on the last page of the booklet, in the MESSENGER and *El Mensajero*.

In order that there may be some saving in expense this has been deemed advisable. The booklet containing the Annual Statistical Reports will be prepared for 1931. F. L. HARRISON.

THIRD QUARTER, 1931

STATEMENT OF THE MISSION FUNDS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION FOR THE FIRST 39 WEEKS OF 1931

	Total Sub-bath School Contributions (to Foreign Missions)	Mission Offerings Per Capita	Total Contributions for Home Mission Work	Total Contributions for Local Church Work	No. of Sub-bath Schools	Membership	Goal per Week per Member	Membership 1929	Goal to Date	Amount Raised	Amount Over	Amount Short	Average per Week Per Member
1													
2	140.16	.83		40.00	12	312	.30	199	2,328.30	581.18		1,747.12	.07+
3	39.99	.79			6	99	.15	58	339.90	147.95		191.95	.15+
4	936.78	1.51			59	1,418	.40	782	12,199.20	4,469.75		7,729.45	.16+
5	769.09	.59	1.22	3.50	52	2,253	.10	1,361	5,307.90	2,160.75		3,147.15	.04+
6	1,263.25	.86	640.08	185.27	105	4,504	.15	3,418	19,995.30	5,730.35		14,264.95	.04+
7	701.92	1.93		118.56	27	1,094	.35	404	5,514.60	4,120.79		1,393.81	.26+
8	645.67	2.00		116.01	17	1,479	.33	364	4,684.68	3,908.86		775.82	.28+
	4,496.86	1.01	641.30	463.34	278	11,159	.20-	6,586	50,369.28	21,119.63		29,249.65	.08+
9													
10	49.30	1.49			5	108	.15	48	280.80	238.78		42.02	.13-
11	189.30	.38	9.50	105.33	23	684	.10	596	2,324.40	731.03		1,593.37	.03+
12	430.44	.82	7.81	89.44	29	1,629	.15	1,164	6,809.40	2,796.75		4,012.65	.06+
13	14.47	7.23						2		105.71	105.71		1.36-
14	595.64	.36	2.73	453.38	52	2,561	.15	2,043	11,951.55	4,294.69		7,656.86	.05+
	1,279.15	.52	20.04	648.15	109	4,982	.14+	3,853	21,366.15	8,166.96		13,199.19	.05+
15													
16	326.05	1.32	24.19	127.03	11	369	.25	289	2,817.75	985.63		1,832.12	.09-
17	309.06	2.52		151.91	7	317	.25	176	1,716.00	1,051.70		664.30	.15+
18	187.53	8.77	24.49	36.80	13	205	.25	118	1,150.50	1,504.39	353.89		.33-
19	145.49	6.48		34.55	8	149	.25	130	1,267.50	1,225.90		41.60	.24+
20	172.42	1.90	1.00	1.22	7	200	.25	111	1,082.25	592.94		489.31	.14-
21	1,165.28	1.98	15.95	696.44	32	1,428	.25	1,192	11,622.00	5,131.07		6,490.93	.11+
22	122.42	.76	1.25	40.46	11	211	.25	227	2,213.25	514.70		1,698.55	.06-
	2,428.25	2.43	66.88	1,088.41	89	2,879	.25	2,243	21,869.25	11,006.33		10,862.92	.13-
23													
24	168.68	2.88		40.18	17	257	.30	66	772.20	642.04		130.16	.25-
25	181.33	10.26	6.25	10.58	10	170	.30	24	280.80	476.29	195.49		.51-
26	54.91	3.20			4	84	.30	30	351.00	229.72		121.28	.20-
27	151.64	1.92	8.21	24.50	7	194	.30	79	924.30	469.42		454.88	.15+
28	548.66	2.45			11	320	.30	288	3,369.60	1,852.97		1,516.63	.16+
	1,105.22	2.86	14.46	75.26	49	1,025	.30	487	5,697.90	3,670.44		2,027.46	.19+
29													
30	268.40	1.53	16.78	33.87	63	888	.20	274	2,137.20	1,103.19		1,034.01	.10+
31	159.74	.77	7.20	4.85	19	599	.20	309	2,410.20	708.00		1,702.20	.06-
32	38.88	.82	3.80	2.60	5	91	.20	57	444.60	156.63		287.97	.07+
33	49.88	1.41	5.86	3.20	9	131	.20	83	647.40	307.92		339.48	.10-
34	252.41	.40	82.49	31.62	84	2,179	.20	693	5,405.40	1,229.88		4,175.52	.05-
35	137.54	13.64	2.11	53.54	13	439	.20	17	132.60	429.75	297.15		.65-
	906.85	.93	118.24	129.68	193	4,327	.20	1,433	11,177.40	3,935.37		7,242.03	.07+
36													
37	4,496.86	1.01	641.30	463.34	278	11,159	.20-	6,586	50,369.28	21,119.63		29,249.65	.08+
38	1,279.15	.52	20.04	648.15	109	4,982	.14+	3,853	21,366.15	8,166.96		13,199.19	.05+
39	2,428.25	2.43	66.88	1,088.41	89	2,879	.25	2,243	21,869.25	11,006.33		10,862.92	.13-
40	1,105.22	2.86	14.46	75.26	49	1,025	.30	487	5,697.90	3,670.44		2,027.46	.19+
41	906.85	.93	118.24	129.68	193	4,327	.20	1,433	11,177.40	3,935.37		7,242.03	.07+
	10,216.33	1.15	860.92	2,404.84	718	24,372	.19+	14,602	110,479.98	47,898.73		62,581.25	.08+

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PROTECTED

Some weeks ago Pastor L. H. Gardiner and Mr. Nielsen visited one of the churches on this island. They traveled by motor launch and then by horseback to our church. They had some very interesting meetings. It had been more than a year since the church had had a worker visit them.

They went on Friday and started back on Tuesday morning by horse and cart. While going down a steep hill the horse became frightened and ran away. When it broke loose from the cart, the two men were thrown out. The muscles in

Pastor Gardiner's chest were injured, while Mr. Nielsen received injury to his hip. If they had gone farther, they would have gone over a 125-foot cliff—one helmet did go over. A small bank seemed to have held them. They walked the remainder of the distance to the motor launch.

Pastor Gardiner went back to Barbados on the following Sabbath. He is gaining fast but it was necessary for him to stop his public speaking for a short time. Mr. Nielsen is much better. He had to spend nearly two weeks in bed, but he is able to do his office work now. Surely the Lord protected them.

MRS. H. L. NIELSEN.

Castries, St. Lucia.



"The soul that prays, holds God by the hand."

NOTES OF PROGRESS

"The effort in Georgetown is still going well and the attendance is more than a thousand every night. Four hundred eighty-nine have signed the covenant. Seventy-nine have been baptized already as a result of that effort, and it is planned to have a baptismal service every Sabbath for several weeks." So writes Brother Elliott. Let us continue to pray for that effort.

Recently we had the joy of sending seventeen more gift books to the young people in the South Caribbean Conference. This means that of the sixty-eight gift books sent out the South Caribbean young people have drawn sixty-five. Of the ninety-nine gift Bibles sent out this field has drawn forty-seven.

With Our Departments

THE CHRIST-FILLED LIFE, HOW EXPERIENCED, No. 3

The One on whom Christ depended was the Father.

"Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of Man, then shall ye know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father hath taught Me, I speak these things." John 8: 28. See also 14:10.

"I will put My trust in Him." Heb. 2:13.

"When Jesus was awakened to meet the storm, He was in perfect peace. There was no trace of fear in word or look, for no fear was in His heart. But He rested not in possession of almighty power. It was not as the 'Master of earth and sea and sky' that He reposed in quiet. That power He had laid down, and He says, 'I can of Mine own self do nothing.' He trusted in the Father's might. It was in faith—faith in God's love and care—that Jesus rested, and the power of that word which stilled the storm was the power of God."—*The Desire of Ages*, pp. 335, 336.

The relationship between the Father and the Son was that of life with life,—the life of the Father manifesting itself through the life of the Son.

"That they all may be one; as Thou Father, art in Me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me: And the glory which Thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one: I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them as Thou loved Me." John 17:21-23.

"For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." Col. 2:9.

The agency through which the Father imparted His life to the Son was that of the Holy Spirit.

"And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." Luke 1:35.

Christ was born of the Spirit.

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me; because the Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." Isa. 61:1.

"And Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him." Matt. 3:16.

Christ was anointed by the Spirit.
Led of the Spirit. Luke 4:1.

Filled with the Spirit. Luke 4:1.

Preached in the Spirit. Luke 4:18.

Strengthened by the Spirit. Luke 4:

14.

Christ daily received the message

from God through the Spirit. Isa. 50: 4, 5.

"From hours spent with God He came forth morning by morning, to bring the light of heaven to men. Daily He received a fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit. In the early hours of the new day the Lord awakened Him from His slumbers, and His soul and His lips were anointed with grace, that He might impart to others."—*Christ Object Lessons*, p. 139.

Thus we find that the Holy Spirit was the agent in the hands of the Father and in the experience of Christ to reveal and to impart to Him the mind and the life of the Father. The Father was not in His flesh in Christ but He was in Christ by the Spirit. So Christ is not in the flesh in us, but He will be in us by the Spirit. The Holy Spirit in Christ, accepted by Him in faith, imparted to Him the life of the Father. The same Holy Spirit, accepted by us in faith, and given to us by the Father, will impart to us the life of Christ.

"As Christ is the channel for the revelation of the Father, so we are to be the channels for the revelation of Christ."—*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessings*, p. 67.

Notice for a moment that the work of the Spirit in us is identical with the work of the Spirit in Christ.

He was born of the Spirit—so are we. John 3:6. He was anointed of the Spirit—so are we. 1 John 2: 20. He was led of the Spirit—so are we. Rom. 8:14. He was filled with the Spirit—so are we. Eph. 5:18. He daily received the message from God through the Spirit—we must do the same.—*Australasian Union Record*.



IS THERE NO BALM IN GILEAD?

No. 2

How can any one keep well? We cannot dodge microbes; we cannot sterilize the world. How shall we keep well? We must build the body stronger than its enemies. The best time to fight disease is before we get it. Build up the natural defenses of the body, so that they can ward off and protect us from infection. There is not a possible portal of entrance of disease into the human body that nature has not guarded by strong efficient sentinels. There isn't a disease germ known to science that



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can pass through a healthy skin or the healthy internal skin lining the deep cavities.

The longest and strongest line of defense is in the blood stream. The life is in the blood. How shall we keep it pure and healthy? If we should become intelligently acquainted with the simple but very important laws of health relating to our sleep, our rest, our work, our food, our breathing, our bathing,—laws so very simple, but so potent to keep the normal defense of the body strong and vigorous,—we could do it, that is if we were willing to pay the simple price of becoming intelligent with regard to nature's laws, and then place our wills on the side of self-denial; for self-denial is the price of good health.

I wish to read two or three statements further from this book, "Ministry of Healing," I consider "Ministry of Healing" the greatest health classic in any language. I wish every member of our church had a copy of this wonderful book on health, and that we were studying it more faithfully and carrying out in detail the great principles of life and health which are contained therein.

On page 146 I read: "There is sickness everywhere, and most of it might be prevented by attention to the laws of health. . . . Wrong habits of eating and the use of unhealthful food are in no small degree responsible for the intemperance and crime and wretchedness that curse the world." On page 295 it says: "The disease and suffering that everywhere prevail are largely due to popular errors in regard to diet."

And now I am going to take a little time to study with you a greater scourge in the West than leprosy ever was in the East. Just a day or two ago I received a letter from the American College of Surgeons, asking if we would like to establish in the Washington Sanitarium a clinic for the prevention and cure of a certain kind of human malady that has become the major unsolved problem of medical science and public health of the world,—cancer. I would rather have leprosy than cancer. Leprosy is curable, but cancer is not. "And more people in the United States die of this scourge annually than the American losses in action during the World War."

We are going to prove to you that cancer is a preventable disease, and that if we as a people would accept with grateful recognition the Heaven-sent light on the principles of health preservation and disease prevention that we have had for seventy-five years, there would be absolutely no need of our developing that disease. And we are going to prove this, not from our literature, but from accredited authorities of the world.

I hold in my hand a little booklet put out by the American Society for the Control of Cancer, dated 1930. I read on page nine: "More than 120,000 people died of cancer in the United States

during 1929." That number would make a good-sized city.

"As a principal cause of death in the United States, cancer ranked second during 1929, exceeded only by heart disease." Why, this terrible malady has increased in frequency until now it has become the second leading cause of death in the United States, one of the chief hazards of living. "More than 120,000 people died of cancer in the United States during 1929. This equals about 10 per cent of the total deaths from all causes in this country for that period." "No age is free from cancer; babies are born with it, and the oldest people die of it."

From "The Prevention of Cancer," I wish to read from page 13: "Stomach cancer is the most frequent form of the disease." I wonder why? "These observations suggest that the perpetual abuse of a normal stomach frequently gives rise to cancer, and that an abnormally weak stomach may suffer the same fate from less abuse. In both instances abuse and overfunction must be regarded as the exciting causes."

What are we, "the children of the day," going to do about it? How long are we going to halt between two opinions and say that our souls loathe this vile bread? We don't want to hear any more about health reform. There are still a few of our people who look upon this beautiful and wonderful phase of present truth as a mere joke. But I want to tell you, my friends, cancer is not a joke; high blood pressure is no joke; hardening of the arteries is no joke; deforming arthritis isn't a joke; acute appendicitis, gall-stones, require operations,—and there is nothing pleasant about them. I believe we ought to be the most thankful people in the world because of the great light on how to keep well that has been the heritage of Seventh-day Adventists for three quarters of a century.

A. W. TRUMAN, M. D.

Washington, D. C.

RURAL SCHOOLS IN MEXICO

Over two years ago we began to develop a system of education. As we had no appropriations, except for one teacher, we started an institute for workers. Our plan was to call some of the colporteurs in for a four months' course in Bible doctrines, history, testimonies, and several selective studies for beginners.

We rented a place at a reasonable rate and one of the workers and his wife became preceptor and preceptress. All the students went out to sell literature in the morning and in the afternoon the time was given to study. We followed this plan for over two terms, and then there was such a demand for enlarging the school that the union school was formed.

EVERY DAY FOR JESUS

Dear Missionary Volunteers:

As the days of the new year roll onward, I stop frequently to think of you. I wonder what this year will mean to you personally. Will you give every day to Jesus to be used exactly as He shall direct? Begin by doing the things *you know* He wishes you to do. And as you do these, He will teach you what step to take next.

Just here I am going to suggest a personal goal that I firmly believe Jesus would like you to make your goal for this year:

Observe the Morning Watch
Take the Bible Year
Take one of the M. V. Reading Courses
Take a Standard of Attainment Course
Distribute one paper, tract, or book every week
Report missionary work every week
Earnestly endeavor to lead at least one young person to Christ

Yes, that is a wonderfully good goal for a Christian young man or woman. Will you make it your goal for this year? It will be a great help in teaching you how to give every day to Jesus. Of one thing I am sure: If you really make that goal *your goal*, and your life is spared through this year, December will find you a very happy Christian and a stronger worker for the Master.

WILL YOU MAKE IT YOUR GOAL FOR 1932? I pray that you may.

Faithfully yours,
MRS. E. E. ANDROSS.

Balboa, Canal Zone.

As a result of our work we now have six church schools, or rural schools, operating in four languages—Spanish, Otomi, Totonaca, and English.

I recently visited the rural school at Puente Ixtla, State of Morelos and this is what I found:

When Sister Raquel Tenorio entered that place about three months before there was a small group of people meeting at regular services on Sabbath. She secured a place in the center of town. Then she secured some benches, working with her own hands to finish them. She moved her school into that clean place and soon some of the best families began to send their children. At the closing of the day school she had thirty-six children, besides she was teaching the parents at night, and instructing them in the truth. At the end of three months she had twenty-one thoroughly instructed and ready for baptism. Her school paid over thirty pesos Sabbath school offering and forty-two pesos tithe.

To prepare the candidates she had to go to the governor of the state and ask him to help her to obtain civil marriages for sixteen of her students. She now has an average attendance of forty-two in her Sabbath school.

She is doing this as a missionary service for Christ and we give her just a little help. She gets her board from the parents of the children in her school. This shows to some extent the far-reaching influence of the rural schools. We need to give these self-sacrificing young people a small regular wage, and we need to have several more in the field. I do not know of any of our workers who have done any more efficient work than these teachers.

As these teachers will soon have the privilege of receiving some medical instruction in our new dispensary, they will have even a better opportunity of helping the people and raising the standards.

Thousands are waiting for this kind of work. May the Lord greatly help and add His blessing on this group of self-sacrificing workers. C. E. MOON.

Mexico City, Mexico.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER ENDEAVOR IN MEXICO

The young people of Mexico are manifesting a zeal in service that is truly inspiring. In various parts of the union monuments to their faithful endeavor have been raised up in companies of believers who are now rejoicing in the truth. In the State of Oaxaca, which is a part of the Tehuantepec Mission, a young man named Julio Porie is devoting his entire time to self-supporting work. He says that the Lord has called him to this work. He receives his food from those to whom he is giving studies. The mission does not pay him a penny for his labors. He has been instrumental in raising up several schools in the district where he lives, and the Tehuantepec Mission recently reported two new companies which have become interested in the truth as the result of his work and now are ready to be organized into Sabbath schools. The members of one of these groups are already sending in their tithes and offerings, and are asking for some one to instruct them more fully.

In the city of Tierra Blanca, Veracruz, we at one time had an organized church, but many of the members were obliged to move to other parts due to the scarcity of work, and at present only four members remain. Sister Caritina Palma, who is one of the four, realized that someone should hold up the banner of truth, and recently started giving Bible studies. There are now forty persons attending the services; and we expect to have a strong company of believers in that city very soon as the result of the

missionary activity of this young sister.

Sister Delia Motezuma, who lives in Cordoba, Veracruz, dedicated all her spare time to giving studies and doing other missionary work. When we speak of her "spare time," you must not get the impression that this young woman is a person of leisure, for she labors more than the conventional eight hours a day. She earns her living by making trousers, working many nights until one o'clock in the morning to complete her allotted number of twelve pair each week; and yet she finds time to do missionary work. As the result of her missionary activity the company in Cordoba has increased from ten to between forty and fifty.

Sister Maria Moreno, one of the young people in the Gulf Mission, during the campaign in opposition to the change of the calendar secured 480 signatures to the petition.

Two of our young people of the Central Mexican Mission reported the following experience during their Harvest Ingathering solicitation last year. They came to a house of the poorer class of people and presented our work with its world needs. The lady of the house gave good attention to their canvass and then said: "Instead of giving to you, I am sorry to tell you that we are in a wretched condition, as we have this sick girl in bed, and are without food and medicine." The two young women then gave the family a donation to buy food, but before doing this they knelt with them and prayed for the sick girl.

The girls invited this family to the services and left some literature with them. The following Sabbath they were delighted beyond measure to see this family at the Sabbath school with the sick daughter, who was practically well. They have since been regular attendants at our church. They said they had never before had any one come to their house and pray for them, and it seemed that this was a visit from the angels.

The young people of the Mexico City Missionary Volunteer society are a very busy lot of young people at the hour set apart for the band meetings. The Bible workers' band is always well attended, there being generally about 25 young people who study how to give Bible Readings. At the same time there are bands meeting in different places, some visiting the hospitals and jails, and others busy in the Correspondence and Literature Band. Some of the members of the Literature Band are going out each Sabbath to fill several reading racks which have been placed in hotels and other public buildings of the metropolis.

The young people who have joined the company of rural school teachers deserve special attention. Some of these may be found among the Totonaco Indians teaching during the week and then

giving studies to the Indian believers on the Sabbath. Others are among the Otomi Indians with their groups of Indian boys and girls who are learning about the soon coming Master. Still others are in the great forest regions where the children do not have educational privileges as in other parts of Mexico.

Surely the Lord's promise that the young people will act a prominent part in the closing work of the Message is being fulfilled today. We will never know until we reach the kingdom the result of the faithful work of our Missionary Volunteer army.

C. E. WOOD.

Mexico City, Mexico.

Are We Consistent?

"Our creed is the problem of which our deed is the solution." Paul, showing the inconsistencies of the Jews, wrote: "Behold, thou art called a Jew, and restest in the law, and makest thy boast of God . . . and art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, . . . a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law. Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal dost thou steal? . . . Rom. 2: 17-21.

To come home to our own selves; We who preach a man should not steal, do we steal—God's tithes? We who teach, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," do we remember the *whole* of it? . . . Do we guard its edges? . . . We who teach that the Lord is coming soon, and act as though He were not, may we not bear in mind this truism?—"One cannot stay outside and say, 'Come in.'" —Selected.

GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH OUR COLPORTEURS

Two years ago while attending the Humboldt Academy of California, Brother M. E. Olson was deeply impressed that he should go to Mexico to engage in the canvassing work. To go to a strange country without a knowledge of the language of that country, and undertake an entirely new line of work on one's own responsibility without any previous arrangements, requires a great amount of faith and courage. That was the experience of Brother Olson of which he writes as follows:

"During the last two months of the 1929 school year, I felt a great desire to go to Mexico to canvass. The urge seemed to be upon me at every moment. For me it was a time of much prayer and deep consecration to the Lord. At last in prayer one night I told the Lord that if He wanted me to go to Mexico, He should give me a sign. That night I had a dream which clearly indicated to me my duty, so I settled the question then and there. But how to get to Mexico was a problem. Finally I concluded that it was my duty to start, and the Lord would see to it that I got there.

"With this thought in mind I went to San Francisco, California, hoping to find a ship on

which I could work my way. I walked almost all day, going from one steamboat company to another looking for a chance, but all answered me in the negative. At last I went to the Mexican consul to ask for a free pass on a Mexican ship to do missionary work. He also answered me in the negative, and advised me not to go there on such a mission as it would be very dangerous. After this experience I thought, 'Can it be that the Lord does not want me to go to Mexico?' Then I was reminded of my dream and earnest prayers, and said, 'No, I am not mistaken. It is my business to start and the Lord will see that I get there, even though it means starting afoot.'

"The next morning I felt so strongly impressed to start that I placed my shaving outfit, my tooth-brush and my Bible,—the only things I had with me,—in my pocket and started. In a few days I arrived in Calexico, Mexico, the Lord having sent a few kind-hearted salesmen in good fast automobiles to take me to my destination free of charge. With a letter of recommendation to an Adventist doctor of that place, I stepped into his hospital and gave him the letter, telling him my plans. He told me of one colporteur of much experience having failed there, and 'another,' he said, 'is here now working with very little success.' While talking with the doctor, the colporteur came in and told me I had surely made a mistake in coming there to sell books. He said he had three years' experience as a colporteur and was scarcely doing anything there.

"I went to my room and thought these things over. The heat was almost unbearable, and I could eat and sleep but little. Again the thought came to me, 'Can it be possible that I am mistaken?' But thoughts of my dream and of my experience thus far gave me confidence, and I said, 'No, I am not mistaken. No matter if colporteurs of experience have failed, something will happen to enable me to succeed.'

"The next morning the colporteur there told me that W. R. Pohle, the superintendent of that mission, had arrived the day before, the same day that I had arrived. I thanked the Lord with a shout of joy when I heard this, and went to my room at once and thanked Him in prayer. I was sure the Lord had planned that we should arrive at the same day, and that He would provide me with territory. I then went to see Pastor Pohle and put before him my letter of recommendation. After reading it, he said, 'You can hardly go to work here. This is very hard territory, and you cannot stand the heat.' I told him I would go anywhere in Mexico he would send me.

"He asked me, 'Can you speak Spanish?' I replied, 'No.' 'Have you any experience in the colporteur work?' Again I replied, 'No.' He then told me that if I were in Nogales, about 500 miles away on the Mexican border he would put me to work. I asked him when he would be in Nogales, and was told, 'About 11:30 on the second day following.' I said, 'All right, I'll see you there at 11:30 the day after tomorrow.' In five minutes I was out looking for more kind-hearted salesmen with whom to ride.

"I arrived one day late and so did Brother Pohle. When I presented myself at the hotel where he was stopping in Nogales, he could hardly believe his eyes. He just stared at me for a few moments and then said, 'If you have as much grit and nerve in the colporteur work as you have had in coming here, you will surely succeed.' In a few days I went to work with the book 'Home Physician.' I worked all day and never sold a book. The next day I worked all day and sold one book at six o'clock in the evening, the last house I visited, and delivered it that same night. I was so happy I could have jumped and shouted. The next morning before starting, I prayed, 'Lord, yesterday I sold one book. Today I want three orders.' That day I took three orders. The following morning I told the Lord, 'Yesterday I took three orders. Today I want five.' I got my fifth order that night at dark. In Nogales I delivered from 95 to 100 'Home Physicians.' That place had been worked by two colporteurs before with the same book,

but Brother Pohle told me that I had sold more books there than both of these experienced colporteurs together. It was not that I knew more of salesmanship, but because the Lord did the work."

After working Nogales, Brother Olson was moved to the State of Sinaloa, Mexico, where through the sale of literature and personal work he was instrumental in raising up a group of interested people. At night he would meet with this company to give them Bible studies in his broken language. Of this experience he writes:

"In the small town of Apoderado I have about seventy or more convinced of the truth, and some are already keeping the Sabbath. One of my converts who was a devoted Catholic, now gathers together on the Sabbath about twenty-five who have begun observing this day. They want a church building. In several other little places the Lord has helped me to find other interested people, and I hope that soon the brethren will send a worker.

"It will soon be two years since I began my colporteur work in Nogales. I want to say that there have been difficulties and obstacles to meet, but money would not buy the experience I have gained. When I think of those who have found the truth through the books that I have sold them and the personal work done, the difficulties that I have had seem as nothing."

W. A. BERGHERM.

Balboa, Canal Zone.



DO YOU KNOW THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE?

When the preacher announces "Romans ten, five," or "First Samuel sixteen, three" do you know that he means the tenth chapter of Romans and the fifth verse or the sixteenth chapter of the first book of Samuel and the third verse? Would you be able to readily turn to the texts and spot them in time to follow the preacher in his reading? Somehow Bible truth comes closer to our consciousness when we not only hear the preacher speak but when we read with our own eyes in the sacred volume that "these things are so." The believers in Berea made it a practice to read in the Bible whether the things that Paul preached were really so.

In every church there are some who find it difficult to turn quickly to the places in the Bible. They have found it hard to memorize the books of the Bible in their order and some have given up in despair. It is especially to these the following remarks are addressed, which I trust will be helpful. Many people get frightened when they learn that the Bible contains sixty-six books and that they would do well to learn these books from memory in their right order. We might shrink from walking a distance of sixty-six miles; but when we are told that it may be done in easy stages, the undertaking becomes at once *facile* and attractive. So it is with the learning of the books of the Bible. Learning them in groups and mastering each group before going on to the next

The Best Thing in Life

The best thing in life is, after all, to fight for a cause worth fighting for, and to fight thoroughly. It will lead us, I believe, to look back upon the past with satisfaction, and to the future with confidence, and though the battle be long and the forces against us many, we may rest assured that "the race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong," but that right and truth will eventually triumph. If we are to succeed we must deserve success, and the warrior who is to win his battle must allow no weak spot in his armor.—*W. R. Hadwen, M. D.*

make the task easy and interesting. Here we suggest an interesting division of the Bible:

THERE ARE 66 BOOKS:

Old Testament 39
New Testament 27
The Old Testament may conveniently be divided into the following groups:

- 5 BOOKS OF MOSES:**
Genesis Numbers
Exodus Deuteronomy
Leviticus

- 12 HISTORICAL BOOKS:**
Joshua, Judges and Ruth—3 books.
First and second Samuel }
First and second Kings } 6 books
First and second Chronicles }
Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther—3 books

- 5 POETICAL BOOKS:**
Job Ecclesiastes
Psalms Song of Solomon
Proverbs

- 5 MAJOR PROPHETS:**
Isaiah Ezekiel
Jeremiah Daniel
Lamentations

- 12 MINOR PROPHETS:**
Hosea Jonah Zephaniah
Joel Micah Haggai
Amos Nahum Zechariah
Obadiah Habakkuk Malachi

Now the books of the New Testament number twenty-seven, and for the convenience of memorizing them, we will divide them like this:

- A—THE ACTS OF JESUS** (the four gospels):
Matthew, Mark, Luke and John—4 books.

- B—THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**—1 book.

C—THE WRITINGS (or Epistles) OF THE APOSTLES—21 books

- Paul wrote fourteen, namely:
To the Gentile churches:
Romans 1 Philippians 1
Corinthians 2 Colossians 1
Galatians 1 Thessalonians 2
Ephesians 1
To Gospel Workers:
Timothy 2
Titus 1
To a laymember—Philemon 1
To the Hebrew Church 1

- James wrote one
Peter wrote two
John wrote three
Jude wrote one

- D—ONE PROPHECY**—The Revelation—1 book

The names of the books will sound unfamiliar to your ears at first. Pronounce them carefully, slowly and with

a loud voice. GENESIS means the origin, the beginning. EXODUS means a going forth, a departure. The book is fitly so named because it deals largely with the going forth of the Israelites from Egypt. NUMBERS—has its name from the fact that this book contains the census of the children of Israel. DEUTERONOMY means "the second law." In this book the ten commandments proclaimed by God from Sinai are recorded the second time. JOB is known, even among the world, for the sublimity of its language and its deep philosophy. Many give it the first place among all the literary achievements of man. PSALMS. A psalm is a sacred song, a hymn. Today we would call the book of Psalms "the Hymnal." David wrote most of these hymns and also composed music to accompany them. He is "the sweet singer of Israel." PROVERBS is a collection of brief sayings containing moral and practical instruction, especially adapted for the youth. Solomon, the son of David, is the author of most of the Proverbs. Solomon also wrote ECCLESIASTES and SONG OF SOLOMON.

Luke has given us two books of the Bible, the third gospel and Acts of the Apostles. John, besides writing the fourth gospel, wrote three epistles, which follow the epistles of Peter. John also wrote the last book of the Bible, the Revelation. The five books of Moses are, sometimes spoken of as "the Pentateuch," which means "five books." In handling your Bible to find a text, remember that the Old Testament takes up a good two-thirds of the volume and the New Testament about one-third.

H. E. BAASCH.

Medellin, Colombia.



WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What did your dress say to that stranger sitting behind you last Sabbath morning in church? "My dress?"—Yes, what did it say? Our clothes are always saying something about us. Sometimes I fear they tell things that we do not wish others to know. But the inner feelings will announce their presence on the bulletin boards we wear. One great leader among women once said: "Dress is our index to the character." Do you realize that the clothes you wear are telling to others what kind of person you are? One Christian worker—not an Adventist—recently wrote as follows:

"Out of that modern Sodom (referring to Paris) come our styles of dress, and the Christian women, ignoring the Word of God, have embraced these styles, thus rejecting and disobeying the God of heaven, and obeying the god of this world."

One hundred years ago Wesley appealed to the women of the Methodist church to avoid the extremes in dress

and living. "As you have increased in substance," he lamented, "have you not increased in dress? What have you profited then by bearing the reproach of Christ? by being called Methodist? Are you not as fashionably dressed as others of your rank that are not Methodists?"

Now listen to a few appeals from the Spirit of Prophecy to God's remnant church today:

"Fashion is deteriorating the intellect and eating out the spirituality of our people. Obedience to fashion is pervading our Seventh-day Adventist churches, and is doing more than any other power to separate our people from God."—*"Testimonies," Vol. IV, p. 647.*

"We judge of a person's character by the style of dress worn. Gaudy apparel betrays vanity and weakness. A modest, godly woman will dress modestly. A refined taste, a cultivated mind, will be revealed in the choice of simple and appropriate attire."—*Id. p. 643.*

"Satan is constantly devising some new style of dress."—*Id. p. 634.*

Whom are you worshipping in the way you dress? Do you bow the knee to God? or to him who "is constantly devising some new style"? Why is it that some have so little spirituality?—God says that fashion is "eating out the spirituality of God's people." What does God say is doing more than any other power to separate His people from Him?—Fashion!

"May God deliver His people from this grievous sin!" exclaimed Sister White when sending on to the people one of God's earnest appeals. Dear friends, there would be far more soul-winning power in the church and far more soul-winning money in God's treasury if all of us would always follow God's style instead of Satan's.

AROUND THE CIRCLE

Haiti has a new missionary, Elaine Alice, who arrived at the home of Brother and Sister A. L. Christiansen November 27, 1931. We congratulate the parents and pray that little Elaine may enjoy good health and be an ever increasing joy to her parents.

We are glad to learn that Sister Atteberry, mother of Pastor R. J. Sype, is spending a little time in the Bahamas with her children; and also that Sister B. E. Beddoe has come to see her children in Havana, Cuba. To each we say, Welcome to Inter-America.

A letter from Brother R. R. Mattison on furlough in the States says that he and his family are having some much needed medical and surgical attention. It has also been reported that Brother Bullard, who left Puerto Rico in very poor health, has made splendid improvement in the homeland.

Pastor I. H. Evans sailed for Haiti January 3, to spend a little time in the Antillian Union on his way back to Washington.

DEATH OF SISTER A. R. OGDEN

The sad news of the death, December 20, of Mrs. Mae Meek-Ogden, wife of Pastor A. R. Ogden, superintendent of the Antillian Union Mission, came as a great surprise. She was living with her daughter in Glendale, California, at the time of her death, and had been since she was compelled to leave Cuba where she was engaged with her husband in mission service.

Brother Ogden was looking forward hopefully to Sister Ogden's being able to join him again in service within a few months when he was notified by cable of her sudden death. He was in Haiti at the time the sad news came and could not attend her funeral.

They were united in marriage May 1, 1898, and in 1901 they responded to the call of the General Conference to take the superintendency of the West Coast Mission, South America. That mission included Chile, Peru, and Bolivia. While engaged in mission service in South America Sister Ogden suffered a severe illness which resulted in the permanent impairment of her health.

Through the years of toil in America and in the mission fields, although a constant sufferer, Sister Ogden faithfully shared her husband's labors, cheerfully sacrificing home comforts for the sake of the cause so dear to her heart. She was especially efficient in labor with children.

Beside Brother Ogden, three children are left to mourn the loss of their mother—Mrs. Beatrice Squire, of Glendale, California, Orland O. Ogden of Seattle, Washington, and the younger daughter Dolores. The loss is unusually sad under the circumstances, but they sorrow not as those who have no hope. We have the sweet assurance that she sleeps in Jesus.

Brother Ogden's co-laborers in the Inter-American Division extend to him and his family in this sad hour of bereavement the assurance of their deepest sympathy, their warmest Christian love, and their constant and united prayers for sustaining grace and comfort now, and for the hastening of the glad day of eternal triumph when ties so ruthlessly severed will be united.

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One of the articles crowded out of the January MESSENGER was a report of an educational program given by the pupils in Brother J. A. Maynard's school in Panama City, Panama. The children presented to the audience in a very acceptable manner the value of the study of grammar and arithmetic. Doubtless all who attended were im-

pressed anew with the importance of those two subjects.

Brother W. A. Bergherm left the division office in December for a tour throughout Colombia and Venezuela, where colporteur institutes have been held. Early in January Pastor L. V. Finster sailed for Jamaica to join the workers there in service for a short time.

During January Prof. W. F. Hahn spent some time on the Zone, conducting a teachers' institute. Professor Hahn is the Educational and Missionary Volunteer secretary for the Central American Union. At present his time is largely occupied looking after the building plans of the new school up in Costa Rica.

The latest mail from Colombia brings the following news:

"Brother Peralta and Victoria Davila were married with a simple but very impressive church wedding the 30th of December, and after the service we took them down to our hotel where they were served a little wedding luncheon, not forgetting the wedding cake. From the hotel they went directly to their little home which Brother Peralta rented near the church. They had it furnished and were quite ready to set up housekeeping after the ceremony was performed."

Brother D. N. Peralta is the secretary-treasurer of the Atlantic Colombia Mission.

THE PICTURE ROLL

A missionary visiting in the New Hebrides group says:

"In every house of worship that we entered throughout our visitation in the New Hebrides—and we must have visited nearly a score of such places—we found the Picture Roll suspended in a conspicuous place, opened at the current lesson, and frequent reference being made to it in their evening and morning worship as well as being the text book for both review and lesson during the Sabbath school."

Calendar

Christian Home Day	February 6
Missionary Volunteer Day	March 12
Educational Day	July 9
Week of Sacrifice	November 20-26

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