



OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

I have a deep interest in the youth, and I greatly desire to see them striving to perfect Christian characters, seeking by diligent study and earnest prayer to gain the training essential for acceptable service in the cause of God. I long to see them helping one another to reach a higher plane of Christian experience.

Christ came to teach the human family the way of salvation, and He made this way so plain that a little child can walk in it. He bids His disciples follow on to know the Lord; and as they daily follow His guidance, they learn that His going forth is prepared as the morning.

You have watched the rising sun, and the gradual break of day over earth and sky. Little by little the dawn increases, till the sun appears; then the light grows constantly stronger and clearer until the full glory of noontide is reached. This is a beautiful illustration of what God desires to do for His children in perfecting their Christian experience. As we walk day by day in the light He sends us, in willing obedience to all His requirements, our experience grows and broadens until we reach the full stature of men and women in Christ Jesus.

The youth need to keep ever before them the course that Christ followed. At every step it was a course of overcoming. Christ did not come to the earth as a king, to rule the nations. He came as a humble man, to be tempted, and to overcome temptation, to follow on, as we must, to know the Lord. In the study of His life we shall learn how much God through Him will do for His children. And we shall learn that, however great our trials may be, they cannot exceed what Christ endured that we might know the way, the truth, and the life. By a life of conformity

Mrs. E. G. White

to His example, we are to show our appreciation of His sacrifice in our behalf. . . .

Let the youth remember that here they are to build characters for eternity, and that God requires them to do their best. Let those older in experience watch over the younger ones; and when they see them tempted, take them aside, and pray with them and for them. The

Lord would have us recognize the great sacrifice of Christ for us by showing an interest in the salvation of those He came to save. If the youth will seek Christ, He will make their efforts effectual.—"Messages," pp. 15-18.

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Elder C. L. Bond, Associate Secretary of the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department, makes the following personal appeal to all our people:

"While the church should bear a continual burden for the children and youth, it is well for us to devote special attention to their needs on Missionary Volunteer Day and during Missionary Volunteer Week. Many of the children of Seventh-day Adventists, although familiar with the teachings of the Bible, have never surrendered their hearts to God. This class of youth should constitute our first field of missionary endeavor. 'Why should not labor for the youth in our borders be regarded as missionary work of the highest kind? It requires the most delicate tact, the most watchful consideration, the most earnest prayer for heavenly wisdom. The youth are the objects of Satan's special attacks; but kindness, courtesy, and the sympathy which flows from a heart filled with love to Jesus, will gain their confidence, and save them from many a snare of the enemy.'—'Gospel Workers,' p. 207.

"The church will not be held guiltless if it neglects this missionary work which lies within its very doors. Many of these youth will never surrender their hearts to God unless the ministers and church members enter into the same earnest, soul-winning effort for them that is carried on for people who know nothing at all about God's truth.

"After conversion the youth must be encouraged and trained to take an active part in the devotional services and the missionary endeavor of the church. This

WHAT THE BIBLE DOES FOR OTHERS IT CAN DO FOR YOU

"The character of Wycliffe is a testimony to the educating, transforming power of the Holy Scriptures. It was the Bible that made him what he was. The effort to grasp the great truths of revelation imparts freshness and vigor to all the faculties. It expands the mind, sharpens the perceptions, and ripens the judgment. The study of the Bible will ennoble every thought, feeling, and aspiration as no other study can. It gives stability of purpose, patience, courage, and fortitude; it refines the character, and sanctifies the soul.

"An earnest, reverent study of the Scriptures, bringing the mind of the student in direct contact with the infinite mind, would give to the world men of stronger and more active intellect, as well as of nobler principle, than has ever resulted from the ablest training that human philosophy affords. 'The entrance of Thy words,' says the psalmist, 'giveth light; it giveth understanding.'"—"Great Controversy," p. 94.

will be accomplished largely through the organized effort of the Missionary Volunteer Society, but the adult members of the church can do much to aid in its success by providing the strongest leadership possible.

The Missionary Volunteer Reading Course books and other literature with a special appeal to the youth should be made available. This, with the right example of the church members in their own Christian service, and through personal contacts with them, will do much to lead the young people to surrender their hearts to God and to continue in the Christian way.

"In the closing scenes of this earth's history, many of these children and youth will astonish people by their witness to the truth, which will be borne in simplicity, yet with spirit and power. They have been taught the fear of the Lord, and their hearts have been softened by a careful and prayerful study of the Bible. In the near future, many children will be endowed with the Spirit of God, and will do a work in proclaiming the truth to the world, that at that time cannot well be done by the older members of the church."—*Counsels to Teachers*, pp. 166, 167.

"Shall we not as a church, during this special season of devotion, reconsecrate ourselves to God, especially on behalf of the young people, and seek more earnestly to bring them into that relationship to God where they will be prepared to accomplish the work that lies before them?"

COMPARISONS ARE HELPFUL

Herbert J. Edmed

In one of the studies given by Brother C. E. Weaks at the recent division meeting, he read from an article written by Pastor S. N. Haskell in 1874. In it the author featured the marvelous growth of our work up to that time. Here are a few paragraphs from Brother Haskell's article:

"It once required a great stretch of faith to believe this work would find its way to every nation, kindred, tongue and people, and lead thousands of persons of different nationalities to embrace the Sabbath of the Lord and kindred truths. And had this work been of men, long ere this it would have come to naught.

"Our ideas of this work were altogether too small at first, more especially in the manner of its operations. For the first few years it apparently moved slowly, but its rapid strides within the last four or five years, have so far exceeded our expectations that we have ceased to wonder at its development and progress. Take the publishing depart-

A LITTLE CANDLE

W. R. Elliott

I would rather be a candle,
With its tiny, burning flame,
Just shining in a corner,
Hour by hour the same;
Than be a flashing meteor,
And rise suddenly to fame,
To disappear as quickly
In oblivion and shame.

I would rather, like that little light,
Burn steadily and true—
Shining just a little,
Seen only by a few—
Than shine in sight of millions
With brilliant, blinding hue;
Then drop in just a moment,
Forever from their view.

The meteor for a moment
Makes the pathway bright as day,
Then leaves the lonely traveler
To darkness and dismay.
Not so, the lowly candle,
Its feeble, flickering ray
Illuminates his footsteps,
And guides him all the way.

When clouds and shadows gather,
And chilling night winds blow,
When men shall walk uncertainly,
And hearts are full of woe,
Lord, make me a little candle
With white flame burning low,
Lighting the way for travelers,
Who sadly come and go.

ment in connection with the missionary enterprise it illustrates.

"Between three and four millions of pages of reading matter distributed in one year, mostly given away; thousands of volumes placed in libraries; nearly ten thousands of families visited and prayed with. Only think of it—ten thousand prayers offered for particular families and individuals in connection with personal labor, and 18,000 subscribers obtained for our periodicals."

We pause here to ask, What would our dear veteran brother write now if he were alive to compare the present with 1874? Sixty years have rolled away since that article appeared, and the staggering figures still make us "wonder." In one year, 1932, our sales of literature, in addition to what was given away, reached a value of \$3,499,304.93. If we take a retrospect, as Brother Haskell did, back to 1863, we find our total sales, in addition to free distribution, have amounted to \$95,975,034.76. We shall not attempt to count the pages.

Among the other items of advance, the article says that "this work of no small magnitude" in 1849 produced our first paper—the first edition of which was carried in a carpet bag. But in 1874 there were six periodicals—one weekly and five monthlies—representing Dan-

ish and Swedish as well as English. And, continued Pastor Haskell, "people of other tongues, who have embraced the truth, are counted by hundreds." What must be said today of our 6,607 different publications in 157 languages! and of the 485 languages of the people embracing the truth!

Another item of interest in 1874 is mentioned as a mark of our denominational progress: "A denominational school has been established. . . about 150 scholars in attendance." Well, well! If our dear brother could write today, he would have to express his praise for the 1,834 primary and advanced schools with an enrollment of 78,824. Then we must not forget the development of sixty-eight publishing houses, 108 sanitariums, and forty-four food companies, and the large army of 20,715 evangelists and institutional workers that have sprung into being since the article was written in 1874, when there was only one foreign missionary.

In closing the article referred to, Pastor Haskell asks, "Does it require any effort to believe that this work will triumph?"—And we reply, Surely not! The phenomenal advance which this message has made since that article was penned by that dear pioneer still strengthens our faith and inspires our confidence that it will never stop until it is consummated by the advent of our Lord, and that will be soon.

TAKE HEED

"In San Francisco one day a man was going to his place of business from the bank with a roll of paper money in his hand. An explosion took place near by which threw him down and blew his money away. He never saw it again. Just so probation will close suddenly and these priceless instructions—Spirit of Prophecy—will be gone forever. Let us study them now!"—E. E. Beddoe.

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DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Educational—*W. L. Adams*

Professor Adams, Educational secretary of the division, gave a very interesting report touching this branch of the work, especially as it relates to our training schools in the various parts of the division. The summary showed that we have fifty-one schools in the various parts of the field, ninety-seven teachers and 1,585 students, of whom eighty-nine are academic, eleven college and two are special. Brother Adams stressed the importance of our properly looking after the education of our young people throughout the division.

Home Missionary—*L. V. Finster*

Pastor Finster, Home Missionary secretary of the division, gave a report of what the laymen's missionary movement is accomplishing in the Inter-American Division. The figures given show a steady gain, year by year in missionary work. He said:

"That we may better understand the amount of work being done by our lay members I might put it this way: Every paid worker in the Inter-American Division would have to give five or six Bible readings and make seven or eight missionary visits each day to equal the work done by the laity for the first six months of 1933. In addition to this work they, each day, would have to help four to five persons, give two treatments, and distribute five papers, tracts or books. One needy person was given help for every minute during the first six months of 1933. According to our records an average of $7\frac{1}{2}$ persons were brought to Christ every day during 1932 through the efforts of the lay members, and eight persons every day of the first six months of 1933. Our need is better to train and to educate these workers for the Lord and to enlist those who are still 'idle' in this eleventh hour of the day."

Missionary Volunteer—*Mrs. E. E. Andross*

A very interesting part of the M. V. report was that given by the union leaders. Each gave a three-minute report of what the young people are doing in his field. Brother Baasch told of one young man who had raised up several companies of believers. Brother Baxter told of the splendid missionary work being done by the students of our Spanish school in Costa Rica. Brother Wood told of a young girl and her sister who have raised up a company of Sabbath

keepers consisting of fifty-two adults and twenty-three children. Brother Elliott told us of a young man who had been holding meetings and as a result of his work forty had signed the covenant to keep all God's commandments. Brother Ogden said that of the 15,000 in the Sabbath schools in his union fully half were children and young people and that a large host had been won through the efforts of these young workers.

Sister Andross spoke briefly of the way the Lord had blessed the work for the youth. On March 31 of 1933, our Missionary Volunteers in this division numbered 8,343 as compared with 2,128 nine years ago. As these reports were given we were made to realize the truthfulness of the statement: "He who saves the young people saves the church."

Publishing—*W. A. Bergherm*

In rendering a report of the publishing work, W. A. Bergherm, our division secretary, used the following statement from "Life Sketches": "The pen dipped in the fountain of pure truth can send the beams of light to the dark corners of the earth." The financial depression has been felt in the various fields of the division and has had its effect upon the sales in many of our conferences and missions.

Nevertheless, Brother Bergherm reminded us of greater gain, for as he said "the hours worked by our colporteur evangelists, the Christian visits with the people and the thousands of truth-filled

papers left behind, have made an impression on hearts and minds which have brought forth marvelous results."

From the reports given by the different union superintendents, we learned that our faithful colporteurs are doing an outstanding work in that many are being baptized and churches organized as a result of their presentation of the message through the printed page.

Sabbath School—*W. L. Adams*

Professor Adams, in his report of the Sabbath School Department, gave the membership September 30 in our division as 32,583 in our 834 schools. Various churches are making a real missionary department of this branch of the work, and many not of our faith are getting their first impressions in the Sabbath school. The depression is still affecting the funds raised through the Sabbath schools, the figures for the first nine months of this year being \$24,314.-62.

Brother Adams pointed to the large host of active, talented young people in our Sabbath schools and urged that more responsibility be placed upon them that they may be prepared for wider service in the Master's cause.

Ministerial Association—*L. V. Finster*

Pastor Finster gave an abbreviated report in behalf of the Ministerial Association, urging our leaders to do all possible to help our ministers and to prepare our youth for service among their own people.

The MESSENGER will bring you further reports from these departmental secretaries at other times.

Good News From Union Leaders

While it is impossible to pass on to the readers of the MESSENGER all the thrilling reports given at the time of our division council, we wish to share them with you as fully as possible. From every union came encouraging reports, and in this joint report you will find echoes of the good news brought to the council by the union leaders:

A. R. Ogden: Antillian Union

Pastor Ogden said in part: "At the close of 1932 we had 171 churches; and this number was increased to 197 during the first nine months of 1933, while the membership in the same period grew from 9,007 to 9,556. He felt assured that the membership would reach the 10,000 mark before the close of 1933.

"The departmental work," continued Brother Ogden, "is developing. During the first nine months of 1933 the Sabbath school membership reached 14,899. We believe that the Sabbath schools will show an increase of 2,000 members during the year. We have only twenty-five church schools with an enrollment of more than eight hundred; but we are encouraged by these to expect and to work for greater accomplishments in our educational work for the children and youth. Some of our fields have done exceedingly well in the sale of our truth-filled literature by a band of approximately forty earnest, devoted colporteurs. Thousands throughout our island field are being brought in contact with the truth through the faithful efforts of our lay members—young and old—and the ingathering of many precious souls as a

result of this work is very encouraging.

"In closing let me assure you that there has been good encouraging growth throughout the several fields in the union. We do not know at present how many will be baptized during 1933; but we feel sure it will reach well up toward the 1,500 mark in our union. In all our fields God is working in a very special way. We really have had some marvelous manifestations of the working of God's grace upon hearts.

"We love the people of our Antillian Union Mission whether they speak English, Spanish, or French. We love the work to which we believe the Lord has called us. We rejoice in the number of believers that have been gathered out during recent years. Pray for the work in the Antillian Union Mission with its 10,000,000 hungry, waiting souls that many may be gathered out and prepared for the coming of Jesus."

W. R. Elliott: Caribbean Union

Sunday evening at 7:30 we gathered in the division office chapel to hear another union report. The opening song was "Shall I empty-handed be?" and Pastor Elliott's thrilling report was a cheerful reminder that our workers in the Caribbean Union are planning not to be empty-handed when called to stand before the King.

Brother Elliott represents a constituency numbering, at the close of 1932, 5,430 church members and 5,983 in the Sabbath schools. In 1932 there was an increase in tithe of \$2,411.07. The Sabbath school offerings that year showed a gain of \$844.12. The Missionary Volunteer work also made rapid strides, and in the sale of our literature 1932 was the banner year in the history of the work up to that date. It was also a very good year at the training school. And best of all during that good year the Caribbean Union baptized almost 1,000 persons.

His report for the first nine months of 1933 indicated that the good work done during 1932 would be duplicated during 1933. For instance, Brother Elliott said, "Every field in the union made a gain in tithe during the first nine months of 1933 over the same period of the previous year, and in literature there was a good gain in the union; but there has been a slight loss in Sabbath school offerings.

"We have had a heavy building program," Brother Elliott went on. "We knew that we could expect little or no help from the division or General Conference, so we decided to go as far as we could with our own resources. The result is that thirteen new church buildings have been erected in the union; and, best of all, the money was all raised within

GOOD RESOLUTIONS FOR ANY DAY

- I will study the language of gentlemen and refuse to use words that bite and tones that crash.
- I will practice patience at home lest my temper break through unexpectedly and disgrace me.
- I will remember that my neighbors have troubles enough of their own without unloading mine on them.
- I will excuse others' faults and failures as often and fully as I expect others to be lenient with mine.
- I will be a friend under the trying tests and wear everywhere a good-will face unchilled by aloofness.
- I will love boys and girls so that age will not find me stiff and soured.
- I will gladden my nature by smiling out loud on every fair occasion and by overlooking optimistically.
- I will pray frequently, think good things, believe in men, and do a full day's work without fear or favor.

—Selected.

our own borders, and not one cent is owing on any of these buildings. Six of these were in Leewards, three in South Caribbean, where we also completed three begun in 1932, three in Guiana, and one in the French islands, the latter building being given to us by Sister Herrison."

Of the Indian work, Brother Elliott reported that we now have four mission stations among the Mount Roraima Indians and two organized churches.

Brother Elliott also spoke with deep appreciation of the splendid work done by the laity and of the benefit reaped from conventions held in various places. Truly the work is onward in spite of the many obstacles with which the enemy tries to discourage the soul winners. Yes, the work is onward for we have a Leader who has never lost a battle and who will not fail us in these days or perplexity.

W. E. Baxter: Central American Union

"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." With these blessed words from Romans 1:16, Pastor W. E. Baxter began his report of the work in the Central American Union. Although Brother Baxter had been away from the field for several months on furlough, he had a very interesting story to tell us of the onward march of the truth in that union, which includes seven republics with the many problems wrapped up in boundary lines.

In relating how the Lord is helping our workers to finish the task assigned in that portion of the division, we were made to realize the hand of protection,

which is over our missionaries and other believers, as they travel through these revolution-torn republics. The message is being carried not only to the English and Spanish but also to the large Indian population scattered through these fields. For the first nine months of 1933 there were baptized in the Central American Union 340 persons, giving them a membership September 30 of 3,065 and a Sabbath school membership of 3,704.

H. E. Baasch: Colombia-Venezuela Union

"I'm here on business for my King," was the opening song of the evening session during which Pastor H. E. Baasch brought us an intensely interesting report. His report was a constant reminder that those who are on business for their King in Colombia are being greatly blessed in their efforts to gather in the honest in heart before the storm breaks. Truly, as Brother Baasch said, "the door of Colombia is swinging open." And that our workers have been entering that wide open door is evident from the fact that while "five years ago, at the close of the third quarter of 1928, this union had a membership of 352, at the close of the third quarter of 1933 our church membership stood at 1,204, with a Sabbath school membership of 1,710. Before the close of 1933 we trust the Sabbath school membership will reach 2,000."

Brother and Sister Westphal each gave an interesting report of the progress of the work in the Upper Magdalena Mission. Brother Baasch then read a letter from Brother Julio Garcia in which he assures us that he is happy in his work; and although in a difficult and dangerous territory in the *llanos* of Venezuela, his only desire is that his life shall be consumed for the Master in that place. Truly, this is the time for the message to be carried to the millions of Colombia-Venezuela.

C. E. Wood: Mexican Union

The note of victory that ran through other union reports rang out clearly again in the report from Mexico. Brother Wood began his report by reading Nehemiah 4:9 and compared the work in his union to that of Nehemiah. "Obstacles have been met, and the work goes on and surely the promise that 'the Lord shall fight for us' is to us as truly as it was to Nehemiah," said Brother Wood as he went on with the story of progress that showed that God was fighting for our soul winners in Mexico. Let us have it briefly in his own words:

"Very encouraging progress has been made in the Mexican Union during the past year; and 311 baptisms were reported for the first nine months of the year, and 458 are in baptismal classes. The prospects are bright for a large increase in the membership before the close of 1933.

"Every mission of the union has had an increase in the tithe receipts for the first nine months of 1933 in comparison with the same period of 1932 and the Sabbath school offerings also show an increase.

"Fifteen churches were organized during the first ten months of 1933 and thirty-one new companies of believers were raised up.

"Among our colporteurs there are many earnest missionaries and a number of these new companies are the result of

their faithful soul-winning work. The lay members are also going into the highways and hedges and are finding many precious souls who are responding to the message.

"Our Week of Sacrifice offering is increasing year by year, an indication that a spirit of sacrifice and consecration is taking possession of our people.

"Permission has been granted by the Mexican government for Dr. Ritchie to enter the country to engage in medical missionary work, and we are sure that the Lord will greatly bless this phase of the work in Mexico.

"Much remains to be done to carry the message to the 16,000,000 people living in that republic, but there is a sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees which promises a great forward movement during 1934."

6. That we encourage all our fields to adopt the pennant plan, which has helped greatly to stimulate missionary work in other divisions and has been tested in the South Caribbean Conference with very gratifying results.

Society Membership Restricted to Young People

While we deeply appreciate the effort of our older church members in behalf of the youth and most earnestly solicit a continuance of their whole-hearted support and co-operation,

We recommend, 1. That our M. V. Society membership comprise only young people, in order that they may learn to bear responsibility and be trained for efficient service for the Master.

2. That, where it is impossible to provide efficient leadership from among the young people, an older person may be chosen for such responsibility and by virtue of his office be a member of the society.

3. That when organizing a new society the church obtain the approval of the conference or mission M. V. Secretary in council with one of the officers of the field.

4. That our reports of Morning Watch observers and of certificates issued be limited to young people.

Junior Societies

WHEREAS, we realize the necessity of training our boys and girls for the place they must fill in the finishing of the work,

We recommend, 1. That earnest effort be made to organize a Junior society in every church school.

2. That in many churches without schools Junior societies be organized where the number of Juniors and the facilities for leadership make it possible.

3. That where there are not enough Juniors for a regular society, they be organized into a band for study and work suited to their capabilities.

4. That the M. V. Department prepare a small pamphlet adapted to the needs of our field for those leading out in the Junior work.

Missionary Volunteer Goals for 1934

We recommend, That the following goals be used for 1934:

- 8,500 Missionary Volunteers in our M. V. Societies
- 6,000 Morning Watch observers
- 1,500 Young people converted and baptized
- 200,000 Bible Readings given
- 300,000 Missionary Visits
- 250,000 Books, tracts and papers distributed
- 25% Harvest Ingathering and Big Week goals
- 2,500 Certificates issued

Special Days to be Observed

In order that we may keep the work strong during this time when we think it necessary to place the responsibility of more than one department onto one person,

We recommend, That the special days set aside for special purposes be observed in our churches throughout the division, and that our workers and church officers give special attention to these. They are as follows:

- January 6 Home Missionary Day
- February 3 Christian Home Day
- March 3 Religious Liberty Day
- March 10 Missionary Volunteer Day
- March 10-17 M. V. Week of Prayer
- April 7 Home Missionary Day
- April 21-28 Big Week
- May 5 Home Foreign Day
- June 2 Home Missionary Day
- July 7 Home Missionary Day
- July 28 Educational Day
- August 4 Harvest Ingathering Rally Day
- September 1 Home Missionary Day
- October 6 Home Missionary Day
- November 3 Home Missionary Day
- November 10 Colporteurs' Day
- Nov. 24-Dec. 1 Week of Sacrifice
- December 8-15 Annual Week of Prayer
- December 22 Home Missionary Day

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Division Council Recommendations--No. 2

El Centinela

WHEREAS, our Spanish magazine, *El Centinela* has become a most effective missionary medium, and is worthy of a much larger circulation than it enjoys at the present time,

We recommend: 1. That the Publishing Department take upon its heart anew the importance of increasing the circulation of *El Centinela*, and that upon this department and the regular workers in each mission rest the responsibility of promoting an increased circulation.

2. That again we encourage our colporteurs for books to combine a year's subscription for *El Centinela* with orders for their book, and now that the publishing house has provided such a practical prospectus for the magazine, that suitable persons be sought out to take subscriptions and that persons adapted to selling single numbers be encouraged to work in our larger cities.

3. That each of our Spanish church members be encouraged to be responsible for a club of a few copies monthly to use in the home missionary work or to sell.

4. That each Bible worker and minister in evangelistic work be urged to take a monthly club of at least ten magazines to sell in connection with their work.

5. That for 1934 the Spanish-speaking fields set a monthly goal of the number of magazines to be used that will equal three magazines for each member, based on the membership at the close of 1932.

6. That in our English-speaking fields our people be encouraged to work with the *Watchman Magazine*, *Life and Health*, and other of our English magazines in the same way as outlined for *El Centinela*.

El Centinela—Temperance Number

In view of the fact that a strong temperance work should be carried on in each of our Spanish republics in the Inter-American Division, and that the need for health and temperance work is even greater now that prohibition has been repealed in the States; and,

WHEREAS, several of our workers out in the field have urged that the Inter-American Branch bring out a strong health and temperance number of *El Centinela* at least once a year, said number to bear no date, thus making it suitable for use during the entire year; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That we publish such a number after receiving the suggestions of those assembled at the division council; and further,

2. That each union president take up the matter of a definite order, at the time of his union committee meeting and give us a printing order for the number of papers to be used in each one of his local fields. Said order to be placed with

the Cristobal Branch at the close of each union meeting through the Bible houses.

Students' Accounts

WHEREAS, the accumulation of students' accounts in our training schools constitutes a real menace to the financial safety of the institutions,

We recommend, That our managers in these institutions of learning adhere to the policy of keeping the students from indebtedness to the school to the very best of their ability, that the boards of those schools stand by them in maintaining this policy, and that we hold to the following standards:

1. That the student be not accepted except on the basis outlined by the board.

2. That the account of the student must be paid for the former year before he is allowed to enter for the next.

3. That the student enroll under a definite plan as outlined by the board as to the time for payment of his fees, and that a time limit be set beyond which he cannot go without definite action of the board or its executive board.

M. V. Annual Membership Plan, etc.

WHEREAS, it is imperative that we do not lose sight of the great purpose of our M. V. movement—that of organizing for service the young people who really love Jesus—in order that our youth may fill efficiently their place in God's work at such a time as this; and,

WHEREAS, it seems evident that in many places our societies are organized on a very loose and indefinite membership basis; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That we earnestly promote the annual membership plan, making the first society meeting each year a consecration service when an invitation will be extended for all young people "who really love Jesus" to renew their consecration and to re-enlist or to enlist in the society, pledging loyal service to the Master for the ensuing year.

2. That each member hold in his possession his own membership card.

3. That emphasis be placed on the fact that our societies are organized for soul-winning work, and that while they earnestly endeavor to have good, interesting programs, they make sure that each meeting serve to stimulate greater activity in missionary service.

4. That our evangelistic workers be regarded as special guardians of the work of our youth, giving the youth helpful suggestions, encouragement in their self-improvement work, and in all their lines of missionary endeavor.

5. That to put the conference or mission M. V. secretary in closer touch with the societies, we encourage the adoption by all of the monthly reporting system; and also,

An Infallible Constitution

The Bible is composed of sixty-six books, written by different authors divinely inspired by God. These books are divided in two parts—the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament contains thirty-nine books and the New Testament has twenty-seven. It is worth while to know that in the thirty-nine books of the Old Testament the word "law" is mentioned 192 times, and in the twenty-seven books of the New Testament the same word is mentioned 187 times. So both prophets and apostles had impressed on mind and heart the importance of the holy law of God.

"The ten commandments were spoken by God Himself, and were written by His own hand. They are of divine and not of human composition. But the Bible, with its God-given truths expressed in the language of men, presents a union of the divine and the human. Such a union existed in the nature of Christ, who was the Son of God and the Son of man. Thus it is true of the Bible, as it was of Christ, that 'the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.'"—*"Great Controversy," p. 6.*

Yes, the law of God is not human but divine. It is God's law and not man's law. And all the writers of the Bible, both in the Old Testament and the New, join in one mighty chorus in proclaiming that law holy, immutable, just, good, and eternal—a transcript of God's character. We can give only a few of the testimonies here:

Old Testament Writers and the Law of God

MOSES: "He [God] declared unto you His covenant, which He commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and He wrote them upon two tables of stone."—Deut 4:13.

DAVID: "The law of the Lord is perfect." Ps. 19:7. "Great peace have they which love Thy law: and nothing shall offend them." Ps. 119:165. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in His law doth he meditate day and night." Ps. 1:1, 2. "Forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in Heaven."—Ps. 119:89.

GOD (to Moses): "O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear Me, and keep all My commandments always, that it might be well with

them, and with their children forever." Deut. 5:29.

SOLOMON: "Fear God and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Eccl. 12:13.

ISAIAH: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8:20.

GOD (through Ezekiel): "I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them."—Eze. 36:27.

New Testament Writers and the Law of God

JESUS (through Matthew): "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, till Heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of Heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of Heaven."—Matt. 5:17-19.

JESUS (through John): "If ye love Me, keep My commandments." John 14:15. "If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love." John 15:10.

LUKE: "It is easier for Heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail." Luke 16:17.

PAUL: "Not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified." Rom. 2:13. "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law." Rom. 3:31. "Wherefore the law is holy, the commandment holy, and just, and good." Rom. 7:12. "This I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets." Acts 24:14. (See also Acts 28:23.)

JOHN: "Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning." 1 John 2:7.

JAMES: "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. . . . So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty." James 2:10-12.

THE LAW

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GOD (through Paul): "This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put My laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to Me a people." Heb. 8:10.

JOHN: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Rev.14:12.

Applying the Law of God

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PAUL: "Ye should turn from these vanities

THE LAW

Exodus

Thou shalt have no

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in Heaven above, or that is in the earth: thou shalt not bow down to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for whosoever shall take the name of the Lord his God in vain, I will visit his iniquity. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy: for in six days the Lord made Heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is, and rested on the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the day, and hallowed it.

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Honor thy father and thy mother; that is the first commandment, which is the first promise, that if thou do this, it shall be well with thee, and that thou mayest prosper, and be well to it. This is the first commandment which thou shalt have.

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Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, nor his wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is his: for this commandment thou shalt have.

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unto the living God, which made Heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein." Acts 14:15.

II

PAUL: "Neither be ye idolaters." 1 Cor. 10:7. "Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry." 1 Cor. 10:14.

III

JAMES: "But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by Heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation." James 5:12. (See also Matt. 5:34-37.)

IV

PAUL: "For He spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, and God did rest the seventh day from all His works." "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God."

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For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." Heb. 4:4, 9-11.

LUKE: "And they returned, and prepared spices and ointment; and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment." Luke 23:56. (See also Luke 4:16, 31; Mark 6:2; Matt. 24:20; Acts 13:42-44; 15:17-21; 17:2 and 18:4.)

V

PAUL: "Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." Eph. 6:2, 3. (See also Matt. 15:4 and Mark 7:10.)

VI

JAMES: "For He that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law." James 2:11. (See also Romans 13:9 and Matt. 5:21, 22.)

VII

JESUS: "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: but I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Matt. 5:27, 28. (See also Mark 10:19 and Romans 13:9.)

VIII

Paul: "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth." Eph. 4:28. (See also Matt. 15:19 and Mark 7:22, 23.)

IX

JESUS: "Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness." Mark 10:19. (See also Romans 13:9.)

X

PAUL: "Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another." Galatians 5:26. (See also 1 Cor. 3:3; 1 Tim. 3:3; and Gal. 5:19-21.)

The Law and the Gospel

"What is the law of God for?" asks Spurgeon. Then he proceeds to answer his question thus: "It is sent in order to show us that we cannot be saved by works, and to shut us up to be saved by grace. But if you make out that the law is altered so that man can keep it, you have left him his old legal hope, and he is sure to cling to it. You need a perfect law that shuts man right up to hopelessness, *apart from Jesus*, that puts him in an iron cage, and locks him up, and offers him no escape *but by faith in Jesus*; then he begins to cry 'Lord, save me by grace for I perceive that I cannot be saved by my own works.' . . . I say, you have deprived the gospel of its ablest auxiliary when you have set aside the law. You have taken away from it the school master that is to bring men to Christ. No; it must stand, and stand in all its terrors, to drive men away from self-righteousness, and constrain them to fly to Christ. They will never accept grace till they tremble before a just and holy law. Therefore the

law serves a most necessary and blessed purpose, and must not be removed from its place."

So we look to God's holy law with deep gratitude: While "by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin," (Rom. 3:20), nevertheless, as Paul says in Gal. 3:24, "the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that *we might be justified by faith*."

And we are thankful that that wonderful law, the infallible constitution, abideth forever. No human hand can change even one tittle of that divine document. Says Chambers Encyclopedia, in speaking of the ten commandments, "The moral law is that perceptive revelation of the divine will which is of perpetual and universal obligation. It is summed up in the ten commandments."

"The moral law contained in the ten commandments, and enforced by the prophets, He [Christ] did not take away. It was not the design of His coming to revoke any part of this. . . . Every part of the law must remain in force upon all mankind and in all ages, as not depending either on time or place, or any other circumstances liable to change, but on the nature of God, and the nature of man, and their unchangeable relation to each other."—John Wesley, in his "Sermons," Vol. I, No. 25, pp. 221, 222.

Our Saviour did not abrogate the law. He embodied all its holy commands in His own life. He said, "I delight to Thy will, O My God; yea, *Thy law* is within My heart." He lived on earth to explain the law of God to man; He died on Calvary to save man from the penalty of the transgression of that holy, immutable law; and through the ages He has been pleading His spilled blood in behalf of those who will permit Him to save them.

So the law of God and the gospel must forever remain inseparable. The law is still a schoolmaster pointing us to Jesus for salvation. And Jesus still stands ready not only to forgive our sins, but to come into our hearts to live over again in us His beautiful life of obedience to that divine law. We cannot be saved by keeping the law; in fact, we cannot of ourselves keep it. But the Christian keeps the law because he is saved by grace and because by faith he has permitted Jesus to take possession of his life.

DIVISION COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS—No. 2.

(Continued from page 5)

Auditing Church Records

In order that the funds given for the advancement of the work may be carefully guarded,

We recommend, 1. That our local conference and mission treasurers plan to audit the local church records at least once each calendar year.

2. That where necessary, the committee arrange for the local church records to be checked at different periods during the year.

Big Week or Missions Extension Fund

WHEREAS, the Extension Fund plan now includes medical and educational as well as publishing projects, thus inviting the entire denomination to more earnest endeavor in its behalf, therefore

We recommend, That we follow the plan of former years as given below:

1. That our lay members be encouraged to put forth most strenuous efforts during Big Week in the sale of literature, applying the profits to the Extension Fund.

2. That colporteurs continue to share in the Big Week plan, giving the profits of the biggest day's sales.

3. That conference and institutional workers join in the Extension plan by selling literature during the Big Week, applying their entire profits to the funds, in addition to their personal income for one day.

4. That in case of inability to devote time and effort to the sale of literature during the Big Week, lay members, institutional workers, and conference laborers, make an offering to the Extension Fund equivalent to at least one day's income.

5. That medical institutions and schools arrange for one or more field days during the Big Week.

Lay-Member Evangelism

WHEREAS, the call to a strong soul-winning endeavor has aroused a hearty and successful response from our workers and laity, and appreciating the earnest labors of so many of our lay members in this direction, by which 6,630 persons have been won to Christ and baptized in this division during the past two years,

Resolved, That all our lay members of consecrated ability be urged to make still stronger efforts in this work, and that where possible, institutes be held in the churches for the purpose of arousing greater enthusiasm and developing higher efficiency in soul-winning work.

Bible Training Classes

WHEREAS, we have been admonished by the

Spirit of Prophecy that "the work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of the ministers and church officers;" and

WHEREAS, the "great reformatory movement among God's people" that is to bring to us again the experience of Pentecost, is right upon us, when "hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God;" therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we launch a definite forward movement in all our churches to teach our members how to give Bible readings, that they may be prepared to "take their Bibles and go forth to warn the world," and that we adopt as a goal 1,000 church members trained to conduct Bible studies in the Inter-American Division by the close of 1934.

2. That pastors, evangelists, and workers in charge of districts be asked to assist in organizing and supervising training classes in all the churches as directed by the conference or mission committee.

3. That the little booklet "How to Give Bible Readings" in English and "Arte de Dar Estudios Bíblicos" in Spanish be used as the basic outline for this course.

4. That we invite the Missionary Volunteer Department with its great army of youth to join with the Home Missionary Department in this plan, using their "Study and Service League" outline in the training of young people to engage in Bible work.

Organization Plan for Classes

We recommend, 1. That in large churches where there are many members and sufficient leadership, separate classes be formed for the older members and for the young people. These classes can carry forward the respective plans of study fostered by the departments which are responsible for their promotion.

2. That in churches where the principal or sole missionary organization is the young people's society, as in the academies, dispensaries, or in other special situations, the Missionary Volunteer Department assume the responsibility for the organization of the study group along the lines of its departmental plans.

3. That, as a rule, in the smaller churches, whether there is a young people's society or not, it would hardly seem advisable to form two separate classes for the study of lines of work which are so much alike. In these churches there is less leadership, and it would not be best to scatter our energies merely for the sake of strictly preserving departmental lines. Let all those who so desire be formed into a class

for the study of the Bible and to learn how to give Bible readings. Whether the best teacher is an adult or a young person, let that person be selected by the church board in council with the worker in charge, under the direction of the conference or mission officers, and put in charge of the class.

Tithe and Offerings

WHEREAS, judging by the abundant fruitage in winning souls to the truth in all parts of the world-wide field, that the Lord has set His hand to finish His work on earth; and,

WHEREAS, there is great shortage of funds with which to meet the opening providences of the Lord in all parts of our division where He has marvelously opened the way for preaching the message; and,

WHEREAS, many conferences and mission fields have been compelled to lay off workers because of a shortage of funds, thus crippling their work; and,

WHEREAS, we have been told that if our people were faithful in paying tithes and offerings, there would be abundance of means for carrying on the Lord's work; therefore,

We recommend, 1. That new plans be laid and definite endeavors made greatly to increase our income through tithes and offerings during 1934 by presenting anew the blessings and duty of Bible stewardship in this time of crisis and open doors.

2. That earnest, soul-stirring revival services be conducted and personal appeals made among our people throughout the field by ministers, all other workers and church officers with a view to urging each one to renew his solemn covenant with the Lord to be faithful in the regular payment of his tithes and offerings.

Ministerial Reading Courses

We recommend, That the Spanish Ministerial Reading Course for 1934 consist of the following books: "Las Sagradas Escrituras," "Camino a Cristo," "Testimonios sobre la Escuela Sabática," "Los Libros de la Biblia," and "La Infalibilidad de la Biblia."

WHEREAS, the English Ministerial Reading Course for 1934, painstakingly selected by competent committees, was duly authorized by vote of the General Conference committee in Autumn Council; therefore,

We recommend, That we use the same course in Inter-America among our English-reading workers; and further,

We recommend, 1. That the Inter-American Division Council of 1933 place its moral support behind the 1934 Ministerial Reading Courses, commending them to all our workers in the Advent Movement; also that we re-affirm our approval of this united-study plan in this its twenty-first year; and

2. That we herewith invite all conferences, missions, institutions, and other organizations actively to encourage participation in these courses by their workers.

Curacao and Venezuela Separated

Voted, That we organize the Dutch Islands of Curacao, Bonaire and Aruba, now forming a part of the Venezuela Mission, as a separate organization to be known as the Curacao Mission with Pastor Lunney Astleford as superintendent.

Welcome to Newly Ordained Ministers

Voted, That we extend a most hearty welcome to the ranks of our gospel ministry to those who have been ordained in the Inter-American Division since our last annual meeting, including

W. A. Bergherm of the Division, José Veiga of Cuba, R. Gideon Jones of Santo Domingo, R. W. Prince of Puerto Rico, H. E. Beck of Guiana, H. Wiseman of South Caribbean, Julio Garcia and R. O. Garner of Venezuela, and Florentino Zaynos, Simon Conde, Cornelio Aquino, Vicente Rodriguez, J. A. Salazar and Faustino Aguilar of Mexico.

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



The church in Torreón, Mexico, which is the mother of companies and churches recently organized in Coahuila, Durango and Chihuahua.

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THE LIGHT SHINES IN BUCARAMANGA

Henry E. Baasch

Bucaramanga, Colombia, is a city of considerable importance. Situated on a high plateau and surrounded by a wide circle of lovely mountains, it is one of the most pleasant cities of Colombia. Coffee and tobacco are its main sources of income, and thousands of its people spend their days rolling cigars and preparing coffee for export.

About ten year ago our first colporteurs began to tramp up and down its streets, roughly paved with cobblestones and lined with high pavements on both sides—peculiarly high because of the heavy rains, which, at times, convert those streets into sweeping torrents.

In 1928 Brother Christiansen from Denmark and his wife settled in Bucaramanga as self-supporting missionaries. They did faithful seed sowing. When the writer paid his first visit to Bucaramanga in April, 1931, he found a small interest there. A short series of meetings was held in the upper room of a barbershop. A few months after that, the first fruits of Bucaramanga, Brother Fernando Afanador and his wife, were baptized. Then Brother and Sister Christiansen left for North America, and for some time the field was left to itself.

With the arrival of Pastor Trummer's family in June, 1932, a new chapter began to be written. Under their devoted labors the Sabbath school grew steadily, until Brother Afanador's front room could not accommodate its members, and the school moved into two rooms in one of the hotels in town.

In the meantime Brother Pedro Saray, who had accepted the Adventist message in Barranquilla had moved to Bucaramanga. Brother Saray is a collector for one of the business firms. His work brings him into contact with many people of all classes. He is an untiring missionary, who lets his light shine wherever he goes. His missionary activities have contributed very effectively to the preparation of the soil for a greater harvest.

Last August we rented, at a modest price, a fine hall, seating about 300. There we held a series of meetings. Af-



New believers in Bucaramanga.

ter obtaining the necessary permission from the authorities, we placed large placards on the walls all over town announcing the "Conferencias Adventistas."

The response of the public was splendid from the first and barely slackened throughout the eleven weeks of continuous effort, in spite of the determined campaign launched by the enemy press against the meetings. On many occasions there was not sufficient seating capacity for all who came. Long before the meeting started the hall would be full, and such as came a little later found themselves prevented from entering into the hall by the cordon of listeners that jammed the three entrance doors. Disappointed, they were compelled to turn home. The people enjoyed hearing the Word of God, and were made glad, too, with gospel songs. The men and women of Bucaramanga are very fond of singing. We had rented the best piano in Bucaramanga, and were fortunate to have Sister Trummer and Sarita lend their valuable help at the instrument night after night, besides helping in visiting the interested ones.

After a few weeks we had a short devotional meeting after the lecture. We found this meeting very effective in confirming the impressions created during the main service.

Brethren Pedro Gonzalez and Peña, who were canvassing the town with "Patriarchs and Prophets" and "Hacia la Edad de Oro," helped in preparing the hall for the night meetings and in keeping order, besides doing a liberal share of visiting. We appreciated their enthusiastic co-operation.

Over eighty signed the covenant, promising to keep God's commandments, including the holy Sabbath. These were organized into two baptismal classes, conducted by Pastor and Sister Trummer.

We praise God for the wonderful manifestation of His power in Bucaramanga. What He did there He will do, according to unmistakable indications, in dozens of towns in Colombia. Colombia stretches out her hands for reapers! But, oh! where are the reapers? The thin line of workers scattered over the vast territory all but vanishes before the opening opportunities. Has not the time come for Adventists to heed these providential openings? Soon it will be forever too late.

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TRAIN HELD UP

J. B. Nelson

"I held up the north bound train this morning," wrote Brother Olsen in his last letter to the office. He did it in this way:

While with Brother Sanchez, Brother Olsen suggested that they work among the railroad men with their books. Brother Olsen gained permission, and began systematically to canvass all the engineers, firemen, and mechanics. The morning of which he wrote, he found the engineer of his search in his cab ready to pull the north-bound passenger train out of — for its last lap of the journey.

Climbing up into the locomotive, Brother Olsen was busily canvassing the engineer for "*Hacia la Edad de Oro*"; and when the fourth gong in the station sounded for the engineer to open his throttle and speed out with his train, the engineer instead opened the prospectus while Brother Olsen speeded up into a two-minute canvass. The engineer wrote his name among the subscribers and Brother Olsen filled in an order blank for his new customer, then swung down from the cab as the locomotive puffed out of the yard.



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FIVE YEARS OF PROGRESS IN JAMAICA

A. R. Ogden

During the years 1928 to 1933, Pastor H. J. Edmed served as the president of Jamaica; and now that he is leaving the field to go to the South Caribbean Conference to serve in a similar capacity, it seems fitting that we should give a brief resume of the results of these years of faithful service. It is a pleasure for the writer to state that these years have been marked by a steady and rather unusual growth along all lines of the work. At the beginning of 1928, the membership of the conference stood at 2,694, and at the close of the third quarter of 1933, the membership numbered 4,671, or a net increase of nearly 2,000 members. The number baptized for the five years and three quarters totalled 2,621.

Jamaica is one of the oldest fields outside North America, and to see such steady growth of membership is most encouraging. But it is not only in church membership that this phenomenal growth is evidenced. There has been corresponding growth in all lines of the work. The Sabbath school membership, under Sister Edmed's efficient leadership, has reached nearly 6,000. There are more than 100 Sabbath schools in the conference. The tithes and mission offerings annually have reached splendid proportions. The Harvest Ingathering has gone as high as 1,200 pounds in the more successful years.

The work of the training school at Mandeville is going well. Especially are the industries of the institution prosper-

ous. These afford work for many students, and give to the people of the island an object lesson of that phase of Christian education. The college has a good reputation, and it is largely because of the good work of the school that people respond so liberally year by year to the Harvest Ingathering appeal.

During these past six years nearly thirty church buildings have been erected. Most of these are humble structures in country communities, yet they represent an aggregate expenditure of about 6,000 pounds. How has all of this been accomplished?—The answer is simple,—push and determination to answer a crying need. And the erection of these meeting houses has been accomplished almost wholly by the resources provided within the conference by Harvest Ingathering, special gifts of the people, and by the hard and unflinching efforts of the members with their friends and neighbors to "arise and build."

The work on most of these buildings has been done largely by the lay members. The people, "having a mind to work," have carried the rocks and burned the lime and cut the trees, and in other ways have largely done the work, especially on the country houses of worship. The cash outlay has been for the framing, roofing and such materials as have had to be purchased from the markets. But it all represents the great love and devotion of a faithful people. Pastor Edmed has given his most hearty and full support in every way possible to the brethren in the erection of these church buildings.

Truly, the work of the Jamaica Conference is much stronger than when Pastor Edmed arrived in 1928. Memorials for the good and permanent upbuilding of the cause remain to testify to the unceasing and untiring efforts of the president, with the hearty co-operation of his faithful band of associate workers, and the help of a host of loyal, devoted people.

May the Lord bless the incoming administration as He has the outgoing, that the work may continue to advance. The work is God's and not man's; and we are sure that with Heaven's blessing a still greater fruitage and ingathering of souls await the harvesters in the years to come.



Am I to thank God for everything? Am I to thank Him for bereavement, for pain, for poverty, for toil? . . . Be still, my soul, thou hast misused the message. It is not to give thanks for everything, but to give thanks in everything.—*G. Matheson.*

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MT. RORAIMA INDIAN WORK

Brother and Sister Cott and Brother and Sister Gonsalves are now living on or near the Kamarang River, in Northwest Guiana, and have four mission stations in that section, with two of them organized into churches. The church membership is fifty-five, with fifty others in classes preparing for baptism. Brother Cott thinks he may baptize twenty or more soon. He wrote me lately that they had 850 Indians now definitely under the influence of the mission.

Brother Cott writes that he has made good progress in the language in reducing it to writing, and will be able to have books for the use of the Indians in their own language.



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A YEAR OF TRIUMPH

J. A. Maynard

The laymen's movement in the English church in Panama City (R. P.) took an upward trend in missionary activity during 1933. At the beginning of the year Pastor C. C. Ellis presented to the new church board a code of well-regulated, idealistic resolutions, which he suggested be the chart and compass of our missionary boat, as we were about to launch out into the deep ocean of sin and woe, fishing for the souls of men and women who are sinking. These resolutions were adopted by the board, and the result of adherence to them was a rich harvest of seventeen souls.

The Ways and Means that were Used

The members of the church were organized into bands under appointed leaders. The ordained ministers were away in the far-flung fields almost the entire year, but the local elders held the flock together and led them into pastures green. As these dear sheep fed on the good things and drank of the spiritual Rock, like the two lepers in 2 Kings 7:9, they said one to another, "Let us spread the news abroad, for we have found good things in the pastures green." So the city and the suburbs were divided into districts. Each leader with his band members spread the gospel net far and near. Seventeen new believers were brought in.

It was a day of triumph to our church when the candidates were brought before the church for their final examination before their baptism. You should have heard the various testimonies as the lay members told of their experiences in winning those dear souls to the Lord. It was the greatest soul-winning experience that ever had come to the Panama City English church.

It was a blessed day when Pastor Finster came to us to revive the work of the laymen's movement, and it was God who inspired Evangelist C. C. Ellis to submit that "code of resolutions" for the missionary endeavors to the Panama City English church. May God keep the fire of Heaven burning in our hearts, that we may continue to diffuse rays of light in all directions is my prayer for all God's laborers in this old world of sin and shame.

PROGRESS AND PLANS

W. E. Baxter

Here are a few items from the field which we are passing on to you today (January 23):

Brother Mulholland has just given me the following: "I am glad to tell you that our student colporteurs are getting nicely started in their work. We feel very thankful to the Lord for the success He has granted us. Miss Rosario Mejia and I received nine orders for 'El Nuevo Medico' in one day. Her sales ran over \$100 the first week. She, Miss Eugenia Robinson, and Brother Vicente Moreno together took over \$260 in orders for the week. Brother Ruiloba and Sister Beliza Diaz are also doing well. Surely, God is honoring the sincere prayers of our colporteurs, for which we are grateful."

Brother Dunn informs me that Brother Maxson, editor of *El Centinela*, and Brother Ferris Thorpe, who has been teaching in the school at Costa Rica, will begin a Spanish effort in their new tent over in Colon January 28. Immediately following the close of the Spanish effort Brother Ellis will conduct an English effort in the same tent, putting in a new splice to increase the size of the tent to seventy-eight by forty-two feet.

Two of the young men from the academy are expecting to begin a series of meetings in Alajuala. They are planning to conduct the effort alone.

A letter just to hand from Brother E. P. Howard of Nicaragua has the following to say about the work in that field:

"We are glad to see the students arrive. Waldina Bernal is busy; she started

the next day, I believe. I am sure that Luis Murcia and I will have a good season together in the evangelistic field. I know that God will bless our efforts."

Brother Cole writes of his pleasure at having Brother and Sister Printemps with him in Honduras. They are distributing literature in Tegucigalpa, preparing for the effort which is to begin soon. Brother Wild is expecting to join them.

A letter written January 7 by Brother Olson of Salvador has the following to say about the work in that field: "During the last quarter of the year we have baptized thirty-seven. I had hoped for more, but very thankful for these. This is more than any recent year. Quite a number are in our baptismal classes, and so I believe that this year will be much more fruitful. We shall work to that end." If the Lord will I expect to join Brother Olson in a series of meetings in the city of San Salvador during the month of February.

In a letter from Brother Orley Ford of Guatemala, written January 7, he states that they expected to begin an effort in the city of Guatemala January 21. This effort is to be held in the new church, and we are praying that the Lord will richly bless them in the winning of souls. Brother Faustino Serano from the school will assist in this effort. Brother Ford says also:

"Brother and Sister Larrabee are working hard. He just finished a six-weeks' series of meetings, speaking every night, and four are the result of that effort. Now he has started another in Jilotepeque, and will stay a month there. This is a hard territory, and the medical work he is doing is helping wonderfully.

"I hope we shall reach 150 baptisms during 1934, and will strain every nerve to that end. This year we have baptized only fifty-four. I had hoped for many more; but two months in Peten and six months in the Harvest Ingathering campaign and the building of the church have taken me away from those things I should like to have done. We have a number who are on the way, but they lack training."

"Thou art coming to a King!

Large petitions with thee bring!
For His grace and power are such
None can ever ask too much."

SUGGESTIVE TEN-MINUTE MISSIONARY SERVICE PROGRAMS

April 7, 1934

Missionary Topic: "Religious Literature"

Text: Gal. 5:1.

Suggestions: Literature is one of the most fruitful instrumentalities for the proclamation of the Third Angel's Message to the world. Its use is symbolized by the angel of Rev. 10:1,2, who is described as holding a "little book" in his hand, and the book is said to be open, showing that its message is clearly brought to the attention of earth's inhabitants. Through the Spirit of prophecy we have been instructed that, "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from Heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."—*Test.* Vol. VII, p. 140.

April 14, 1934

Missionary Topic: "Reporting"

Text: Luke 9:10.

Suggestions: We are told that "angels keep a faithful record of every man's work," (Vol. 1, p. 198) and that "every act of love, every word of kindness, every prayer in behalf of the suffering and oppressed, is reported before the eternal throne, and placed on Heaven's imperishable record." (Vol. V, p. 133) Therefore, for the success of God's work on earth, it is essential that every church member should recognize the importance of rendering faithful missionary reports, and should understand just how and when these reports should be made. It is faithfulness in such little things as reporting a missionary visit, a Bible study, or literature handed out, which helps to strengthen and carry on God's great work. Nothing is too small for His notice.

April 21, 1934

Missionary Topic: "Big Week Reports"

Text: 1 Pet. 4:10.

Suggestions: Many most interesting reports will be forthcoming at this service from those who have been at work. Those who are not prepared to report at this time still have time to do their part in this missionary effort. The Big Week effort is becoming an extensive soul-winning work, and at the same time producing financial aid for hundreds of the most worthy enterprises connected with the cause of God. It is a great privilege to be permitted to have a share in this work.

April 28, 1934

Missionary Topic: "Mission Sabbath Schools"

Text: Mark 10:14-17

Suggestions: The conducting of mission Sabbath schools represents a largely unentered field, and yet it is a field bordering on the territory of practically every Seventh-day Adventist church, and is of a most interesting and fruitful nature. As a thrilling adventure in soul-winning, we heartily recommend the gathering together of the children in any neighborhood who are not brought under religious influences. It may be that a few children can be gathered into a private home at a regular hour, and for a definite purpose, when singing, prayer, story-telling, and Bible lessons are blended into a program which will make a lasting impression for good on the plastic minds of children. There is much talent in our churches for making this line of missionary endeavor a true success. Just ask the Lord to help you in finding a suitable place for the meeting and call in the needed helpers; secure left-over supplies of papers and Memory Verse cards from the church Sabbath school, and then begin and never stop.

What Are You Doing To Save Your
YOUNG PEOPLE?

CHRIST'S TEACHING

Christ could have imparted to men knowledge that would have surpassed any previous disclosures, and put in the background every other discovery. He could have unlocked mystery after mystery, and could have concentrated around these wonderful revelations the active, earnest thought of successive generations till the close of time. But He would not spare a moment from teaching the science of salvation. His time, His faculties, and His life were appreciated and used only as a means for working out the salvation of the souls of men. He had come to seek and to save that which was lost, and He would not be turned from His purpose. He allowed nothing to divert Him.

Christ imparted only that knowledge which could be utilized. His instruction of the people was confined to the needs of their own condition in practical life. The curiosity that led them to come to Him with prying questions, He did not gratify. All such questionings He made the occasion for solemn, earnest, vital appeals. To those who were so eager to pluck from the tree of knowledge, He offered the fruit of the tree of life. They found every avenue closed, except the way that leads to God. Every fountain was sealed, save the fountain of eternal life. . . .

Let us choose to be taught by Him who created the heavens and the earth, by Him who set the stars in their order in the firmament, and appointed the sun and the moon to do their work.—*"Ministry of Healing," pp. 448, 449.*

JOSEPHINE'S RELIGION

Mrs. H. L. Nielsen

One of our girls here won a scholarship two years ago for a Moravian teachers' seminary. Although it is operated by a church, it is connected with the government. She entered two years ago. It is a boarding school, and they have very strict rules.

She was allowed to come to church on Sabbath, but she also had to go on Sunday to the Moravian church. The minister used to try to persuade her to change her views, but she stood firmly for what she knew to be right.

School was out in December. "Breaking up," as they call it, came on a Friday night. The governor and his lady were present to give out the prizes. Our sister was a very good student, and was to receive two prizes. When her name was

read and she did not appear for the presents, the minister told the people that she was a Seventh-day Adventist, and so she was not there on the Sabbath. The people laughed. Then he said, "You may laugh at Josephine's religion, but you cannot laugh at Josephine, for she has won the esteem of the whole school."

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DAY

MARCH 10

and

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WEEK

MARCH 10-17

Our Young People are the greatest asset of the Church, therefore let us make this day and this week a time of special prayer and special effort in their behalf.

PLANS FOR GREATER THINGS

E. E. Andross

In January there was held in Barranquilla, Colombia, the most representative gathering of our workers ever held in that union. The members of the union committee, the book and Bible house secretaries, and the field missionary secretaries assembled for study, prayer, and earnest and careful consideration of the problems involved in quickly carrying the Third Angel's Message to the 12,000,000 people of that union. In addition to those mentioned above, Pastors McElhane and Weaks of the General Conference staff, also representatives of the division office and the publishing house in Cristobal were in attendance.

Reports of progress presented by the mission and departmental leaders were most encouraging, and reveal the moving of the Holy Spirit upon the hearts of multitudes, preparing them for God's last message of mercy. The providences of God are leading our workers forward in a most marked manner in that field. Plans for a larger work were laid; and though the extreme shortage of funds makes an increase of our laboring force, except in self-supporting lines in our literature ministry, impossible, we confidently expect this year will record the largest advance in every line of our work we have yet witnessed.

Larger goals in soul winning, in the number of colporteurs, and in the volume of literature to be placed in the homes of the people, were set. All in attendance resolutely set their faces to-

ward the accomplishment of greater things in 1934, keeping ever before them *our motto:*

"Advance. Enter new territory. Lift up the standard in every land." and *our watchword:*

"Christ expects every man to do his duty."

Pray for the success of the work in that most promising field.

FROM ACROSS THE SEAS

We are thankful that Pastor McElhane, who arrived early in January, and Pastor Weaks, who attended our division council in December, can spend about three months in our field. They will visit various parts where special meetings are to be held. Let us follow them with our prayers.

February 9, Brother and Sister Phillips arrived in Balboa from Washington, D. C. Brother Phillips is one of the General Conference auditors and came to audit the division books. We are glad indeed to have them with us once again.

Pastor C. E. Andross, wife and younger daughter arrived February 19 in Balboa. They spent a few days at the division office while waiting for a boat to take them to Jamaica, their new field of labor. We wish them Heaven's special blessing as they again enter service in Inter-America.

A letter from Pastor W. R. Elliott, president of the Caribbean Union, says that in that union they baptized more than 1,060 last year. The report has not yet come in from Mount Roraima. Let us thank God for this miraculous increase and pray that He may do still greater miracles in 1934.

Pastor C. E. Wood visited the western part of the Central Mexican Mission during January; and he reports remarkable interests in the message for this time.

A TRANSCRIPT OF HIS CHARACTER

The Bible shows us that God's law is a transcript of His character.

The Law of God is:	The Character of God is:
Good 1 Timothy 1:8	Good Luke 10:19
Holy Romans 7:12	Holy Isaiah 5:16
Just Romans 7:12	Just Deut. 32:4
Perfect Psalm 19:7	Perfect Mat. 5:48
Love Romans 13:10	Love 1 John 4:8
Righteous Psalm 19:9	Righteous Ex. 9:27
True Psalm 119:142	True Deut. 32:4
Pure Psalm 19:8	Pure 1 John 3:3
Spiritual Romans 7:14	Spiritual John 4:24
Unchangeable Mat. 5:18	Unchangeable Jas. 1:17
Eternal Psalm 111:7, 8	Eternal Genesis 21:33