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## To Our Believers in Europe

Beloved Brethren, Greetings: The General Conference Committee assembled in Autumn Council take this opportunity of addressing our believers in Europe. We realize something of the trial through which you have been passing because of the effort now being made to undermine the faith and weaken the zeal of the remnant church.

We greatly appreciate and commend the loyal stand of our leaders, workers, and believers in withstanding the forces of unbelief and apostasy.

Such experiences serve to remind us that we are entering the perils of the closing days of earth's history of which time the apostle Paul declared, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith." 1 Tim. 4:1. Many years ago the warning came to this people through the Spirit of prophecy that, "Many a star that we have admired for its brilliancy will go out in darkness." Although we deeply regret to see any depart from us, yet our faith should be strengthened as we see these divine predictions fulfilled.

Nor is this a new experience for the church of God. Of some of the followers of Jesus it is recorded that "from that time many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him." John 6:66. Also the apostle Paul warned the elders of the church in his day that from among themselves men would arise who would speak perverse things and who would seek to draw away disciples after them. (See Acts 20:30.)

Notwithstanding such experiences, which come to the church to try and to purify it, it is our blessed privilege to know that "the foundation of God standeth sure." The love of many may wax cold, the faith of many may waver and fail, but the truth of God changeth not and "the Lord knoweth them that are His."

It is with great joy that we learn that, notwithstanding the fact that vigorous efforts are being made to destroy faith in some of the fundamental principles of our belief, such as the impor-

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tant doctrines of the sanctuary and spiritual gifts, including the gift of the Spirit of prophecy, our people in Europe are standing firm, and are giving no countenance to those who would unsettle the established faith of this people. We cannot afford to permit our confidence to be shaken in the message of truth which has been brought to us at so great cost, and which has placed in our hearts the "blessed hope" of soon seeing the face of our Lord and Saviour.

### STATEMENT OF OUR CONFIDENCE

*"Knowing that this Third Angel's Message was born of Heaven according to specific Bible prophecy, and that God has definitely led from the beginning in the development of both the organization and the fundamentals of the faith and doctrines, which have been the guiding star of this work throughout the history of the movement; therefore,*

*"RESOLVED, That we, as leaders and workers of the Inter-American Division, in annual council assembled, do again take pleasure in reaffirming our faith and confidence in God's leadership, and our unwavering faith in the doctrines that have made us a distinct and separate people, and in the certain triumphs of the message in its fulness as promulgated by the founders of the movement. We desire to express our whole-hearted sympathy and harmony with the statement adopted by the recent Autumn Council held at Battle Creek, Michigan, as set forth in the letter addressed to the believers in Europe"*

E. E. ANDROSS, *Chairman.*

F. L. HARRISON, *Secretary.*

We, your brethren in the common faith, are glad to avail ourselves of the opportunity provided by this Autumn Council of passing on to you the assurance that our position on the important doctrines mentioned above, i.e., the sanctuary and spiritual gifts, including the gift of the Spirit of prophecy, is like yours unchanged from that held by the founders of this movement. We believe that Jesus Christ, our High Priest, is the "minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man." Heb. 8:2. We believe that this sanctuary of which He is minister is in Heaven and is the anti-type of the earthly sanctuary, the services of which foreshadowed the sacrifice and priestly ministry of our Lord; that upon ascending to Heaven, Christ as priest began His ministry in the first apartment of the heavenly sanctuary, continuing there until the end of the prophetic period of 2,300 prophetic days or literal years of Daniel 8:14, which period ended in the year 1844; that at that time, in harmony with the type, He entered the second or most holy apartment for the purpose of cleansing the sanctuary and of beginning the work of judgment.

We believe that the Advent Movement of 1844, the beginning of which synchronized with the entry of Christ upon His solemn ministry in the most holy apartment of the heavenly sanctuary, and which is now heralding the threefold judgment-hour message to all the nations of earth, is of God, and that those associated with this movement constitute the remnant of His church. (Rev. 12:17.) We believe that this church, after being purified and tried, will be presented to Him at His coming, "a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Eph. 5:27.

We also believe that the Holy Scriptures, which constitute the ground of faith and practice for the church, teach that spiritual gifts will continue to be manifested in the church until "that

which is perfect is come." (1 Cor. 13: 10; Eph. 4:13.) Our faith in this doctrine is confirmed by the assurance given through the apostle Paul to the Advent people when he said, "So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 1:7, 8.

We believe that the writings of Mrs. E. G. White were given to the church through the manifestation of the gift of the Spirit of prophecy, not as a substitute for the Holy Scriptures nor as a new rule of faith, but for the spiritual uplift of the church, for instruction, for warnings, for reproofs, for admonitions, and for the special guidance of God's people through the perils of the last days. This was the belief of the pioneers of this movement and it is our abiding belief to-day, for the reason that both their faith and ours is founded on the teachings of the Scriptures.

The writings of the Spirit of prophecy always lead us to the Bible. They set forth that Book as the inspired and infallible Word of God. These writings exhort us to take that Word as the man of our counsel and the rule of our faith. As evidence of this, we quote from the first bound volume given to this people through this gift as follows: "I recommend to you, dear reader, the Word of God as the rule of your faith and practice. By that Word we are to be judged. God has in that Word, promised to give visions in the last days, not for a new rule of faith, but for the comfort of His people, and to correct those who err from Bible truth."—*Christian Experiences and Views*, Ed. 1851, page 64.

The fruit of these writings is such as to reveal that their origin is of God. They lead to the most perfect standard of morality. They discountenance every vice, and exhort to the practice of every virtue. They point out the perils through which we are to pass on our way to the kingdom. They reveal the devices of Satan. They warn us against his snares. They have protected us from fanatical and unreasonable men and movements. They have exposed hidden iniquity and have brought to light concealed wrongs, laying bare the evil motives of the false-hearted. They have repeatedly aroused the church to greater consecration to God and to more zealous efforts for the salvation of the lost and erring.

They lead us to Christ. Like the Bible, they set Him forth as the only hope and only Saviour of mankind. They portray before us in living characters His holy life and His godly example, and with irresistible appeals they urge us to follow in His steps.

They have brought comfort and consolation to many hearts. They have strengthened the weak, encouraged the

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### "I AM WITH YOU ALL THE DAYS"

When we walk amid the shadows and the skies are overcast,

When we linger, half bewildered, 'twixt the future and the past,

We shall always find the Master at the parting of the ways,

We shall hear His gentle whisper, "I am with you all the days."

When we bear the heat and burden with a toil that seems in vain,

When we falter and a world-fret settles down on heart and brain,

He will lay His right hand on us and our drooping spirits raise,

Calling back our hope and courage—Who is with us all the days.

When we lie in pain and weakness in the sacred upper room,

When earth's voices all are muffled and love's flowers all in bloom,

He will come and sit beside us, bringing comforts that amaze—

Silent joy and His sweet patience—Who is with us all the days.

When we joy with joy of harvest in the lengthened summer day

As we stoop in patient gleanings or we bear our sheaves away,

We shall hear the Master's footsteps, we shall have the Master's praise,

For the harvest joy He giveth—Who is with us all the days.

Yesterday, today, forever! He is the same Jesus still,

Guiding, keeping those who love Him, shaping all things to His will;

So I'll follow where He leads me, let Him choose my times and ways,

For the promise never fails me, "I am with you all the days."

—Author Unknown.

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feeble, raised up the despondent. They have brought order out of confusion, made crooked places straight, and thrown light on what was dark and obscure. We believe that no person with an unprejudiced mind can read their stirring appeals for a pure and lofty morality, their exaltation of God and the Saviour, their denunciations of every evil, and their exhortations to everything that is holy and of good report, without being compelled to say, These writings do verily "speak forth the words of truth and soberness."

With these considerations before us we feel constrained at this time to urge you, our beloved brethren, to continue steadfast and unmovable in the faith. "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul." Heb. 10:35-39.

On behalf of the General Conference Committee of Seventh-Day Adventists.

C. H. WATSON, *President*.

C. K. MEYERS, *Secretary*.

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### UNITY PREVAILED

E. E. ANDROSS

Although the number of delegates attending our division council was very small, due to the pressure for means to sustain the cause, it was the testimony of everyone attending the meeting that it was the best council that we have ever held. One of our union men told us in the closing meeting of the council that this was the best meeting that he had ever attended anywhere in the world.

The problems to be solved were the most difficult that have ever confronted us. The perplexities that faced us daily in our efforts to plan for the advancement of our work under present difficulties were baffling in their nature; but I am glad to tell you that the Spirit of the Lord was present from the first meeting to the last, and very greatly helped us in our efforts to solve our problems and to plan for the continued advancement of the work in all parts of this division.

Every member of our council endeavored to look unselfishly upon the entire field, and not to keep his eyes fixed alone upon the field he personally represented. I am convinced that this is the secret of the blessed experience we had in our council. There was perfect unity of heart in an earnest endeavor to build up the interests of the work throughout the entire division in a strong, symmetrical way.

I am sure that as we properly relate ourselves to God and draw near to Him in humble, believing prayer, He will give us in spiritual power more than we are losing of the material things, for we have the assurance that

"When divine power is combined with human effort, the work will spread like fire in the stubble."

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# The Annual Division Council

It was November 28, in the afternoon, when the members of the Inter-American Division committee met in the chapel at the division headquarters to open the tenth annual council. Pastor E. E. Andross, who has served as president of the division since 1922, was in the chair and took a few minutes to welcome the brethren who had come in from various parts. Following this he called attention to several scriptures and said:

"The set time has come to favor Zion, the church, and when God has built up Zion He will appear in His glory. We are now living in a time when the prominent men of the world do not know what is coming. The situation upon which we have entered is so serious that there is no help from man. Our help must come from God. 'Testimonies' Vol. V, page 56, says, 'It is the worst kind of folly to leave the Lord out of our councils, and to put confidence in the wisdom of man.'"

Those present at the council were E. E. Andross, Mrs. E. E. Andross, A. R. Ogden, W. R. Elliott, C. E. Wood, W. E. Baxter, H. E. Baasch, L. V. Finster, W. L. Adams, W. A. Bergherm, E. W. Everest, and F. L. Harrison. Some of the members of the division compound family, several from the local conference, also Brother Benj. O. Maxson of the publishing house, attended some of the meetings. H. H. Cobban of the General Conference Treasury Department was with us during the council and Pastor Meade MacGuire came in for the latter part.

The problems with which the council had to deal were some of the heaviest that we have had in our division councils, but all recognized that the Spirit of the Lord was present to help and guide. Because of the reductions in appropriations, it was necessary to study carefully the budgets from the entire field and arrange them so that the work would not have to be retarded or suffer too much in any one field. As we faced the opening providences in many fields and had so little funds available with which to help out, our leaders were often made to weep as they wondered how they could meet the situations.

Quite full reports have been furnished to the MESSENGER from the union superintendents, so we will list in this report the recommendations that especially pertain to the work at large throughout the division. The council lasted nearly three weeks, closing late on Thursday night, December 15. Notwithstanding the heavy work of the council, at the closing meeting some stated it was the best committee meeting that they had ever attended, and although they were going back to their fields with reduced appropriations, they were certain that the Lord would accomplish even more dur-

ing 1933 in the advancement of His work, than was done during 1932.

It is encouraging to note the gains made in the Sabbath school and church memberships since the organization of the division in 1922. Surely He who has given success in the past will continue to prosper His work in the future. The gains are:

SABBATH SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP		
December 31, 1922	9,054	
September 30, 1932	28,491	
Gain		19,437

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP		
December 31, 1922	8,146	
September 30, 1932	19,624	
Gain		11,478

Below we give the recommendations of general interest:

### GRATITUDE TO GOD

WHEREAS, The year 1931, in spite of unprecedented financial depression, was the most fruitful in the winning of souls in the history of our work in this division up to that time, resulting in 3,012 baptisms in our territory and bringing our church membership in Inter-America up to 17,840 at the close of 1931; and,

WHEREAS, In spite of the increasing difficulties and more serious financial conditions, the growth in soul winning during 1932 for the first three quarters has been even more remarkable than for the corresponding period of 1931; and,

WHEREAS, The protecting hand of God has been over our workers amid many dangers, and over our dear people in the hurricane-stricken portions of our field, so that, while thousands have perished, not one of our believers lost his life, though many of them suffered the loss of all, or nearly all, of their earthly possessions; and,

WHEREAS, The work in our fields has advanced in spite of heavy cuts in the budgets and our workers are courageously pressing forward into God's opening providences; and further,

WHEREAS, The work of our faithful colporteurs and lay members, also, has brought remarkable results in souls won during 1931 and 1932,

Resolved, That we express our sincere gratitude to God for His manifold blessings which have brought protection to lay members and workers and marvelous success to the work in such a time as this; and further that we pledge anew to give ourselves and our all for the speedy finishing of the work.

### SOUL WINNING

WHEREAS, The fast fulfilling signs of the times give unmistakable evidence that we are rapidly approaching the end of all things earthly, and the advent of our blessed Lord; and,

WHEREAS, We have reached the time for the swelling of the message into the loud cry, when the earth is to be lightened with the glory of the Lord; and,

WHEREAS, Since the launching of the movement for greater endeavor in evangelism two years ago, unprecedented gains have been made in our church membership, indicating that the Spirit of God waits only for the co-operation of an awakened, willing church to finish the work of God and cut it short in righteousness; and,

WHEREAS, Soul winning and actual gain in membership is to a large degree the real measure of success in the work of God; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the call to every worker employed in this Advent Movement to renewed effort to win souls be sounded, and that we

continue to instruct and encourage the church membership to personal effort in the same work, in private and in public effort.

2. That administrative committees study with their department leaders and heads of institutions how to make their work of a soul winning character.

3. That the baptismal goal for the division for the year 1933 be 5,000.

4. That all ministers and church elders who have the responsibility of receiving new members into our churches be urged to follow the plan of carefulness in their instruction of preparatory classes, that persons may thus be fully established in the faith before being accepted into church fellowship.

5. That all ministers and field workers take upon themselves the responsibility of strengthening each line of endeavor in the church, thus building it up and saving to it those who are already within the fold, and doing that which will aid the members in their endeavors in missionary activity, and in meeting their proportional part of the financial missionary program.

### SOUL WINNING BY THE LAITY

WHEREAS, A multitude of signs thickening all about us, fulfilling Bible prophecy, indicate that the appearance of Jesus in the clouds of Heaven is even nearer than the most earnest and devoted among us realize; and,

WHEREAS, In these troublous times multitudes of people all over our field are longing for the light, comfort, and help which the "everlasting gospel" brings; and,

WHEREAS, God has laid upon the people of this Advent Movement the obligation to carry this message of salvation to the world in this generation; therefore,

Resolved, That a mighty forward movement be inaugurated in every union, conference, and mission for the enlisting of every church member in active service for his friends and neighbors to win them to the Lord,

1. By encouraging suitable persons to conduct cottage meetings in their respective neighborhoods.

2. By our laymen conducting Bible readings with their friends in harmony with the instruction given in "Testimonies," Vol. IX, page 150, which reads as follows: "We are to take our Bibles, and go forth to warn the world."

3. By enlisting the whole church in the circulation of our missionary literature.

### SOUL-WINNING GOALS FOR 1933

Antillian Union	1,500	Baptisms
Caribbean Union	1,200	"
Central American Union	900	"
Colombia-Venezuela Union	400	"
Mexican Union	1,000	"
Division total	5,000	"

### MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, The Ministerial Association, as now organized in the General Conference, has an advisory committee to give wider counsel regarding the work of the association, thus making this association the medium of the General Conference speaking to its ministry; and,

WHEREAS, Here in the Inter-American Division the widest counsel is needed in conducting ministerial institutes and the general work of building up our ministry; therefore,

Resolved, That the Ministerial Advisory Committee for the Inter-American Division be composed of the division president, the secretary of the Ministerial Association and the union leaders.

### MINISTRY TO WORKERS

Voted, That the Ministry be furnished for the year 1933 to both native and foreign English-speaking workers, the cost to be divided equally between the division and the union.

### DISMISSAL FROM CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

In the question of dismissing members from church fellowship, and of receiving them again into the church,

*Voted*, That our workers and churches adhere to the instruction outlined in the "Church Manual," pages 99 and 87 respectively, which reads as follows:

"To cut off a member from fellowship with the church, which is the body of Christ, is always a very serious matter. This is the extreme measure that can be meted out by the church. Only after all efforts have been made to turn an erring member from his evil ways, should this means of discipline be used. Members can be disfellowshipped only by a majority vote of those present and voting at any regular Sabbath morning service or any properly called business meeting of the church.

"There are a number of reasons for which members may be disfellowshipped. These reasons may be summed up as follows:

1. Loss of faith in the fundamentals of the gospel and the cardinal teachings of the church, or teaching doctrines contrary to the same.

2. Open violation of the law of God, such as worship of idols, adultery, fornication, stealing, swearing, Sabbath breaking, wilful and habitual falsehood, fraud or wilful misrepresentations in business, disorderly conduct, which brings reproach upon the cause, and the remarriage of a divorced person, except the innocent party in a divorce for adultery.

3. Refusing to recognize church authority or to submit to the order and discipline of the church.

4. The use of alcoholic liquors, or aiding and abetting in their manufacture or sale, and the use of tobacco."

"Where members have fallen away in apostasy and have lived in such a manner that the faith and principles of the church have been publicly violated, they should, in case of reconversion and application for church membership, enter the church as in the beginning, by baptism.

"It is not the practise of the church to require baptism on the part of those coming to us from other churches who have already been baptized by immersion and who have lived consistent Christian lives in harmony with the light they then had, unless they should themselves desire to be rebaptized. However, it is recommended that in all cases rebaptism would be desirable."

#### SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

##### Training Course

WHEREAS, Our Sabbath school workers need the instruction to be gained in the course outlined for them by the Sabbath School Department; therefore,

*We Recommend*, 1. That we urge all of our Sabbath school officers and teachers to take advantage of this training.

2. That for 1933 we use for this purpose the present course, consisting of the book "The Making of a Teacher," and the *Sabbath School Worker*.

3. That each one be encouraged to secure these for himself when possible, but that in the event each one cannot afford the book and the magazine of the course, a group organize for the purchase of them, and then use them according to their own plan, studying the assignment by turns week by week.

4. That a definite portion of the hour for the teachers' meeting be assigned for the purpose of the work of the training course.

5. That the secretary of this department in each field act as the promoter of the plan, but that each worker in the field do all he can for the promotion of this course.

6. That when the individual has completed the course according to the plan, he receive the certificate granted by the department.

7. That as soon as the course can be outlined in Spanish, the same plans apply.

##### Membership Records

In order to simplify the membership records in our Sabbath schools,

*We Recommend*, That we clarify the records of the Sabbath school each quarter, making a new enrolment in the classes, and that in making report at the end of the quarter from the local

school to the conference or mission secretary, the number of persons regularly enrolled in each class be totaled, and that we count these as the membership for the quarter.

##### Financial Goal

*We Recommend*, That in each conference or mission the financial goal for the Sabbath schools be set at such a sum that the total of the whole will at least equal one-half of the total mission goal set by this division committee for each field.

##### Honor Cards

*We Recommend*, That we adhere strictly to the plan of the General Conference with reference to the granting of honor cards.

##### Sabbath School Quarterlies

*Voted*, That we express our appreciation to the General Conference for the arrangement granting permission to our English fields in the West Indies to purchase their Sabbath school quarterlies from the Stanborough Press.

#### EDUCATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

##### Purpose of Christian Education

WHEREAS, There is great danger that we lose our vision of the real purpose of our system of Christian education,

*We Recommend*, That all of our workers study carefully the instruction given us in the "Testimonies" and other books given to us by the servant of the Lord concerning our work as educators, and that we adhere to the principles given to us as a people concerning this question.

##### Our Church School

WHEREAS, It is impossible for the church schools to do adequate work unless we create a favorable condition for it,

*We Recommend*, That in each field careful supervision be given to these schools to see that they have suitable equipment for the school room, that the students attend regularly, and that in some way textbooks be provided for the use of the students.

##### Textbooks for Church Schools

*We Recommend*, That in each union the acting union secretary, the local secretary when one is chosen, the principal or principals of the training schools in the field in question recommend texts to the union committee, and after their favorable action on them, they pass to the division committee, or the available members of that body, their action for final approval, after which the texts so chosen be authorized as the books to be used in the church schools of that field.

##### School Attendance on Sabbath

Since in some of our fields the law requires that boys and girls attend school on the Sabbath unless we have a school of our own; therefore,

*We Recommend*, That especially where these conditions prevail, schools be organized and maintained for these children of the church, so that they shall not violate the Sabbath by such attendance at school.

##### Prizes and Awards

WHEREAS, The plan of offering prizes and awards for those who show superior grades in our schools is not a part of the plans of our educational recommendations of the General Conference, and not according to the instruction given in the Spirit of prophecy. "Counsels to Teachers," page 270, says:

"More harm than good results from the practice of offering prizes and rewards. By it the ambitious pupil is stimulated to greater effort. Those whose mental powers are already too active for their physical strength are urged on to grasp subjects too difficult for the young mind."

And "Fundamentals of Christian Education," page 286, reads as follows:

"In our institutions of learning there was to be exerted an influence that would counteract the influence of the world, and give no en-

couragement to indulgence in appetite, in selfish gratification of the senses, in pride, ambition, love of dress and display, love of praise and flattery, and strife for high rewards and honors as a recompense for good scholarship. This was to be discouraged in our schools." And,

WHEREAS, Many in this division do not know that these statements are made concerning this subject; therefore,

*We Recommend*, That our people be instructed in this matter and that this custom be discouraged.

#### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

As plans for strengthening our Missionary Volunteer movement and making it a greater blessing to our youth and a stronger factor in the finishing of the work,

*We Recommend*, 1. That a census of our children and youth be taken during 1933 in our missions and conferences.

2. That we adopt the annual membership plan promoted by the General Missionary Volunteer Department.

3. That greater effort be put forth in our fields to have Missionary Volunteer Week observed, and that diligent effort be put forth to provide efficient leadership in the churches so that the week, with the blessing of the Lord, may be fruitful in the winning of young people and in establishing those more firmly who have already been brought into the fold.

4. That study be given to the securing of a French Standard of Attainment Certificate for use in our French fields.

5. That we continue our present Standard of Attainment plan in Inter-America for 1933, if certificates can be obtained.

6. That conventions or institutes be held in every field to stimulate our youth by giving them a clearer vision and by teaching them better methods in missionary endeavor.

7. That greater effort be put forth in behalf of our juniors, by endeavoring to have the family altar established in every home, by ministers and church leaders giving a corner in every service to the children and youth, also by organizing junior societies wherever practical, and that where the juniors meet with the seniors in a mixed society they be given a part in the program and in the missionary activities.

8. That the Missionary Volunteer goal for 1933 be as follows:

7,000 Members in our M. V. Societies  
5,000 Morning Watch Observers  
1,200 Bible Year Certificates  
1,200 Reading Course Certificates  
500 Standard of Attainment certificates  
90% Reporting Members  
1,500 Young People converted and baptized

#### HARVEST INGATHERING GOAL

*Voted*, That our Harvest Ingathering goal for 1933 for the division be \$2.00 per member, basing it on the membership at the end of 1931.

#### EL CENTINELA SALES

WHEREAS, We find in the Spirit of prophecy the following counsel: "Many can engage in the work of selling our periodicals. Thus they can earn means for the work . . . while sowing seeds of truth in the byways and hedges of the home field. Such labor will be blessed of God and will not be done in vain." Therefore,

*Resolved*, 1. That an earnest effort be put forth by every worker to encourage our members in every church to sell *El Centinela*, *Present Truth*, and other periodicals in their neighborhoods.

2. That the Home Missionary Department, with the co-operation of the Missionary Volunteer Department, be asked to foster the promotion of this plan, it being understood that the Publishing Department shall continue to direct and promote the circulation of our journals and magazines by colporteurs as heretofore.

#### EL CENTINELA SUBSCRIPTIONS

Recognizing our Spanish magazine, *El Centinela*, to be a most effective and inexpensive medium for reaching the public, and,

WHEREAS, There are large numbers of people in the Inter-American Division whose hearts are troubled and who are yearning for truth and spiritual help, who are eager to read, and who can be effectively reached through the circulation of this message-filled magazine,

*We Recommend*, That an earnest effort be put forth throughout the Spanish speaking territory of the division to increase the circulation of *El Centinela*, by

1. Encouraging our colporteurs to continue the plan of combining a yearly subscription for the magazine with orders for books.

2. By securing suitable persons in every field to devote their time to taking yearly subscriptions for *El Centinela*.

3. By encouraging those of our sisters, who are representative of the message, and who can successfully sell single numbers of the magazine, to build up clubs of regular monthly customers in our cities and towns.

4. That our Spanish-speaking missions set a monthly goal equivalent to four magazines per member, and that this goal be reached at as early a date as possible.

**EARLY WRITINGS—PACIFIC PRESS**

*Voted*, That we authorize the Pacific Press to place an order for 1,000 "Early Writings" (cloth) to retail at seventy-five cents each, and that the unions become responsible for the original order pro rata, according to the English membership in the unions.

**GREETINGS TO FORMER WORKERS**

*Voted*, That on this occasion we send greetings to all former workers in the Inter-American Division, assuring them of our prayers and interest in them and soliciting their continued prayers for the finishing of the work in Inter-America.

**APPRECIATION OF SERVICES**

*Voted*, That we express to the General Conference our appreciation for the attendance of H. H. Cobban at our division council and the splendid service he has rendered; also for Elder Meade MacGuire's extended visit to the field and the valuable help we know it will mean to our work.

Several expressed their appreciation of the good spirit which prevailed during the days of our council, and the session was closed with earnest prayers offered by W. R. Elliott and H. H. Cobban.

E. E. ANDROSS, *Chairman*,  
F. L. HARRISON, *Secretary*.

**IT WAS A GOOD COUNCIL**

W. R. Elliott

The Inter-American Division council was called to order at the hour announced. At the close of the remarks by the chairman, earnest prayers were offered that the Spirit of God might always be present in our meetings, and direct in our study of the many important problems that were before us. The evenings were given to hearing reports from the departments and the unions.

As these reports were presented from evening to evening, we were all made to rejoice for the success in every field, for the marked evidences that God by His Spirit had guided in the work throughout the field, and had given a remarkable harvest of souls in spite of opposition, and in spite of the depression which has been felt all over the Inter-American Division. Local conditions in the various fields have at times

been the cause of great perplexity, and the workers have often been driven to prayer by those things; but God always has heard, and in His own way brought success to the work, so that as we look back over the work of the year, we are constrained to say: "See what God hath wrought!"

Early in the council committees were appointed to handle the various items that appeared on the agenda. These committees were kept busy for some time. After Brother Cobban's arrival, a committee of four, with Pastor Andross as chairman, was appointed to give detailed study to the budgets. This really was the most serious and perplexing problem before the council. The reduction of budgets in 1931 and 1932, with the further cut of six per cent to take effect on January 1, 1933, brought problems to the various unions that it was difficult to solve. How to continue to operate without a further reduction in the salary of workers or a reduction in the working force throughout the division, was a problem that called for

**HE COMES**

Mrs. T. Buchman

The day has passed, the shadows lengthen round us,

The night has come, and lo, He draweth nigh.  
He comes in glory, not in shame and sorrow,  
He comes, He comes, my Jesus from on high.

The voice of mercy soon will cease its calling,  
Behold the Judge, see now, is at the door.  
Give grace, give grace, to Israel's earnest pleading:

Give victory, *now, to-day*, and evermore.

Have pity, Lord, have pity on Thy people:  
Before Thine altar, see, we humbly bow.  
With contrite heart we come, our sins confessing,  
We pray Thee, gracious Father, spare, O spare us now!

Remember *now* the promise of Thy Spirit:  
Upon us Lord Thy Holy Spirit pour!  
Lest I should fall—my God, the day is evil—  
Baptize me now, this day, this very hour!

much prayer and careful study. However, we all felt that God would guide this committee in its work, and when their report was presented to the council, it was unanimously accepted. The budgets as arranged by them, make it possible to continue nearly all workers. The union leaders had all spent many anxious hours, trying to find some solution to their problems, and many hours in prayer for heavenly wisdom and guidance; and, while God's answer to these prayers was not in every case, perhaps, just what each leader desired, still we all felt that God was leading and that when we should arrive at the point where we were unable to see our way clearly, He would make it plain.

The statistical report for 1931 and the first nine months of 1932 showed a total of 5,232 baptisms in the division. By the close of 1932 it is quite certain that the church membership will exceed 20,000 and the Sabbath school membership 30,000. The per cent of net increase as compared with the number baptized in 1931 was 73.4% while for the world field it was 62.5%. Each department rendered an encouraging report of progress.

The presence of Brethren Cobban and MacGuire was greatly appreciated by all. Brother Cobban's assistance on the budgets and his counsel on other matters were of great value, and the spiritual help of Pastor MacGuire was a blessing to all. We are pleased that these brethren can remain with us long enough to permit them to visit some of the fields and study some of the problems with us on the ground. It is planned for Brother MacGuire to visit and assist in committee and regional meetings in every union.

There was present at all times in the meetings of the council a fine spirit of courage and optimism, of brotherhood, unity, and love. While considerable time was spent in the work of the council,—more felt than was at first planned,—all felt that it was wiser to take time to study the work carefully than to do in haste a work that might prove unwise in the end. Ringing testimonies of courage were heard from every one, and at the close of the meetings the men returned to their various fields of labor confident that God would do still greater things for them in 1933.

Seventh-day Adventist hearts in Inter-America are beating in unison with their brethren in all the world; and, in the language of the secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department, "they are keeping step with others around the world in most lines of service." In tithe, in offerings, and in personal service, they are doing what they can to finish the work and to hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. From Old Mexico to the Guianas, from Salvador, where Columbus landed, to the snowy crests of the lofty Andean ranges of Venezuela and Colombia, the message is going. Many a hungry heart is being fed with the Bread of Life, and many, who have been sitting in the region and shadow of death without hope and without God, rejoice in the shining of a great Light. Yes, the work in Inter-America is onward.

"We are to be laborers together with the heavenly angels in presenting Jesus to the world. With almost impatient eagerness the angels wait for our co-operation; for man must be the channel to communicate with man. And when we give ourselves to Christ in whole-hearted devotion, angels rejoice that they may speak through our voices to reveal God's love."—"*Desire of Ages*," p. 297.

# With Our Department Leaders

## EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

W. L. Adams

Developments in this department have been along the line of efficiency more than that of numbers. It took some time to get any system of reports coming to the division office because of the fact that we had no local secretaries to look after the work. During last year, we had a report of the number of students in our schools of the division of 635, but we are sure that we had nearly 800. Several church schools have been added to the list in various fields, so that our membership has increased till now we have a report of 1,362. This is not phenomenal, but we are glad for the good showing.

Our greatest improvement has come in the development of courses of study, the selection of suitable books, the training of teachers, and the improvement in ideals. Many of our young people are getting a better vision of what our system of denominational schools really means to them. This improvement in efficiency in the training schools will eventually mean better trained workers in the field in all lines of endeavor.

Goodness of heart and purity of life are essential to the success of any young man or woman, but these can never take the place of mental development which enables one to appraise his problem correctly and to arrive at the most efficient solution. Goodness and efficiency should be partners. We shall continue to work to these ends.

## OUR MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

Mrs. E. E. Andross

The year 1931 stands out in marked advance of previous years in the number of young people won in Inter-America and also in the soul-winning work done by our young people. For this special blessing I wish first to thank our great Master. He has given the increase. He has strengthened the young people to do valiant service for Him. Secondly, I wish to express gratitude to our faithful workers around the circle for their splendid co-operation and earnest efforts.

Our growth in membership during the year was not large; but our reporting membership increased by 857, or more than two each day; and the baptisms of young people ran up to 1299, or approximately 25 every week. In our devotional and educational activities we did not make quite as good records in 1931 as in 1930. This can be attributed partly to our inability to get reports from some fields where the leaders were away on furlough; but even so the drop is a

call to every friend of the youth to more earnest effort in persuading them to persevere in getting the training that these phases of our organization offer them.

Turning to the reports of missionary service, however, we find much to encourage us; and I trust you will read with interest the comparative figures below:

	1930	1931
Bible readings	101,784	142,038
Missionary visits	176,885	206,143
Treatments	20,999	27,556
Clothing	7,759	11,688
Literature	174,334	186,774
Letters	15,065	13,163

To me these figures speak of wholesome growth, of clearer vision on the part of the youth of the needs and opportunities around them, as well as of a deeper devotion to the great work

bership during the last two years, our young people have led the world in both the quarterly and annual reports in the number of Bible readings reported. In missionary visits they have usually held second place among the divisions; but in the distribution of literature we fall down to one of the lowest places. While we make earnest effort to push all lines of work let us put forth special effort to help our youth to scatter the pages of soul-winning literature as the leaves of autumn.

In the recommendations printed in this paper you will find in brief form our plans for 1933, and we solicit your prayers and your personal efforts in behalf of the youth that they may do more than ever before for the finishing of the Master's work and for the salvation of the lost. Our prayer is that 1933 shall be the best year yet.

## COMPARISON OF REPORTING MEMBERSHIP

Antillian Union	65%	94%
Bahamas	63%	62%
Cayman	106%	128%
Cuba	96%	94%
Haiti	98%	106%
Jamaica	34%	68%
Puerto Rico	75%	87%
Santo Domingo	....	70%
Caribbean Union	59%	95%
F. W. Indies	75%	90%
Guiana	48%	80%
Leeward Islands	71%	90%
South Caribbean	56%	95%
Central American Union	47%	68%
British Honduras	74%	50%
Costa Rica	78%	92%
Guatemala	40%	100%
Honduras	38%	27%
Nicaragua	92%	63%
Panama	52%	81%
Salvador	37%	43%
Colombia-Venezuela Union	30%	47%
Atlantic Colombia	44%	24%
Central Colombia	40%	82%
Pacific Colombia	22%	56%
Upper Magdalena	51%	23%
Venezuela	20%	28%
Mexican Union	45%	90%
Central	26%	72%
Gulf	65%	100%
Lake	9%	80%
Tehuantepec	48%	85%
Yucatan	73%	100%

committed to God's children. Could we have followed the youth in the missions of loving service expressed in these figures, I am sure our hearts would have thrilled with gratitude.

We hope you will study carefully these reporting percentages and help to bring up the weak points.

You will also be interested to know that our young people are keeping step with the youth in other divisions of the world. While our Inter-American force has varied from sixth to third in mem-

## THE PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

W. A. Bergherm

As we review the past we cannot but be impressed with the fact that the guiding hand of Heaven led this people, at the very beginning of this message, to adopt the press as a means of its proclamation. No other medium could have been chosen that would wield such a wide influence for good as the press. A prominent editor in the Far East wrote as follows:

"Wisely and well has this mission [Seventh-day Adventist] seen beyond the more limited horizon that bounds most of us, and put their emphasis on books, thus reaching a world where no missionary goes. I propose that we take off our hats to Seventh-day Adventists, and make a deep bow. They have had more sense and wisdom in regard to missionary work than the rest of us."

During the year 1931 the largest single baptism on record in the history of this division was reported by the Mexican Union. It was literature sold by a colporteur that started that interest which resulted in so many accepting the message. So far as we know no Seventh-day Adventists, except that colporteur, had come in contact with these people. He made three visits, covering a period of two years. Then the superintendent of the mission made the long trip to baptize the believers there. Seventy-two were buried in the watery grave on this occasion. Truly it is wonderful! If the work of the colporteur may at any time seem hard or trying, reports of souls being won more than compensate; yes, it puts real love for this work into the heart.

Below we give a brief comparison of the sales of the division covering the period since 1926:

Year	Colporteurs (Av. num.)	Hours worked	Sales
1926	79	52,825	\$134,159.39
1927	102	64,123	182,466.17
1928	92	73,270	175,469.55
1929	131	100,528	191,160.29
1930	135	105,058	167,251.86
1931	148	124,237	164,503.02

It will be noticed that the year 1929 was the peak year in sales; that in 1931 they made a slight drop from the sales of 1930. But when compared with 1926, back in the days when conditions financially were much better, it will be seen there is a gain in the sales of 1931 over the year 1926 of a little over \$30,000.00.

There are two other items in this comparison that are of interest. It will be seen that last year the average number of colporteurs at work was 148, the largest number in our history; and that the hours worked were the most, not only for the division, but they were more per colporteur than in any previous year.

As we face the future, let us not lose sight of the important part the printed page is to have right up to the close of time. In "Testimonies," Vol. VII, page 140, we read: "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that angel who comes down from Heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."

**THE CHURCH AT STUDY**

W. L. Adams

The Sabbath school is the church at study. It takes in all the church members and those connected with every Adventist family, from the small child to the oldest person. It is capable of doing so much good for the reason that it can and does come into close contact with such a large portion of our believers.

It is interesting to note how our Sabbath school membership has increased from the time that records have been kept in the division office. At that time (the first quarter of 1924) we had a membership of 10,954. This has increased until now, the third quarter of 1932, we have a total of 28,453, which is 2.6 times the membership at the beginning. It is interesting also to note that a field like the Colombia-Venezuela Union, which started out with a membership in the Sabbath schools of 187, has now increased till it stands at 1,313, or nearly seven times the membership at the beginning of the records in 1924. We are now gaining nearly 500 new members every quarter.

The total offerings for the first quarter of 1924 amounted to \$7,245.47. For the third quarter of 1932 the offerings totaled \$9,143.59, if the one mission that failed to report gives as it did the second quarter of the year. The largest offering ever given through the Sabbath schools in this division was that of the second quarter of 1929, when it to-

taled \$12,474.09. The increase in the donations through the Sabbath schools is not in proportion to the growth in membership. Our growth in membership, however, has been much more pronounced during the past two and one-half years, a time of financial depression, while the large offerings on the per capita basis came in during the time of prosperity. This should challenge us to greater endeavor to put our work on a more nearly self-supporting basis, for now we are having to depend more and more on the people who are brought into the truth to support the work in their own fields. We trust that all will

rally to the support of this work now when it is needed more than in times past when we had such liberal support from the General Conference.

Aside from the offerings, the increases in the various endeavors within the Sabbath school have been quite parallel with the growth of the membership. It is our purpose to aid in building up the efficiency of the local Sabbath school, so that the greatest possible good may come to the church membership and those who may be brought into contact with the church through this agency. Let us do all we can to build up the "church at study."

**HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT**  
L. V. Finster

Any attempt to give the full results of missionary work done during 1931 is an utter impossibility, for who can trace the influence of a Bible reading held or a tract given away? Eternity alone can reveal the full results. So by faith we must work and pray and leave the full results with God.

Some comparisons, however, may be helpful in getting a proper view of the onward march of the message and of the goal set before us ere we can expect the latter rain in its fullness. We are told:

"The great outpouring of the Spirit of God, which lightens the whole earth with His glory, will not come until we have an enlightened people, that know by experience what it means to be laborers together with God. When we have entire, whole-hearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by the outpouring of His Spirit without measure; but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not laborers together with God."—*"Christian Service,"* p. 253.

This work can never be finished "until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers," so our goal should ever be "the whole church giving the whole gospel to the whole world."

The Inter-American Division is fast forging ahead for the first place in the reporting membership of our world work. The second quarter of 1932 we tied with the Far Eastern Division at 88%. Our third quarter's report reached 92% reporting membership. We are glad to

share this honor with the Missionary Volunteers.

In our efforts for greater evangelism, I feel that care should be taken to instruct more fully our lay members in the part that they should have in the finishing of the work. If the unused forces of our laity could be fully enlisted, it would not take long for the message to be carried to all the world.

In most of our fields I find that our missionary organization is functioning fairly well down to the band formations in the churches. This seems to be our weakest point and where we should focus our greatest efforts during 1933. Instill into this part of the work the breath of the living God. The importance of training and encouraging our band leaders is as great as the training of our Sabbath school teachers. "Every church should be a training school for Christian workers."

Let these be our objectives for 1933:

1. Every church member a victorious Christian.
2. Every member of every church a witness for Christ.
3. Every church organized for service.
4. Every church a training school for Christian workers.

Kindly notice the encouraging comparative report of our reporting membership as shown on page six.

We earnestly ask for a careful study of the following comparisons of missionary endeavor that we may make 1933 even better than previous years:

**COMPARISON OF HOME MISSIONARY WORK**

Union	1931—FIRST SIX MONTHS				1932—FIRST SIX MONTHS			
	Bible Read.	Miss. Visits	Persons Helped	Periodicals Distributed	Bible Read.	Miss. Visits	Persons Helped	Period. Distrib.
Antillian	138,037	162,490	87,430	113,413	160,917	211,783	97,225	120,721
Caribbean	56,333	103,705	16,323	84,627	59,152	103,710	46,535	79,754
Central Amer.	15,169	18,183	10,021	46,470	12,128	21,514	12,159	67,034
Col.-Venezuela	2,630	3,521	1,254	20,396	9,340	6,342	1,865	16,926
Mexican	8,957	12,084	1,532	14,216	19,858	16,554	8,418	18,051
Division	221,126	299,983	116,560	279,122	261,395	359,903	166,202	302,486

# Echoes from the Field

## LA ACADEMIA IN COSTA RICA

W. H. Wineland, *Principal*

January 29, 1933 marked the close of a most prosperous school year for La Academia Adventista Hispanoamericana. This was moving year and a construction program was on, therefore, difficulties were expected and encountered; but prayer and patience made it possible to finish the year successfully.

In spite of the financial crisis there was a 50% increase in enrolment over the previous year. Thus the school homes have been full to capacity. Every mission in the two unions except British Honduras had students in school. Many of these students have now entered the colporteur work to earn their scholarships for the coming year. A number are working on the school farm.

The school farm is being developed so as to provide food for the students. Fruit trees and berry plants, potatoes and vegetables, have been planted. Cows have been purchased to supply milk and butter, and a team of horses to do the heavy farm work. The campus is being put into shape for the planting of ornamental trees and flowers, and a ditch is being constructed from the spring for irrigating the garden and campus during the dry season. Preparations are also being made to start a poultry department. It is hoped that in a short time the school farm will be producing sufficient fruits, vegetables, milk, butter, and eggs to supply the needs of the school family and that there will be a surplus for market.

There has been no serious sickness during the year and there has been spiritual and mental growth. With few exceptions all were able to pass their examinations and a large per cent with honor marks. Systematic missionary work was carried on during the year in the distribution of tracts in the territory near the school. There has been a sweet spirit of Christian fellowship.

The Harvest Ingathering was entered into with enthusiasm. Every student and teacher had an active part in the campaign. The goal set by the thirty-four members of the school family was 1,500 colones; but they gathered 1,527.

We are thankful for the splendid spirit that is prevailing among the members of the school family. All are planning to return for the new term, and we are praying that this may be possible, also that many others may be with us at that time. The new prospectus is ready and copies have been sent to all whose names we have. Any one interested who has not received a copy may secure one by sending a request to the principal, Apartado 1325, San Jose, Costa Rica.

## WITNESSES NEAR MOUNT PELEE

W. H. Atherly

On the morning of May 8, 1902 the city of St. Pierre was completely destroyed by the eruption of Mt. Pelee. More than 30,000 people perished. Only one person survived to relate the horrors of the catastrophe!

Later, among the ruins of what was once the chief city of the French West Indies, a small town was constructed. In 1929 N. D. Isaac began evangelistic meetings there; but again Mt. Pelee threatened destruction and all the inhabitants fled to a place of safety.

Among those who returned to St. Pierre after the eruption was a Seventh-day Adventist family. Other believers joined them, and as they witnessed for their faith, a number accepted the gospel. Today in St. Pierre a company of believers witness to the words that Jesus spoke, "and this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world."

## PACIFIC COLOMBIA MISSION

L. V. Finster

It was my privilege to visit beautiful Cali and near-by cities in the interest of Harvest Ingathering and convention work. Leaving the boat at Buenaventura, I went by train up along a very crooked river for many miles. At many places the gorge is so narrow that the mountains seemed to rise in an almost perpendicular wall. The first range of the Andes is crossed at an altitude of some 7,000 feet. There one gets a most wonderful view of the hills and valleys beneath. The eye never tires of looking at these mighty works of God. A descent is then made to Cali, situated in the beautiful Cauca valley, at an altitude of about 3,000 feet. The office of the Pacific Colombia Mission is located at Cali, where the climate is fine almost the whole year.

The work in Cali is making splendid progress. Brother Kinzer is an indefatigable worker with the message burning on his heart. While I was there he started his fourth evangelistic effort for 1932, besides spending a few months in erecting the new church building at Cali.

God greatly helped us in our Harvest Ingathering campaign. Two weeks' work brought us more than \$300.00. They now have their goal at \$400.00 and believe they can reach it. We thank God for what He has done.

Two home missionary conventions were held, one at Tuluá and one at Cali. Our people took great interest in knowing how to do better service for God. The one held at Cali just preceded

their public effort. The whole church united in prayer and work and this gave great power to the effort. The first night about 400 were present. Each evening the interest increased until the church could not hold those who wished to hear.

The Lord is greatly blessing the lay members in Colombia. Many new companies are being raised up by the efforts of our laity. Several families have volunteered to move into cities where the truth is not known that they may spread the message to all parts. Our budgets are short but our faithful members can give the message in all places. Our people in Colombia are of good courage, notwithstanding that many have had to pass through some trying experiences. We rejoice over the onward march of the truth in Colombia.

## INDIANS BUILDING CHURCH

E. P. Howard

Below is a copy of a letter just received from Brother Roger Brooks. The Indian village of Clinger is twelve miles on beyond Yulu Wawa, where our school and church are located among the Indians, and where Brother Brooks lives.

Feliciano lives in Clinger. He is an Indian brother whom I baptized some three years past with his two daughters. They are very desirous of having a church school and the building they will erect is for a school and also a church. You can see they are counting on our sending Fritzel, Brother Brooks' brother, over there to teach.

Our mission does not have the money to answer this call. We also need \$15.00 to pay for some paint, nails and hinges. If they put up the building, we should help this much if possible. Brother Brooks writes as follows:

"My visit to Clinger was one of the most encouraging I ever made. The brethren received me with joy and many greetings. Preparations were at once made to hold meetings. Friday night, October 21, at 7:30 we began our first meeting which was held in one of Feliciano's houses. Feliciano is a faithful Indian brother who is ready and willing to do all he can in helping to bring this last message of warning to his people.

"On Sabbath morning our Sabbath school and preaching service were conducted. Following this at 4 P. M. another meeting was held by my brother, Fritzel, who accompanied me to this village. Our last meeting was that night after Sabbath. We could see that the Spirit of God was in this meeting, for many of these dear Indians began to weep as they listened to the words, 'Prepare to meet thy God.' Seeing that their hearts were touched, I made a call for those to stand who were willing to accept Christ and follow Him. Nine stood while tears flowed from their eyes. Their names were taken and they are now ready to be instructed for baptism. The following morning two more gave in their names, making eleven in all.

"Brother Feliciano, along with his son-in-law, and others are determined to saw lumber to build a church sixteen by twenty-two. His daughters will cut the thatch for the roofing.



You see our work is progressing in Clinger as well as in Yulu.

"The Lord is touching the hearts of these Indians. We hope that many will soon make a full decision to be true followers of Christ."

### WHEN GOD TURNED THE STORM

(Taken from a personal letter from Sister Minnie Sype-Atteberry, who is now in the Bahamas with her son. The letter was written soon after the hurricane that did so much damage in Puerto Rico last September.)

We want to thank our dear heavenly Father for sparing our little island from the hurricane. And I want to say that I believe we were spared in answer to prayer. Everywhere people were busy preparing for the storm. We got in provisions and gathered in some of the neighbors.

Then we sought the Lord earnestly in prayer for everything here is in bad shape. The people are not able to replace any losses. Still every message received indicated that the hurricane was coming right to Nassau; but when it was about forty miles away, it suddenly turned and went north.

It did much damage in Abaco and we are helping the sufferers there. We had a program Sunday night to help them; and the Dorcas society is helping with clothing. Well, the Lord has been good to us and I surely appreciate the privilege of working for Him.

"Our report for October," wrote Brother Manoram, field missionary secretary for the Guiana Conference, "shows the best delivery we have had in this conference since the beginning of the work. . . . We are going over our goals for the year." Guiana also made a wonderful record in soul winning. Had the baptisms during the first nine months of 1932 been five more, she would have averaged one baptism each day; and in her Sabbath school membership she averaged an addition of more than two every day, in the same time.

One of the brethren in San Salvador, Bahamas writes as follows concerning their condition after the storm which struck there September 10: "There are a few houses destroyed and all damaged. We have no seed corn to plant again and the fields just look like you had put fire to them and everything burned up." Another brother in the same place says: "Our fields are all gone and we have no money to buy food stuff. There is nothing to look forward to but starvation."

The French West Indian Mission reports better success in Harvest Ingathering during 1932 than during 1931. In the South Caribbean Conference two new church schools have been opened. Our church buildings in St. Thomas and Tortola, two islands in the Leeward Islands Conference, were damaged by a hurricane some time ago.

## WITH OUR DEPARTMENTS

### LESSONS FROM THE PAST

C. E. Wood

When the children of Israel were endeavoring to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, and were harassed on every hand by their enemies, Nehemiah encouraged them to believe that God would not desert them. He used almost the same identical words that Moses spake to God's people on their journey from Egypt to Canaan when the Red Sea in front of them and the Egyptian army in the rear seemed to make progress impossible. Nehemiah said, "Our God shall fight for us." Neh. 4:20; Moses said, "The Lord shall fight for you." Ex 14:14. We may learn the lesson of faith and courage from these experiences, for God has promised to do just as great things for His people today. We read in "Prophets and Kings":

"The opposition and discouragement that the builders in Nehemiah's day met from open enemies and pretended friends, is typical of the experience that those today will have who work for God."—*Prophets and Kings*, p. 644.

In the following quotation we have a definite promise of God:

"The Lord wants His people in these days to believe that He will do as great things for them as He did for the children of Israel in their journey from Egypt to Canaan."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 271.

We may expect that our difficulties and perplexities in proclaiming the last warning message will increase as we draw nearer to the great crisis: for we read in "Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 43, "We are on the very verge of the time of trouble, and perplexities that are scarcely dreamed of are before us." We need not fear, however, for God will surely fulfil His promise to be with His people, and no situation will develop for which provision has not been made.

"Jesus does not call us to follow Him, and then forsake us. If we surrender our lives to His service, we can never be placed in a position for which God has not made provision. Whatever may be our situation, we have a Guide to direct our way; whatever our perplexities, we have a sure Counselor."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 263.

It is true that God permits difficulties and perplexities to come to us, but He has a purpose in them.

"The Lord frequently places us in difficult positions to stimulate us to greater exertion. In His providence, special annoyances sometimes occur to test our patience and faith. God gives us lessons of trust. He would teach us where to look for help and strength in time of need."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VI, p. 116.

In the fifth chapter of James, which describes the conflict between the laboring classes and the rich which will develop in the last days, God gives very significant counsel to His people. He says, "Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience." Jas. 5:10. So

it is evident that this conflict between the rich and the poor, which we now see developing, will bring affliction to God's people. We are not only referred to the experiences of the prophets, but to the experience of Job. "Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord." Jas. 5:11.

God desires that we shall profit from the experience of Job. We turn to this book in the Bible, and read that one disaster after another overtook this servant of God until all of his property was swept away; but we hear him saying, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Job 1:21. We see him in the second chapter covered with boils, and hear his wife say, "Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God and die." Still Job keeps his eyes upon the Lord, and says, "What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?" But when his three friends came to visit him in his affliction, and sat before him seven days and seven nights without speaking a word Job withdrew his eyes from the Lord, and the record says, "After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day." Many statements in the subsequent chapters indicate that Job was looking at men when his eyes should have been fixed upon the Lord. This is evidently the lesson the Lord would have us learn from the experience of Job as we face the coming time of trouble.

"When temptations and trials come, do not wait to adjust all the difficulties, but look to Jesus your helper."—*Desire of Ages*, p. 493.

If difficulties confront us in the carrying forward of God's work in these last days, should we not find encouragement in the following words:—"Through most wonderful workings of divine providence, mountains of difficulty will be removed, and cast into the sea."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 96.

### HEALTHFUL LIVING

#### No. 2—The Food Needs of Our Bodies Mrs. C. C. Ellis

Webster's dictionary defines the word food as "nutriment," "nourishment in solid form," "that which sustains." I believe these are good thoughts to hold in mind as we briefly discuss our topic of the month.

A sufficient food supply is the first necessity for the life of any nation. If we study the food supplies of different countries, we are struck by their differences. Some peoples live largely on rice; some on wheat; some, in the tropics, chiefly on fruit and vegetables. Others, like the Eskimo in the far north, use great quantities of meat and fat.

It is interesting to note that some of the Italian peasants really thrive on a diet of corn meal, green vegetables, and olive oil. An excellent diet, used by some country people of Europe, includes a daily ration of graham bread, potatoes, vegetable margarine, apples, and milk. All these foods in all these countries are turned into good human muscle, nerve, and bone. Some diets, which at first seem very primitive, are most satisfactory.

What is the composition of food? Although the various things we eat are so different in taste and appearance, they are made up of a few main substances which may be classified under six headings—water, protein, carbohydrates, fats, mineral salts and vitamins.

Almost all foods, even those which seem quite hard, contain water. Milk is about 85% water and an orange 65% water. Even a slice of bread is 35% water. The human body itself is about 70% water. Water is constantly being given off from the lungs, the skin and the kidneys; and to make up for this we should drink at least three pints or six glasses of water every day.

Proteins are most abundant in meats and animal foods; but peas, beans, lentils, and certain other plants, also contain it. The white of an egg is a good example of protein.

Carbohydrates, on the other hand, occur most abundantly in foods such as potatoes and cereals. Boiled potatoes are 20% carbohydrates and good bread over 50%. Starch and sugars are the two most common forms of carbohydrates in our foods.

Fats are found in largest amounts in animal foods. We also have oils. Eggs are 10% fat and milk 4%.

Our food also contains mineral salts, not only the kind in the salt shaker, but other minerals as well. Mineral salts are present only in very small amounts, but the body needs a dozen or more different kinds to keep it healthy. Lime, for instance, is essential to build the skeleton, and iron is necessary for good blood.

Food is needed by the body for two distinct purposes: to supply the energy for the various activities of life, and to replace the body tissue which constantly is wasting away. Food has still a third use in youth. Then it is needed to build up the new tissue which is necessary for growth.

Milk is one of the most valuable of all foods. One quart of good milk meets half the body's daily need for proteins, about one-fourth of the daily need of energy, three-fifths of the daily need of phosphorus, and more than the daily need of calcium. Milk is low in iron but high in vitamins.

It is also important to eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables, such as root

vegetables like carrots and beets. Fruits, vegetables, and milk rightly are called protective foods. On the other hand bread, cereals potatoes and fats are essential as sources of energy. The whole grains in bread and cereals give protein and mineral as well.

It is possible for our health to suffer from too much food as well as from too little. Many people overload their digestive systems and then do not know what is wrong when they feel heavy, dull, and cross.

Watch for "Clean and Healthy" next month.

### TO HELP PARENTS

In the *Review and Herald* of December 11, 1879, Mrs. E. G. White wrote the following regarding the importance of books:

"There are many who have no books and publications upon present truth. Here is a large field where money can be safely invested. There are large numbers of little ones who should be supplied with reading. The Sunshine Series, Golden Grain Series, Poems, Sabbath Readings, etc., are all precious books, and may safely be introduced into every family. The many trifles usually spent in candies and useless toys, may be treasured up with which to buy these volumes.

"Children need proper reading which will afford amusement and recreation, and not demoralize the mind or weary the body. If they are taught to love romance and newspaper tales, instructive books and papers will become distasteful to them. Most children and young people will have reading matter; and if it is not selected for them, they will select it for themselves. They can find a ruinous quality of reading anywhere, and they soon learn to love it; but if pure and good reading is furnished them they will cultivate a taste for that."

Dear parents, the Missionary Volunteer reading course books are planned to help you solve this important problem.

### MISSING MEMBERS

[A helpful excerpt from the Sabbath school report read by Brother A. G. Blake, at the Panama City Sabbath school, November 12, 1932.]

We are living in the closing days of this world, and the privilege we now enjoy may soon be taken from us. There is a special promise that where two or three are met together in God's name, He will be in their midst.

How shall we account for the absence of seventy-four members last Sabbath, when 302 should have been present? Are they lost, sick, stolen, or have they strayed away? If they are lost, then we should seek them out and help them to renew their interest in the Sabbath school for in the words of another, "Prophecy is being rapidly fulfilled, showing that the great day of God is at hand" and we are admonished not to forsake "the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

If they are sick, then we should make it known and do our part by rally-

ing around, extend a helping hand, and give a consoling word for we are admonished to visit the sick and afflicted.

If they have been stolen by attractions elsewhere, then we must make them feel the spirit of love which prevails in our school. Let us make them feel that our school is not a railway station, and we simply passengers attending to our own affairs, carrying our own baggage, and watching our own train, but that we have an interest in them, and really miss them when they are absent, and greatly desire their presence.

If the missing members simply strayed away to some other school, those in charge of their classes should make it their duty to see that they are provided with visitor's cards, so their records may be kept.

### I APPEAL TO YOU W. H. Wineland

Christ's great love for the children of men gives Him a special interest in the betterment of man's condition. "Throughout His whole life He was possessed of one purpose: He lived to bless others." The greatest blessing that can come to one is to turn from darkness to light. Putting away the evil and cleaving to the good dispels the darkness. Following noble resolutions brings the light.

I want to appeal especially to the youth. This is the day of your opportunity. Gross darkness is everywhere. The world is under a thick cloud. "Crisis, crisis, crisis!" is the mournful cry that comes to our ears from the north, the south, the east, and the west. Mankind is afraid—afraid to move, afraid to buy, afraid to sell. Distress, perplexity, anxiety, despair! and the crisis grows more serious; the darkness deepens.

Young friends, mankind needs the Saviour in this trying hour. What is your new resolution for 1933? Jesus has only one purpose for your young life. He wants you to help dispel the darkness. He wants you to prepare for a place in the noble work of winning souls for His everlasting kingdom. His training schools are planted here and there throughout the land for the purpose of giving you the needed preparation. Shall you halt between two opinions any longer? Will you not resolve without delay that the next opening day of school will find you present, with others, ready to enlist as soldiers in the Lord's army, to be trained to help finish His work. A noble resolve, backed up by determination, grit, and diligence, will make it possible for you to attend school this year. And with your lives completely surrendered to Him you will be "transformed into vessels of honor, sanctified and meet for the Master's use."

# Senior and Junior M. V. Corner

## BE PREPARED

E. S. LeRoy Watson

(One of our M. V's.)

The supreme challenge of the present hour in the church is to young men and women. The Lord is calling them today in a very definite manner. The time demands young people who by consistent, consecrated lives, will not flinch from bearing before the world the banner of truth, the unadulterated testimony of the gospel, even at the peril of their lives. It demands young people, who by their untiring perseverance in right doing and unswerving fidelity to God, can be fitting successors to noble and heroic characters like Daniel, who in his youth witnessed boldly to the possibility of leading a life of temperance, despite regal influences and enticements to the contrary; like Joseph, who refrained from committing a great sin against his God in the face of the most trying circumstances; and like Moses, who preferred to suffer severe affliction with the people of God, rather than to "enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." These three worthy nobles made very commendable resolutions in the tender years of their lives, and the record of their lives comes to the youth today as a challenge to emulate them.

Our Seventh-day Adventist youth should be thoroughly conversant with the various points of our doctrines; and ample provision is made for learning them in the many phases of the work of the Missionary Volunteer society. I appeal to you, my young comrades and fellow Missionary Volunteers, to make this your motto: BE PREPARED. Let us be prepared for true living, for service in behalf of others, and let us be prepared to meet Jesus.

Many things come that tend to defeat us in our progress toward preparedness. The enemy of our souls lurks near on every hand with his cunning snares and artful wiles, ready to ensnare and entrap us. He realizes the nearness of his impending doom and waxes fiercer in his determination to deceive us.

To most young people, living a sinless life is thought of as being a thing absolutely impossible; but we should remember that our Lord from His earliest childhood lived such a life, and He is our example and pattern. Furthermore, He is able to deliver us from the miry paths, from the quagmire of sin, from the clutch of the enemy. As Missionary Volunteers, striving to live the life that counts, we must ever bear in mind that the Christian pathway is not paved with gold, but is crowded with cares and derisions and material disappointments. We must never allow these things to draw us down from the lofty

plane of communion with God. If we neglect the opportunity to commune regularly and to plead earnestly with God for deliverance, besides the painful sensation of terrible regret, we shall be held responsible for our evil influence over others.

We must aim high if we expect to grow up to the stature of perfection in Christ Jesus. The holy angels are filled with inexpressible joy as they behold hundreds of S. D. A. youth who are firmly determined to keep the torchlight of salvation aglow in a world abounding in sin of every color. Then let us be alert as regards our responsibilities to God and don the "shield of faith" and the "breastplate of righteousness." Let us gird our loins with truth and have our feet shod "with the preparation of the gospel of peace." In short, let us put on the "whole armor of God that we may be able to stand."

We have not been purchased with gold and silver—perishable and corruptible things,—but with the precious blood of the Lamb. In view of this fact let us pray, not for work equal to our strength, but for power commensurate to our task. And with our hands tightly clasped, let us as Missionary Volunteers herald the message of a "crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour" with mighty power, thus fulfilling our part in the proclamation of the message "to all the world in this generation." Thus only will we be worthy of the cause for which we stand, and of the marvelous truths which we represent. May the spirit of PREPAREDNESS possess us fully throughout 1933.

### MILTON'S HONAN PLEDGE

Milton was seven years old, "going on eight," when his teacher in church school told her junior Missionary Volunteer society about Honan, and showed it to them on a map of China. She told them how large it is, and how many millions of Chinese live there. Honan is a province of China, just as York is a county in the British Isles.

She told them a little about the children of Honan. Chenchu was a little Honan girl. Her father's house was fairly good. There was a raised platform at one end, made of bricks. This was the bed, and all the family slept on it. There was heat under the bricks, to keep them warm. The people in Honan who have a warm bed like this are very glad. Many do not have even this much. A great many die of cold and hunger every year in Honan.

The teacher wished every one in the junior society to make a promise to

bring some money before the end of the year, to send to these poor people in Honan to tell them about Jesus.

"I will bring five dollars," said Milton.

"That is a good deal for a little boy," said his teacher; "Are you sure you can? You know this is to be money that you earn yourself, not what mother gives you." Milton was very sure.

"Mother," he said, as soon as he reached home, "teacher told us all about Honan, and I've promised to give five dollars—going to earn it my own self."

"All right, Milton," said mother. "I am glad you want to help. But you better begin right away to save, for if you promised to give that much, that is a pledge, and a pledge must be kept."

For a little boy, Milton had many ways of earning pennies and nickles and dimes. He took papers to the houses of all the people on a number of streets, he sold magazines, and sometimes he ran errands for people who did not have any little boys of their own.

Still his Honan pledge did not grow very fast. You see, there were so many things that he wanted for himself!

By and by there was a new thing that Milton wanted, oh, so much! A bicycle! You have to be a little boy "going on eight" to know just how much Milton wanted that wheel.

"You see," he explained, "I could get around so much faster with the papers, if I only had it! I've got two dollars now, and I'm going to work every minute and save all I earn, every penny—can I buy it, mother?"

"But your two dollars is for the Honan pledge, Milton. What about that? And then, you know, you promised to raise five dollars."

Milton did not want to think about anything but the bicycle. That was very near and Honan a long way off. But he did think about it just the same, and he thought hard.

"I'm really going to pay that pledge, mother," he said. "I'm not going to buy ice cream cones and peanuts every time I want them. I said I would pay it, and I will."

Of course when he really made up his mind, he really did save the money. It was hard work at first, but the more he saved, the better he liked it; and there was no happier boy in the church school than Milton when he paid his Honan pledge.

And after that, Milton kept on working and saving, till he had enough to buy a bicycle. It took a long time, but he had learned how to save and that helped. And, of course, he had great fun on the wheel as any little boy would; but somehow it never gave him so much real "inside happiness" as paying his Honan pledge.—*Adapted from "Really Trulies."*

**ASHORE AND AFLOAT**

The June issue of this paper told of the death of Brother D. C. Babcock who spent many years in the mission fields. Now comes a letter from Sister Babcock, telling of the death of their only daughter, who passed away Sabbath, December 3, 1932. This is a great blow to Sister Babcock. She and the boys live in America where the boys are attending school. Let us remember her and her children in prayer.

Pastor E. E. Andross returned to the division office January 13 after a brief visit to Cuba. We are thankful to report that he continues to improve, and we trust will be entirely over the effects of his injury soon. Again he and Sister Andross wish to thank their friends throughout the division for the assurances of continued prayers that come.

**FORWARD INTO 1933**

F. L. Harrison

The economic depression is being felt throughout the world, and the countries of the Inter-American Division have not escaped its effect. In the *Literary Digest* of December 31, prominent leaders of the Catholic church refer to the economic conditions that exist today; and speak of how the capital of the country is getting into the hands of a few. The article is entitled "A Warning to Capitalists." Surely one can not read these statements that come to us from prominent men, through the press, without having his mind directed to the solemn words found in James 5:1-5. In the same issue of the *Digest* appeared a brief report of the Federal Council of Churches which recently held its quadrennial meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana. Just a few of the thoughts expressed in this council are as follows:

"To some extent, at least, the council speaks in the name of ministers and members of twenty-six Protestant bodies comprising nearly 22,000,000 enrolled communicants. The desire for money, power, prestige, translate it into what you will, is the major cause of man's present economic ills and spiritual woe. It is selfishness that has brought Europe to the edge of the gutter and rendered millions in America helpless in the midst of plenty. It is selfishness that has brought the whole world to the verge of spiritual debacle."

How clearly these things appearing in print in the current magazines show us how the prophecy is being fulfilled at this time. Should these conditions which we face not cause us to study more carefully than ever before our responsibility in such a time as this, that we may be found faithful stewards of what the Lord has entrusted to us?

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where

thieves do not break through and steal: For where your treasure is there will your heart be also." Matt. 6:19-21.

"The present is a time of overwhelming interest to all living. Rulers and statesmen, men who occupy positions of trust and authority, thinking men and women of all classes, have their attention fixed upon the events taking place about us. . . . They observe the intensity that is taking possession of every earthly element, and they recognize that something great and decisive is about to take place,—that the world is on the verge of a stupendous crisis."—"Prophets and Kings," p. 537.

It is too early to give any report with reference to the funds coming in during the last quarter of 1932; but we wish to take this opportunity to thank every believer for his loyalty during the past year and sincerely solicit your full co-operation for the advancement of the cause during 1933.

**SUPPLICATION**

Sylvia M. Connor

Dear Jesus, ere the dewdrops sparkle in the sun,  
And ere the city's din disturb my peaceful mind,  
Ere my daily task here has begun,  
Hold, Thou, my hand, Oh Master kind.

Ere the gray mist vanish from the mountain  
crest,  
Ere all that fear the light seek place to hide,  
While the song bird warbles from its nest,  
I pray, be Thou, this day, my Guide.

Whisper in my ear the words that I should speak;  
Let me hear Thy still, small voice amid the  
thrang,

Through trials keep me patient, sweet, and meek.  
I need Thee, Lord, this whole day long.

And when have died the lingering rays of day,  
And silent stars adorn the heavenly dome,  
May I be able then, dear Lord, to say  
I'm one day nearer Thee and home.

**FROM ALL THE WORLD**

"Our Ibadan school," writes Brother W. J. B. Hyde, "is situated just inside the old wall and moat of the largest Negro town in Africa." Many of the boys attending the school are nominally Mohammedans, but all join in the Bible classes and some are preparing to take the Standard of Attainment tests. The morning Watch is observed generally by the students.

Our lay members in West Africa are keeping step with us here in Inter-America. A recent paper from Europe told of one of them walking 150 miles to carry the message to some who knew not Jesus.

During the last four years more than 12,000 have been baptized in the African Division, and during 1929 and 1930 the workers there began to proclaim this message in fifteen new languages and dialects.

One of the native workers in Papua reports that his health is beginning to suffer greatly because he does not get

enough sleep. And why does he not get enough sleep?—Because the heathen in the village where he is working give him hardly any rest, day or night, for they are so anxious to learn the story of salvation.

While we have been rejoicing over large gains in our church, we are told that some Protestant churches in America have lost heavily in membership. Quoting the *New York Times*,

"The Methodists, who in 1929 suffered the first loss in one hundred years, show the biggest decrease for 1930—a total of 43,211. The Presbyterians also lost heavily, having decreased by 22,763 communicants and the Disciples of Christ lost 18,567."

The handbook of a certain denomination in America says that its members spend annually \$46,200,00 for tobacco, \$26,000,00 on moving pictures, \$21,580,000 on automobile outings, more than \$43,000,000 on cosmetics and \$35,000,000 on soft drinks and chewing gum. Let us not condemn the church members referred to in these figures, but let us search our own expenditures diligently. Does God have full control of our pennies? Pennies make dollars and pounds, you know. Just suppose every Sabbath school member in Inter-America should misspend one cent a day. That would mean squandering \$284.91 in one day. Think what that would mean in a year! Let us let God have full control of our pennies.

Pastor Stahl had two groups of Indians near Iquitos, South America, ready for baptism. An army officer said to him, "I will not permit you to baptize these people. By the way, who gave you authority to baptize?" Brother Stahl quietly opened his Bible and showed the officer the command of Jesus, and said: "Here is my authority." The officer replied: "Well, you better see Jesus about it then." Circumstances arose that caused the officer to flee for his life, and the waiting Indians were baptized.

**IN BIBLE LANDS**

Our colporteur evangelists are not forgetting the old Bible lands. These faithful pioneers have been in the neighborhood of Ur of the Caldees, Babylon, Nineveh, and other places in Mesopotamia. Also in Egypt the message is going through the printed page. Up and down the Nile the colporteurs are distributing gospel literature. One of these evangelists writes:

"When we cross the peninsula of Sinai and enter Palestine, we find our publications also there in many houses. In Bethlehem and Nazareth I was able to sell a good number of our books. Traveling farther north, we find that Tyre and Sidon have been visited by the colporteur evangelist. At Damascus two brethren have just been working with the printed page. All over Lebanon, where still a few of the beautiful cedars are to be found, we were given good success."