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## THE NEED OF EARNEST EFFORT

In the power of the Spirit, the delegated servants of Christ are to bear witness for their Leader. The yearning desire of the Saviour for the salvation of sinners is to mark all their efforts. The gracious invitation, first given by Christ, is to be taken up by human voices, and sounded throughout the world, "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17. The church is to say, "Come." Every power in the church is to be actively engaged on the side of Christ. The followers of Christ are to combine in a strong effort to call the attention of the world to the fast-fulfilling prophecies of the word of God. Infidelity and spiritualism are gaining a strong hold in the world. Shall those to whom great light has been given be cold and faithless now?

We are on the very verge of the time of trouble, and perplexities that are scarcely dreamed of are before us. A power from beneath is leading men to war against Heaven. Human beings have confederated with satanic agencies to make void the law of God. The inhabitants of the world are fast becoming as the inhabitants of Noah's day, who were swept away by the flood, and as the inhabitants of Sodom, who were consumed by fire from Heaven. The powers of Satan are at work to keep minds diverted from eternal realities. The enemy has arranged matters to suit his own purposes. Worldly business, sports, the fashions of the day,—these things occupy the minds of men and women. Amusements and unprofitable reading spoil the judgment. In the broad road that leads to eternal ruin there walks a long procession. The world, filled with violence, reveling, and drunkenness, is converting the church. The law of God, the divine standard of righteousness, is declared to be of no effect.

At this time—a time of overwhelming

*Mrs. E. G. White*

iniquity—a new life, coming from the Source of all life, is to take possession of those who have the love of God in their hearts, and they are to go forth to proclaim with power the message of a crucified and risen Saviour. They are to put forth earnest, untiring efforts to save souls. Their example is to be such that it will have a telling influence for good on those around them. They are to count all things but loss for the ex-

cellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord.

Intense earnestness should now take possession of us. Our slumbering energies should be aroused to untiring effort. Consecrated workers should go forth into the field clearing the King's highway, and gaining victories in new places. My brother, my sister, is it nothing to you to know that every day souls are going down into the grave unwarned and unsaved, ignorant of their need of eternal life and of the atonement made for them by the Saviour? Is it nothing to you that soon the world is to meet Jehovah over His broken law? Heavenly angels marvel that those who for so many years have had the light, have not carried the torch of truth into the dark places of the earth.

The infinite value of the sacrifice required for our redemption reveals the fact that sin is a tremendous evil. God might have wiped out this foul blot upon creation by sweeping the sinner from the face of the earth. But He "so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. Then why are we not more in earnest? Why are so large a number idle? Why are not all who profess to love God, seeking to enlighten their neighbors and their associates, that they may no longer neglect so great salvation? ("Testimonies," Vol. IX, pp. 43, 44.)

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**"THEY NEED NOT DEPART; GIVE YE THEM TO EAT"**

*W. R. Elliott*

The Master had led His disciples to a desert place where they might rest; but the multitude saw Him go, and they followed Him. Five thousand men besides women and children gathered to

### *From Shadow to Sunshine*

*I learn as the years roll onward,  
And leave the past behind,  
That much I have counted sorrow  
But proves that our God is kind;  
That many a flower I longed for  
Had a hidden thorn of pain;  
And many a ragged by-path  
Led to fields of ripened grain.*

*The clouds but cover the sunshine;  
They can not banish the sun;  
And the earth shines out brighter  
When the weary rain is done.  
We must stand in the deepest shadow  
To see the clearest light;  
And often from wrong's own darkness  
Comes the very strength of right.*

*So the heart from the hardest trial  
Gains the purest joy of all,  
And from the lips that have tasted  
sadness*

*The sweetest songs will fall.  
For as peace comes after suffering,  
And love is reward for pain,  
So after earth is Heaven,  
And out of our loss is gain.*

—Selected.

hear Him. Mark says that when Jesus saw them "He was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and He began to teach them many things."

It was a desert place, and the time came when they began to need food. Food could not be bought there. Something must be done and done quickly. Seeing all this, the disciples approached their Master and called His attention to the situation, suggesting He send the people away that they might go into the towns and cities and buy food for themselves and their children. But He said, "They need not depart; give ye them to eat." Philip answered, "Two hundred pennyworth (about \$30.00) of bread is not sufficient for them that every one may take a little." Then Andrew joined in the conversation, saying, "There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?"

**"What Are They Among So Many?"**

Let us pause here for just a moment and get the scene before us. Here is the Master with His twelve disciples. It is a desert place. Five thousand men besides women and children have gathered to hear him. The Master is a poor man. The disciples are poor, but even if they had the money, there are no shops where food may be bought. There is not even enough food to supply the children. A little lad has brought along five loaves of bread and two small fishes. This is reported to the Master. Then the little lad is brought to the Master, and he gives his small supply into the Master's hands. Now let us watch.

The Master has only five loaves of bread and two little fishes. There must be ten or twelve thousand people before Him; but He commands that the multitude be seated on the grass in groups. Mark the order in which they were seated: In ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties, Mark says. After all are seated He takes the five loaves of bread, and the two small fishes, "and looking up to Heaven He blessed and brake." The baskets are brought, and—wonder of wonders! Basket after basket is filled, and He keeps on breaking. In response to the Master's bidding, the disciples take the baskets and begin to serve the hungry multitude. Soon the baskets are empty, and they return to the Master and He fills them as full as before. Again they go to the people, and again and again they return to the Master



**LAST-DAY SIGNS ON EARTH**

*S. Benjamin Brown*

*While gazing on the busy tide  
Of modern traffic far and wide,  
Methinks I hear the prophet say,  
"We are living in the last, last day!"*

*Behold at the appointed hour  
An onward march of ken and power.  
Upon the earth inventions see,  
And they are wonderful—ah me!*

*The mighty presses loudly roar.  
The daily news from shore to shore,  
Or, perchance the news is borne along  
By telegraph or cables long.*

*Away on yonder distant shore,  
Great ships their weighty anchors moor;  
And trains move on with rapid speed,  
To prove the skill of modern deed.*

*Along highways, with piercing flash,  
Automobiles rudely dash!  
While aerial crafts a murmur ring,—  
All tokens of the "Coming King."*

*"Prepare to meet thy God," they seem  
to say,  
"For soon will dawn the last, last day."  
And destructive storms o'er land and sea,  
Make the same great, solemn plea.*

*The end is nearer now, today,  
E'en than it was just yesterday,  
Let us be watchmen on the tower,  
Proclaiming loud the last, last hour!*



with empty baskets, and every time He fills them with food—the supply seems inexhaustible. At last the vast multitude of men, women and children are satisfied, and many of them still have bits of bread and fish. Now the Master bids the disciples: "Gather up the fragments that remain that nothing be lost," and they filled the baskets—twelve of them—with the fragments. Far more remained after the feast than they had at the beginning.

Is there not a spiritual lesson in this for us today? Multitudes all about us are without the Bread of life. They are in a desert place, and apparently food cannot be had. But, to us, the Master is saying, just as He said to His disciples, "Give ye them to eat." But either we have nothing to give them, or we have so little that we feel we can do nothing to supply their need. But if, like the disciples, we will take the little we do have and lay it in the hand of the

Master, and let Him bless, and break, and return it to us, we shall be able to feed a multitude; and when our little baskets are empty we can return again and again to the Master, and each time we do it He will fill them as full as before.

Some near you may be hungry for the Bread of Life today. You may have little or nothing at all to give them. Go to the Master, and He will fill your hands with the food needed for their famished souls. It may be only a word of sympathy, a cup of water, a prayer, a word of counsel, a text of Scripture, or a Bible reading that you can give; but when you have given that and your basket is empty, you can return to the Master for a fresh supply and He will fill your basket as full as before, and you can return to the multitude,—or the lone individual,—again and again, supplying their need every time you go until at last their hunger is satisfied with the Bread of Heaven. And then, after you have fed the hungry ones, you look at what you have left—the fragments of the feast—and discover that much more is left for your own need than you had before you shared with the poor, hungry, lost ones famishing in the desert.

Your knowledge of the truth may be so limited that you can tell only a very little of the wonderful gospel story; but, if you give that little in the name of the Master, returning to Him for a fresh supply each time your little store is exhausted, He will never disappoint you. No, He will keep your little basket filled so that you will always have a liberal supply for others, and enough for yourself. Is not this one of the lessons the Master would have us learn today, as we read the story of His feeding the multitude? The Master is looking for men and women and young people, yes, and

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little children, too, who will let Him fill their hands with the Bread of Life.

Please read the story as it is recorded in Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 6:32-44; Luke 9:10-17; and John 6:5-13. They have all told the story, and each in the telling has brought out some beautiful thought worthy of our consideration in these days when so many are famishing for the Bread of Life. May the reading of these verses give you the faith to believe the Master will do in spiritual things for you what He did in temporal things on that occasion; and may you go forth to minister to the spiritual needs of those about you.

The poet has expressed the thought I am trying to convey to you in the following beautiful lines:

*"From the brightness of the glory,  
'Go ye forth,' He said,  
'Heal the sick, and cleanse the lepers,  
Raise the dead:  
Freely give I thee the treasure,  
Freely give the same,  
Take no store of gold, or silver,  
Take My name."*

*"Then I went, as He had told me,  
He, the Lord in Heaven:  
Went in power of the Spirit  
He had given.  
And the sick arose rejoicing,  
Bore away their bed,  
And in night of life eternal  
Rose the dead."*

"A great work is to be done in our world, and human agencies will surely respond to the demand. The world must hear the warning. When the call comes, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' send back the answer clear and distinct, 'Here am I; send me.'"

### IT PAYS TO SERVE JESUS

Recently my wife asked me to go to the store and purchase some fruit jars, which I did. As I removed the top of the carton I found in it a leaflet which impressed me as a valuable testimony. I wish to quote in part what it said:

"The Bible relates how Jacob returned to his home in twenty years with riches and blessings as a result of his covenant of tithing. With some doubts and with a desire to see if the Bible is true, and to prove without a shadow of a doubt that there is a God and that His promises are for everlasting and to everyone, I made a special covenant to set aside a certain percentage of my income or increase.

"At that time I had a mortgage on my home, owed heavily, and was burdened with care and worry. I determined to prove God. Within three

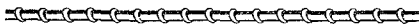
months unexpected, unforeseen blessings came to me and God opened my eyes to see His love and faithfulness to His promises. Since that time I have been blessed beyond my utmost expectations in every way and prospered in everything I have put my hand to.

"I believe in my heart God accepted my taking up His offer in Malachi, 3rd chapter, and that the blessings have been due to that fact. I have been through a flood, an earthquake, and two fires without any ultimate loss. In hard times I have made money and I believe that at all times there has been a protecting care around me that has kept me from many mishaps or mistakes that I would have made if left to my own judgment. Heavenly blessings, too, have been wonderfully great.

"I thank God for the privilege of tithing. It is a great joy. There is no other confidence like it for you have back of you God's constant care and watchfulness over your business or your work or position that brings good to you at every turn even though disguised at the time.

"You can step forward in the dark knowing your feet will rest upon a rock safely. God will always help you. God will bless and prosper you even greater than your ability to receive. I believe tithing is the solution for poverty.

"While tithing is not salvation, and salvation is a separate matter, yet I believe that to tithe and disburse God's money conscientiously and religiously will help a person to become more spiritually minded. Jesus, the Messiah, commended tithing, and yet He added to it judgment (justice), mercy, and faith as necessary. We would all do well to add these, too. God says in His

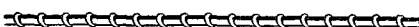


### A SAVIOUR BORN

*Pearl Waggoner Howard*

*Not to Mary all alone  
Came the joy supreme,  
Nor for just the shepherds shone  
Heaven's signal gleam.  
Nay! still comes the light divine  
Through earth's night forlorn:  
Unto thee, O heart of mine,  
Is a Saviour born.*

*"Wonderful!" The "Counselor!"  
"Jesus!" is His name;  
"Prince of Peace!" "The Comforter,"  
Evermore the same  
As when He in manger lay,  
Come to save from sin.  
Soul, rejoice! for yet today  
Christ is born,—within!*



Word that He loves mercy and righteousness more than sacrifice.

"I testify to the reality of God, the truth of His holy Scriptures, and that God keeps His promises."—R. L. Benton, *Southwestern Union Record*.

### THE BIGNESS OF LITTLE THINGS *Luke 16:10*

Everybody is interested in big things. People generally prefer to think about them: the Panama Canal, Chicago's Century of Progress, the Japan earthquake. The newspapers are always calling our attention to big things, big railway accidents, and big business failures, big discoveries and big gifts. But life is made up of little things more than big ones.

You get up in the morning, wash, dress, eat breakfast, go to your work (it may be in school or some other place), you succeed in doing a dozen or two dozen things, all of them little, and then you are hungry and must eat again. The afternoon is about the same, with an enjoyable dinner later on and a little time to amuse yourself before going to bed. Days are packed full of little things, but important ones.

Our feelings are colored by little things. You get up some morning feeling well and happy. The birds are singing, the sun is shining, and all the world glistens and glows, but before noon you are crying. You take no delight in anything. You are so wretched you don't know what to do, all because there is a little specie of something not nearly so large as the head of a pin in one of your eyes. A little piece of cinder in one eye is sufficient to blot out the light of the sun and to change the color of a whole day. Much could be said about the little words, that flow off the tongue so easily.

Jesus always notices little things. One day He drew a sermon from a grain of mustard seed, a sermon of encouragement and cheer. So it is astonishing what can come out of the human soul if that soul is only true to God.

Jesus says that when men stand before God on the judgment day, some of them will be amazed to find how much they have done. When they are invited to come into Heaven they will say, "What have we ever done to merit all this?" and then Jesus will say, "Well, you were kind to people who were hungry and thirsty, sick, lonely and deserted. You gave them little gifts, spoke gentle words, and did all you could to make others happier."

It is just such little things as these that God counts precious, and those who do them will live with Him forever. Heaven is the eternal home of those who have done little things to spread the kingdom of love and peace and joy.—*Far Eastern Division Outlook*.

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## Educational Department

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### CAMAGUAN

W. L. Adams

About twelve years ago, a school was started at Camaguan, Venezuela, under the direction of Brother Greenidge, who is still at the head of the work there. You may not know where Camaguan is, so if you will look about straight south of Caracas at the confluence of the Portuguesa and Apure Rivers, you will find the town of San Fernando. Camaguan is about twenty miles up the Portuguesa. To get there in comfort, one must go in the dry season, for during the wet season it is a veritable lake of water all over the head waters of the Orinoco and Camaguan and its surroundings become an island. Automobiles can get through during the dry season very well, though the road is rough.

The school began there under much opposition, and with a very small number of students, but time and effort have broken the prejudice down, so that now the school has the confidence and the support of a very substantial element of the people there. In fact, of the three schools in the place our school is by far the most advanced. The majority of the students come from the homes of our Catholic friends locally.

We found on our arrival that they were reserving the treat of the graduation exercises till we came. They had five students who had finished the course up to and including the eighth grade, which is the extent of the work of the school. The program was given the next night after our arrival, giving us the one day to get a bit of rest from the journey. I was very much pleased with the very excellent showing the students made in the work. The evening was arranged for and by the graduates, with the exception that they asked Brother Garner and me to say a few words to them at the close of their program.

That the school has been a very definite factor in the development of the young people who have attended the school is evident. While it can never be an institution that can accommodate the major portion of the youth of the union, no question can be raised as to the good work that has been accomplished for those who have been fortunate enough to get its benefits. The work

that has been offered in the past has been well regulated and executed. I think we should appreciate the efforts of Brother and Sister Greenidge in this work of educating these young people.

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### TIME'S PACES

(This poem was one of the winners in the contest by the London *Spectator* for sundial inscriptions.)

When as a child I laughed and wept,  
Time crept.  
When as a youth I thought and talked,  
Time walked.  
When I became a full grown man,  
Time ran.  
When older still I daily grew,  
Time flew.  
Soon I shall find in passing on,  
Time gone.  
Oh, Christ, wilt Thou have saved me then?

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## Home Missionary Department

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### ITEMS FROM THE HOME MISSIONARY MAIL BAG

L. V. Finster

#### "Crooked Tree" Being Made Straight

Some of our home missionary workers in British Honduras have been having some interesting experiences in the village of Crooked Tree. After continuing the work for some time, seven were baptized. Since then one of our young men visited this little company and he reports a remarkable interest. Thirty people are now keeping the Sabbath in this place, and fifteen of them are ready for baptism.

#### A Whole Village Accepts the Message

Sister Gill of British Honduras has been doing some earnest work in a little village, with the result that many have become interested. She finally wrote for help to care for this interest. Brother Rodriguez of San Pedro responded to this call; and Pastor Sutton, who visited the village in January, says:

"It was my first visit to that village. The priest was there to meet me. He was around taking the names of the people who had left his church. All the families except three, had begun to keep the Sabbath. At the close of one of the meetings which was held, a call was made for all to stand who were planning to be baptized. Thirty-two of these dear people stood to their feet. I wish you might have seen them standing on the bank of the river. Seventeen women

and fifteen men were ready to pass through the watery grave.

"In the crowd was the priest writing down the names of the people who went down into the water. It really meant something to these dear people to take this step. They are all living on leased land, and this land is owned by a man who is a Catholic. It may mean that they will have to find new homes. However, they told us that the truth was worth more than houses and land. Before leaving we organized a church of thirty-two members."

#### Work Among the Mosquito Indians

Brother Charles F. Brooks, one of our pioneer lay-member workers of Nicaragua, writes very encouragingly in regard to the work which he started among the Mosquito Indians in Clingua many years ago.

During a recent visit nine were baptized, and others are preparing for this rite later. His son is now conducting a school at that place. The students prepared a program to give at another village called Yulu. Brother Brooks says the chapel was filled with friends from the surrounding country. One of the boys opened the meeting by reading Psalm 117 in Spanish, and then he repeated the Lord's prayer in the same language. Songs, recitations, and dialogues were rendered in Spanish, English and the Mosquito languages. Lessons were drawn from the Picture Roll which attracted the attention of the visitors. These were given in the Mosquito language, as most of the people present were Indians. Brother Brooks goes on to say:

"Looking back more than twenty years, I can well remember my first visit to these Indians, who at that time knew nothing about the Third Angel's Message. They were addicted to alcoholic drinks and the use of unclean meats. I praise God for the power that is found in the message which He has given us to prepare a people for His coming. Today the house that was built by these Indians in which to drink *mesh-la* and other stimulating drinks is used for our Sabbath school, day school and other services. I am truly thankful to have a part in giving to the many unfortunate people around us the glorious message for this time. My plan for the year 1934 is to launch out into deeper waters, seeking souls for the harvest. My desire is to be more faithful in doing all I can for the furtherance of this gospel message."

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"Greatness consists in honoring God by revealing His character in daily life."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 440.

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## Missionary Volunteer Department

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### YOU ARE PART OF THE PLAN

The last two issues of the MESSENGER have contained recommendations of plans laid by our leaders—plans for the finishing of the work in Inter-America. I wonder if our Missionary Volunteers have noticed how much our leaders are expecting of our young people.

For one I am thankful that they are expecting much of them; for truly our Inter-American army of youth can do much. During 1933 they accomplished much in the winning of souls. But 1934 must be better. Don't you say so?

This month comes Big Week! How big that week will be in financial returns and in souls won will depend largely upon what our Missionary Volunteers do about it. Did you notice that the division council asks that the M. V.'s. raise one-fourth of the Big Week financial goal?

I am sure we can do it: Let every M. V. endeavor earnestly to reach the goal set for every church member. And let all who can do more.

The pioneers worked untiringly and gave their all in laying the foundation of this great movement. We are called to finish the work which they so nobly began. May God help us to put into it our best and our all, as they did. Like Grandma Plank in the experience related on our M. V. page of this paper, let us follow in the footprints of the pioneers in this message. Today we are their substitutes,—their successors. May we each be worthy of this high calling. God bless our M. V.'s.

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### IN WHICH CLASS ARE YOU?

"We have some young people in our society that I just don't know what to do with. I wish someone would tell me how to set them to work," said one of the perplexed society leaders when the meeting was thrown open for discussion. Of course, the young people belonging to this non-working class do not say, "I won't work." O no. But it's, "Well, I haven't time this week; or I can't; or, Harold is just the one to do that kind of work, ask him;" or—well you know the excuses to which we are tempted to resort.

Let us examine ourselves: One quarter of the new year has slipped away. April

begins to unravel the second great quarter. If you, dear Missionary Volunteer, have been among those who have said "have thou me excused," be sure to enroll at once in the class whose members are ever ready for service, whose aim is to do something for Jesus every day.

And by the way did you notice in last month's paper some of the fine plans the leaders laid for us in the division council? If we carry them out they will, with the blessing of the Lord, make 1934 our best M. V. year so far. And have you noticed on pages twelve and thirteen of this paper that we are beginning a series of Bible studies that will be good for all in the church—old and young?

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## Publishing Department

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### OUR PUBLISHING CONVENTIONS

W. A. Bergherm

At the division council it was voted to hold a publishing department convention in each union. Not since 1928 have there been such gatherings in this division, so it was felt that another year should not pass by without calling our field leaders together to study the problems connected with the important work of proclaiming the "gospel of the Kingdom" through the printed page.

January 19 to 24 our first union convention was held in Barranquilla, Colombia, for the workers of the Colombia-Venezuela Union. The superintendents, secretary-treasurers, and field missionary secretaries of each of the local fields, also the superintendent, secretary-treasurer and field missionary secretary of the union were present. We also had with us Pastors McElhany and Weeks of the General Conference, and from the division Pastor E. E. Andross, F. L. Harrison, W. L. Adams and the writer. D. A. Cone from the Pacific Press Branch in Cristobal also attended.

The studies on leadership and other practical lines as presented to us by Pastors McElhany, Andross and Weeks, were indeed inspiring. We were especially glad to have Brother Weeks of the Publishing Department of the General Conference, whose years of experience with this branch of the work in different parts of the world meant a great deal to the success of the meeting.

Immediately following this meeting, the second convention was conducted

in Port of Spain, Trinidad, for the workers of the Caribbean Union. Pastor Weeks was the only visitor from outside of that field, but according to all reports a very inspiring meeting was held.

Some very important decisions were made at both of these conventions which will help greatly our colporteur work. Among other things, the need of a larger force of consecrated men and women to dedicate their lives to this branch of the work was stressed. Especially is this true of Colombia-Venezuela. Many more should be at work where now only a few are engaged,—thus hastening the great day of the Saviour's coming, to which we have been looking forward so long.

The importance of our magazine work was vividly brought before our minds while we have been doing a good work with our books in the past, we all recognized afresh the important place our good English magazines and *El Centinela* hold in reaching the great masses of the people. The Colombia-Venezuela Union set a monthly goal of a club of *El Centinela* equal to five copies to every baptized member in the union for the year 1934. To reach this goal of over 5,000 every month, it will be necessary for young men and women to dedicate their entire time to selling this magazine. Especially do our larger cities offer splendid opportunities to our people who are adapted to this line of work.

We know our people are very much interested in the good work our colporteurs are doing in the field. Many who will read this article are in this blessed truth because some colporteur called at their home. So we solicit an interest in your prayers that the work of seed sowing may move forward.

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### REMARKABLE RECORDS

W. A. Bergherm

We are glad to report that during the year 1933 the Caribbean Union led the entire division in the value of book sales. Closely following the Caribbean Union is the Mexican Union with only three hundred dollars less. Their sales were as follows:

Caribbean Union	\$26,440.33
Mexican Union	26,141.08

Due credit, however, should be given to Mexico for they report the largest value of books delivered in the division, which means that after all Mexico really placed more books in money value in the field during the year.

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**HOW GOD USED A LIBRARIAN IN MEXICO**

*Mrs. June L. Ulmer*

Some years ago a young man in college went to the library for a book to read. Finding the one he had selected very interesting, he offered it to his father, who also enjoyed books.

After finishing the book the father asked the son to try to find him another one by the same author. Accordingly the son returned the borrowed book and asked the librarian to find him a similar one. Her reply was that there was only one more like it, and it was out, but she handed him a larger book, saying that perhaps he would be interested in it.

He gave his father the book, saying that while it was quite different from the first one, perhaps he would enjoy it also. During the following week he often noticed his father busy reading the book and one day he asked what made it so interesting. To this the father replied: "Son, it is a treasure; I should like to have you read it also." However, the father would like to have known why the book referred to so many other books, and he told the son that really to understand it one should be rich enough

to afford to buy each book referred to.

To their surprise one day they learned that the books mentioned in this borrowed book, in reality were not so many separate books, but one book called the Bible. They then bought a Bible and proved to their own satisfaction that what they were reading was the truth.

The time came when the book must be returned, so the father told the son to buy a copy of the book in a bookstore in the city. But search as he might he failed to locate one like it anywhere. So he returned to the library and asked the price, and was told the book could be purchased for \$5.00. That was quite a sum for the father to pay out, so they gave up the idea of owning the book.

Since the son was just graduated from college and he had taken a business course, the only solution to the problem was that he copy the book on the typewriter. This was no small task for the book was "The Great Controversy" in Spanish.

When his task was completed he said he had gained three blessings from it: First, they now had the book in their possession; second, the practise he got writing the book enabled him to get the position he now holds in the light office; third, through the close reading of the book he found his Saviour.

There is a sad chapter to this story: While the father and his family were

very zealous for a time, later they became cold; however, he still keeps the Sabbath in the home although he does not follow the injunction given us to meet together for worship.

But as evidence of their faithfulness, the young man and his wife are baptized members of our faith and he acts as deacon in one of our churches while his faithful wife is the leader of the young people's society.

Our prayer is that his family who once knew the joy of obeying the ten commandments may again place themselves in God's hands to be used as He sees fit.

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**CHURCH OFFICERS' MEETING**

*E. J. Lorntz*

Not long ago representatives from the twenty-nine churches in Cuba were gathered in a church officers' meeting in Havana. As far as we know this is the first meeting of its kind that ever was held in this field. The local elders and some other officers came from the different places of our island to this meeting where plans were discussed relative to their work.

The Lord made it a real success. All felt that the Spirit of the Lord came very near to us during all of the meetings. Pastor A. R. Ogden was present with his sound counsel and teachings. Plans were laid to strengthen the work and organization of the churches, thus giving our workers opportunity to enter new fields and dedicate more time to soul winning. We feel that this meeting will be a real blessing to our churches in Cuba; for with new zeal and broader vision, our church elders returned to their churches.

The year 1933 was a good year for Cuba in spite of all our difficulties and hardships. In five months we had six presidents in the republic, but it now appears that peace has come to our shores for which we thank the Lord. It was our privilege to baptize 346 persons during the year and to organize fourteen new churches. Our church membership now stands at over thirteen hundred, with more than 2,200 members in our Sabbath schools. The financial situation has been desperate, and the



Church elders' gathering in Cuba.



newspapers have reported deaths from starvation. Many are living on cane juice. We feared very much that we would fall short in our tithe; but we gained a good sum over the 1932 tithe. We praise God for this victory.

All of our workers are directly engaged in soul-winning work. Evangelism is the key word for both preachers and lay members. The interests are so great in the different parts of the field that it is impossible to answer the calls. We need more men and women who will dedicate their lives to give this message of life to a dying world. I thank the Lord for the loyal help we have in our faithful church elders and others who are doing their part to warn Cuba of the coming events. Our young people are also organizing their forces and their zeal is inspiring. We solicit the prayers of God's people for the work here in this island.

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**EAST INDIAN WORK IN TRINIDAD**

**J. B. Ramratan**

An East Indian catechist of the Presbyterian church was made a present of the good old book "Bible Readings." Later on he gave the book to one of his little boys, who used it as a plaything until it became badly dilapidated. As this boy grew up, he manifested a great interest in Bible study and was eventually made teacher of a class in the Sunday school. He sought in every way possible to get the best help on the lessons, so "Bible Readings" was frequently consulted.

One day while he was searching for help in this good book, his eyes caught the words "apostate Sabbath." He instantly recalled his father's repeated warning against apostate teachings, and he determined to study closely what this book had to say about it. He studied and prayed, and the more he studied, the more clearly the Sabbath truth stood out before him. He went to his ministers for help on this subject but they could not satisfy him. He then gathered a group of earnest young men, and night after night, they studied together comparing with the Holy Bible the quotations in "Bible Readings."



Group of believers raised up by Brother Prince in Puerto Rico.

Soon they were all keeping the Sabbath of the fourth commandment.

The Presbyterian workers, seeing they were losing him, sent one of their men to offer him the position of catechist, and the privilege of working for the people in his own neighborhood,—a position he once had longed for,—but he politely refused. Soon after this he was expelled from his position as teacher in the Sunday school, and from that time he was considered an outcast—a loathsome thing. This experience did not discourage him. He continued his studies with more earnestness, and together with his little group kept the Sabbath for about two years under the shade of a mango tree in a near-by jungle.

One day this young man came to Port of Spain and somehow found his way to our local office. He had a good visit with the president, Pastor C. E. Andross, and was given a Sabbath school quarterly and some other literature to take home with him.

Soon I was asked to go in search of this little group of believers. It was my happy privilege to find them. New courage and hope beamed from their faces as we studied the precious words of truth together. They accepted every phase of our message with gladness, and before the end of 1931 seven precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. A series of meetings was also conducted in their village by Pastor Benjamin Yip and the writer, and twelve more jewels were added to our membership.

How to work for the 100,000 of East Indian people in Trinidad with their multiplied castes, was a very great problem which baffled our leaders. Thank God, our truth-filled books have successfully pioneered the way, and have given to us an earnest, consecrated group of East Indian men and women who are now being used by the Master to gather others of their own kindred and tongue and people unto Him.

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**GOOD NEWS AGAIN**

**Ishmael Ellis**

During 1933 we had forty-nine baptisms up here in Chiriqui, Panama, and of these twenty-four were Indians. We suffered the loss of seven members. Two members were received on profession of faith, which makes our net gain forty-four.

Let me tell you about a man in La Concepción who was the right-hand man of the priest there. I have known him for years. Sometimes we succeeded in getting him to listen to the truth, but not often. Then after I left La Concepción others continued the good work. By and by the man began to study the Bible. He compared our teaching with that of his church, using the Bible as a guide. He read his Bible day and night, and before long he began to keep the Sabbath, pay his tithe, and to do missionary work among his neighbors. This was good news for me.

On one of my visits to La Concepción the brethren asked me to visit this man. I did so at once and found him very happy. There was just one point in our belief that he did not understand, and after I explained that to him, he was happier still.

His main concern then was his wife. She was holding back. I spent the night with them, and was glad to hear her say that she would follow her husband and become one of us. There is nothing like working to save precious souls for the Master, and I am very thankful to serve here.

The priest, who had not heard from his "best member" for many days sent a lady to inquire if it was true that he was an Adventist. His answer was, "Tell him that I am, and also tell him that I am sorry to say that I once was a Roman Catholic."

The people could scarcely believe the news, and many asked to be advised when this man would be baptized. There was quite a number at the riverside to see the ceremony on that glad day. Everything went nicely, and our dear brother is now rejoicing in this blessed truth.

## A MESSAGE TO YOU

Dear Lay Member:

I wish to have a heart-to-heart talk with you regarding one of the greatest opportunities of this year. The Big Week Plan offers you the privilege of being used of God in bringing a three-fold blessing to the world. First, as you visit from door to door, carrying the printed page, you will find opportunities to speak some words for God in personal service; second, the ones who purchase the truth-filled literature will receive a great blessing—possibly their only chance to know the truth for this time; third, our schools, hospitals and school-printing plants will receive much-needed help to enable them to do better work.

Present-day conditions in the world tell us in no uncertain terms that we are very near the end. There can be no question but that we have reached the time of trouble spoken of by the prophets. The troubled conditions of the world have their meaning.

"The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. . . . The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. *Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones.*"—"Testimonies," Vol. 9, p. 11.

Greater changes have been made in the world during the last few years than in any similar period of earth's history. Men's hearts are failing them for fear, and for looking after the things that are coming on the earth. Not only will the movements in the world be rapid ones, but God desires that *our* movements in the spread of this message shall be rapid ones. The latter rain is falling, and doors are being opened on every hand. The Spirit of God is waiting for channels through which He may work. "Heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents—the members of the church—to co-operate with them in the great work to be done. *They are waiting for you.*"—"Christian Service," p. 89.

All Heaven is looking on to see how the members of His church are relating themselves to the work that is to close human history.

"Every one who accepts Christ as his personal Saviour will long for the privilege of serving God. Contemplating what Heaven has done for him, his heart is moved with boundless love and adoring gratitude. He is eager to signalize his gratitude by devoting his abilities to God's service. *He longs to show his love for Christ and for His purchased possession. He covets toil, hardship, sacrifice.*"—"Ministry of Healing," p. 502.

Believing that you love Christ above everything else, we are sure you will long to take part in the coming Big Week. The call is not for impossibilities, but that each member sell at least one dollar's worth of literature, and give the profits to the Big Week, or Extension Fund. Many will do much more, but we believe every one can do that much.

The selling of the literature is only part of the work to be done by you. The best test of any work for God is its soul-winning results. What greater opportunity could be offered than that of finding the honest in heart, as you go from door to door, and then following up these cases with other literature and Bible studies? As we engage in the Big Week effort this year, let us make it a soul-winning campaign.

Yours in service,

L. V. FINSTER.

# Big Week or Mission

## A SAFE INVESTMENT

"Every opportunity . . . to aid the cause of God in the spread of the truth, is a pearl that you can send beforehand, and deposit in the bank of Heaven for safe-keeping. . . . Every such opportunity improved adds to your heavenly treasure."—"Test.," Vol. 3, pp. 249, 250.

"Money cannot be carried into the next life; it is not needed there; but the good deeds done in winning souls to Christ are carried to the heavenly courts."—"C. O. L." p. 266.

"God now calls upon every one who has a knowledge of the truth, who is a depository of sacred truth, to arise and impart the light of Heaven to others."—"Review and Herald, Dec. 6, 1893.



## INDIVIDUAL

We trust that all our people will respond to the call, and that these times of depression are so much greater.

It is hoped that the larger number of those not regularly engaged for Big Week by selling literature themselves. The benefit is threefold:

- The money thus raised comes direct from the outside and also applies on your mission offerings.
- The blessing to the individuals purchasing the truth-filled literature.
- The inspiration and blessing to you of engaging in active service.

## BIG WEEK RECOMMENDATIONS

WHEREAS, the Extension Fund plan now includes medical and other denominations to more earnest endeavor in its behalf, therefore

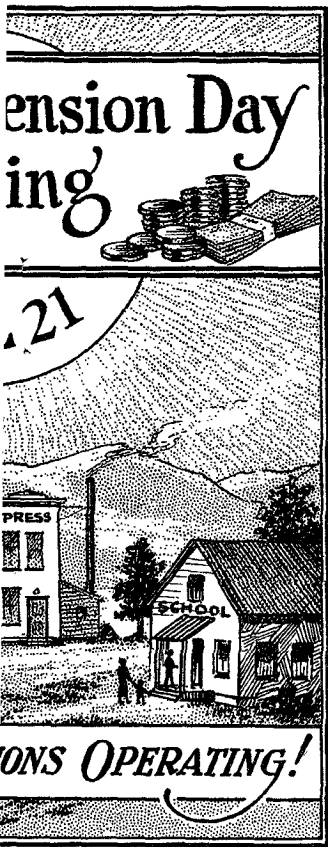
We recommend, That we follow the plan of former years as given below:

- That our lay members be encouraged to put forth most strenuous efforts to the Extension Fund.
- That colporteurs continue to share in the Big Week plan, and to give the profits to the Extension Fund.
- That conference and institutional workers join in the Extension Fund, and give the profits to the funds, in addition to their personal income for conference.
- That in case of inability to devote time and effort to the sale of literature, and conference laborers, make an offering to the Extension Fund equal to the amount of their personal income.
- That medical institutions and schools arrange for one or more persons to sell literature for the Extension Fund.

# Big Week in Funds



# Extension Service



## HEAVEN'S CASH LEDGER

"The recording angel makes a faithful record of every offering dedicated to God, and put into the treasury, and also of the final result of the means thus bestowed. The eye of God takes cognizance of every farthing devoted to His cause, and of the willingness or reluctance of the giver."—*Test.*, Vol 2. pp. 518, 519.

"The motive in giving is also chronicled. Those self-sacrificing, consecrated ones who render back to God the things that are His, as He requires of them, will be rewarded according to their works."—Vol. 2, p. 519.

"Let the gospel message ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 7, p. 14.

## RESPONSIBILITY

old of the work more energetically than ever before, as our needs in the sale of literature will find it convenient to follow the plans old:

does not cut down your own power to give to the regular calls. It

ature—possibly their only means of hearing the message we love. soul-saving work.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

educational as well as publishing projects, thus inviting the entire

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held days during the Big Week.

## MINISTRY OF THE PRINTED PAGE

"If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures. Missionary work—introducing our publications into families, conversing, and praying with and for them—is a good work."—*Christian Service*, p. 145.

"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."—*Id.*, p. 148.

"There are many places in which the voice of the minister cannot be heard, places which can be reached only by publications,—the books, papers, and tracts that are filled with the Bible truth that the people need. Our literature is to be distributed everywhere. The truth is to be sown beside all waters; for we know not which shall prosper, this or that. In our erring judgment we may think it unwise to give literature to the very ones who would accept the truth most readily. We know not what may be the good results of giving away a leaflet containing present truth."—*Id.*, p. 153

"Let every Seventh-day Adventist ask himself, 'What can I do to proclaim the Third Angel's Message?' Christ came to this world to give this message to His servant to give to the churches. It is to be proclaimed to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. How are we to give it? The distribution of our literature is one means by which the message is to be proclaimed. Let every believer scatter broadcast tracts and leaflets and books containing the message for this time. Colporteurs are needed who will go forth to circulate our publications everywhere.

"Papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people. In enlightening and confirming souls in the truth the publications will do a far greater work than can be accomplished by the ministry of the word alone. The silent messengers that are placed in the homes of the people through the work of the canvasser, will strengthen the gospel ministry in every way; for the Holy Spirit will impress minds as they read the books, just as He impresses the minds of those who listen to the preaching of the word. The same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the truth as attends the work of the minister."—*Id.*, p. 145.

"Church members, awake to the importance of the circulation of our literature, and devote more time to this work. Place in the homes of the people papers, tracts, and books that will preach the gospel in its several lines. There is no time to be lost."—*Id.*, p. 147.

"We have been asleep, as it were, regarding the work that may be accomplished by the circulation of well-prepared literature. Let us now by the wise use of periodicals and books, preach the word with determined energy, that the world may understand the message that Christ gave to John on the isle of Patmos."—*Id.*, pp. 146, 147.

"We now have great facilities for spreading the truth; but our people are not coming up to the privileges given them. They do not in every church see and feel the necessity of using their abilities in saving souls. They do not realize their duty to obtain subscribers for our periodicals, including our health journal, and to introduce our books and pamphlets."—*Id.*, p. 151.

### Angels Prepare the Way

"I saw that the work of present truth should engage the interest of all. The publication of truth is God's ordained plan, as a means of warning, comforting, reproving, exhorting, or convicting all to whose notice the silent, voiceless messengers may be brought. Angels of God have a part to act in preparing hearts to be sanctified by the truths published, that they may be prepared for the solemn scenes before them."—*Id.*, p. 154.

# Bigger Week in Souls

**AMONG THE NEEDY IN NICARAGUA**

Not long ago a very interesting letter came to the division office. It was written by Sister Eva L. Borden, a trained nurse who lives with Brother and Sister E. P. Howard, and is doing self-supporting work in Nicaragua. We greatly appreciate the noble, self-sacrificing work Sister Borden is doing and are sure you will appreciate reading the following paragraphs from her letter:

"In the evangelistic meetings I help with the health demonstrations and visit the sick to do what I can for them. I shall soon be able to do more as I am getting the language fairly well. I am sorry that I do not have more time to devote to language study and visiting; but as I am absolutely self-supporting, you can see I must do some work that brings pay. . . .

"So my work is usually with the rich or the very poor. I have now many friends in Managua and Brother Howard assures me that the influence of my medical work has been most helpful in our missionary work here.

"I read recently in the *Review* of a brother in Africa finding scorpions among his books. Well, I could stand finding them there if they would only stay out of my bed. Venemous snakes on the porch, centipedes among my hair-pins, tarantulas in the *patio*, and roaches in the pantry, only add to the spice of life. White ants and mosquitoes also complicate matters a little. . . .

"God has blessed me here. I have lost in weight, but have better health than when back home. It does not matter much where we are just so we are where God wants us. . . . Please pray that God will continue to bless in this work."

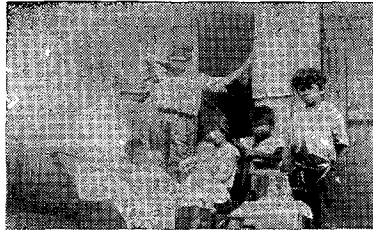
Brother L. G. Mookerjee, one of our workers in India, is the grandson of Dr. Carey's first Brahman convert. He says: "In my own personal ministry in India for years, a very large percentage of my converts have been won through the literature ministry."

"A prominent Hindu once told me that there would be more Christians in India if all Christians would live the Christ life."—*L. G. Mookerjee*.

Some men owe the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties.

When you neglect to pray you notice it inside an hour, your associates know it inside a day, and the world knows it inside a week.

"No one is useless in this world, who lightens the burden of it for any one else."—*Charles Dickens*.



Sister Borden ministering to the needy.

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**A WITNESS TO THE BLESSINGS OF THE TESTIMONIES**

*Henry E. Baasch*

Sister Rita Reina is a native of Colombia. Her home is in the heart of the eastern Andes, not easily accessible to the outside world. Her family are all very staunch Catholics. One of her sisters is teaching in a Catholic school, and one brother is studying to be a priest. Before becoming an Adventist, Rita herself taught in a Catholic school.

Rita is the mother of five little girls. Her husband accepted the Advent Message first through reading one of our books. She left him because of his new belief. He, however, continued laboring for her through letters and the printed page and thus succeeded in breaking down her prejudice. A tract on the Sabbath finally convinced her, and she took her stand for the truth, and immediately after her baptism, she and her husband re-established their home.

Sister Rita is one of the outstanding lay missionaries in Colombia. She and her husband are devoted workers, and with the Lord's help they have been able to win scores. Their work is chiefly among the people of the mountains. In one place they raised up a company of eighty believers.

In a recent letter she tells of some of her experiences, and states, among other things, that since her baptism about two years ago, she has been inspired by an "irresistible impulse" to win souls for Christ. She then continues:

"A most valuable factor, which has proved a strength in my missionary work, are the books of the Spirit of Prophecy, especially *"Testimonios Selectos"* and *"Servicio Cristiano,"* the careful reading of which I recommend to all my

brethren in the faith, if they desire to fortify themselves in the hope of eternal life and in the art of winning souls to Christ.

"I have shed tears, and I have thanked God, as I have put my eyes upon these powerful glasses which supplement our short-sightedness, in order that we may recognize the great and mysterious characters of Bible truth. Praise to our God for this rich provision of His mercy.

"The experience which I am enjoying today establishes in me an absolute confidence in the truths contained in the writings of Sister White, as divinely revealed and inspired. Not only are they in perfect harmony with the Bible, but their counsels, when put into practice, result in tangible blessings. Thus I learned, for instance, that in order to receive answers to my prayers I must acquire the right to ask, by being faithful in the observance of the Sabbath and in paying tithe, as specialties within the circle of the ten precepts."

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**A GOOD DELIVERY IN SPITE OF OPPOSITION OF PRIEST**

*W. A. Bergherm*

From a recent issue of a news letter published each month in the Colombia-Venezuela Union comes the following interesting experience of how a colporteur delivered his books in spite of the difficult situation in which he found himself:

"Strange to say all my customers had gathered themselves together in the market place to inform me that they could not receive their books until the arrival of the priest, for whom they had sent and who had also ordered a book. As the priest had delayed his coming so long, in spite of the fact that they had sent for him three times, one of the customers told me that he would go to his home and get the money to pay for the book.

"When this gentleman returned with the money, the priest had arrived, but was so drunk that he appeared to have been spending all his time in the canteen. As soon as he saw me, he came toward me and stated that he prohibited my selling books. I told him that he could not find anything bad in the books, but to the contrary they contained the very best things for the home, and strong articles which prove scientifically that alcohol and tobacco are poisons. When he heard this he could not control himself, and taking me by the tie he shook me, while his brother hit me, and threatened me with a razor.

"As soon as I could get away, I went with all haste to my room in the hotel and locked myself in. Later everyone

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## WITH OUR MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

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### GRANDMA PLANK'S SACRIFICE

Grandma Plank's hair was white when she took me at the age of five, to be her Missionary Investment. It wasn't age entirely that had brought the silver threads. There had been years of hard toil and sorrow. The daily bread was earned with her hands, and then there was a little girl needing shoes and clothes and food, besides the church school pledge. This meant twenty-five days of hard work over a cook stove, or nursing the sick or perhaps sewing every month. But it was her missionary investment.

The years were telling on Grandma when at last she saw me graduated from the twelfth grade, but she sent me out as a church school teacher with the blessed influence of a Christian home fresh in my memory and the assurance of her prayers at the family altar.

I can still recall Grandpa's prayer. "Hasten on this work until all the dark corners of the earth shall be lit by its glory," followed by Grandma's petition, "Send forth more laborers into the great harvest fields."

Then came years which brought additional care when Grandpa's health was gone. She had managed to save a few hundred dollars and this with the little house would take care of them at the last. But about two years ago the bank failed and left them penniless but for the little that Grandma could earn in a near-by canning factory. The winter was severe and the struggle was almost too much.

The last of January 1930 she laid Grandpa to rest until Jesus comes, and within a week came the request from the Mission Board that she give her granddaughter to India. In replying she said, "They are asking for all that I have left, but I cannot say 'no,' when it is an answer to my prayers."

And so, on July 9, she was standing at the station waiting for the train that would carry her "missionary investment" away from her—doubtless for the last time in this world. But there was not one word of self-pity, no reference to parting, no suggestion that there might be another mound on the hillside when I returned. Oh, such bravery, such sacrificing, such love for her Saviour. Surely she must often have repeated to

herself, "God so loved that He gave His only . . ."

The train pulled in, "goodbyes" were said, and then I turned to that noble soul. Not a tear, not a word. She just held me close to herself as she had done in childhood's days, and then I boarded the train. As it moved out of the station, I turned for one more look and there she stood—smiling! That smile will never be erased from my memory. She had given all and had done it willingly.

Back to the canning factory she went that night, an old woman, past eighty years of age, bent with age—and alone.

"Now you understand what I mean by a 'missionary by proxy.'" When the crowns are placed on the heads of the saints, the stars from India will shine in her crown. Yes, I must prove to be a very good missionary investment—for she so loved that she gave her all.—*Elva Babcock-Gardner.*

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### LITTLE NEIGHBORS AT CHURCH

*I went to church last Sabbath,  
Just as I always do.  
Near by me sat a little girl  
About the size of you.  
Across the aisle I saw a boy  
I'd say as small as you.  
Not a whisper did I hear  
From those children two.  
They sat so very quietly,  
Just as older people do.*

*When prayer was said, they bowed  
their heads,  
And closed their eyes so blue.  
They joined in the singing,  
They brought an offering too.  
Little girl, were you that girl?  
Little boy, was that boy you?  
—Selected.*

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### A REAL HELPER

Mrs. Perkins was washing the supper dishes at the close of a tiring day, when Rosemary came home from her grandmother's.

"Let me help you, mamma," Rosemary said, taking the towel. "I'd just love to, and then you'll finish sooner and have time to rest."

"Thank you dear," Mrs. Perkins said.

"I was about to ask you to help me, but it is much sweeter to have you offer."

And so it is boys and girls. Do you ever think of this? If you have not thus far, don't let another day pass without offering to help your mothers.—*Our Little Friend.*

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### NAILING THEM FAST

Once, when I was a school girl, a visitor said something I shall never forget.

"Suppose," he said, "you were building a house, and, instead of putting the shingles and weatherboards on with nails, you fastened them in place with tacks. It would be a foolish way to work; the first high wind would send them flying in all directions.

"None of you would do so silly a thing as that, I am sure. But how are you doing your school work day by day? Are you just tacking the lessons on so they will stay long enough for the recitation, and then drop from your memory? or are you nailing them fast, so that they will stay for life?"—*Our Little Friend.*

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### CANCEL WITH KINDNESS

Some of the older boys and girls have doubtless studied cancellation in school. But there is another kind of cancellation that can be used by boys and girls of all ages. For example, two boys were speaking of another boy.

"He is so slow in games!" said one.

"Yes," replied the other; "but he always plays fair."

"He is so stupid in school!" said the first boy.

"But he always studies hard," answered the second.

Thus, you see, every unkind word spoken by the first boy was canceled by a kind word from the second. Suppose that the next time we hear an unkind word, we try to cancel it by putting a kind one in its place.—*Selected.*

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You say you do not always know just what a Christian should do. God knows; just ask Him.

"It is astonishing how soon the whole conscience begins to unravel if a single stitch drops; one single sin indulged makes a hole you could put your head through."—*Charles Buxton.*

# Instruction in Successful Methods in BIBLE WORK

In harmony with the recommendation on "Lay-Member Evangelism," appearing in the March issue of the MESSENGER, we are beginning this month a series of ten lessons, abbreviated from the book "How to Give Bible Readings." These lessons are given in this paper to help those who cannot obtain the book from which we have made selections; but every church should have at least one copy of that book for use in the class. These ten lessons and the set of "Brief Bible Readings for Busy People" are to form the basis of study for the classes to be organized in our churches. Therefore, please keep these lessons for future use. While this course may be studied to good advantage by those who are isolated, it is especially prepared for class work.

L. V. FINSTER.

## Lesson 1—Origin of the Plan and God's Call

### Origin of the Plan

Two fundamental principles of Christian service are contained in our Saviour's parting admonition to His disciples, when He bade them "go" and "teach." . . . The simplicity of the Saviour's plan of teaching is the gospel worker's model for all time, and the same power which accompanied His teaching and caused men to exclaim, "Never man spake like this man," is to attend the Christian teacher "always, even unto the end of the world."

In the plan of God for the speedy finishing of the gospel work, the influence of the living epistle has in these last days been greatly strengthened by the voluminous production of the written Word. The Bible in the hands of the people of all tongues makes possible a form of teaching in our day known as "Bible Readings." We are not left in uncertainty as to the origin of this Bible-reading plan, for the following instruction is definite and authentic:

*A Heaven-Born Idea:* "The plan of holding Bible readings was a heaven-born idea. There are many, both men and women, who can engage in this branch of missionary labor. Workers may thus be developed who will become mighty men of God. By this means the Word of God has been given to thousands."—*Gospel Workers* p. 192.

### God's Call to Laymen to Engage in Bible Work

*Bible in Reforms:* In the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy attention is called

to a "great reformatory movement among God's people," which in its entirety constitutes the loud cry of the Third Angel's Message. It is the arousing to sense the individual responsibility to engage in the Lord's work, and the earnest activity in all lines of Christian service manifested by the members of the remnant church, which produce this mighty reformatory movement; and one of the main lines of activity is that of "visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God." The statement is made:

"Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God. . . . On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 126.

Hence it becomes of the utmost importance that we prepare for entering these doors with the Word of God.

"Our work has been marked out for us by our heavenly Father. We are to take our Bibles, and go forth to warn the world. We are to be God's helping hands in saving souls."—*Id.*, p. 150.

*Call to Individual Church Members:* That the giving of Bible readings is a distinct line of work in which the church members are to engage, is clearly indicated in the following instruction: "Many workers are to act their part, doing house-to-house work, and giving Bible readings in families."—*Id.*, p. 141.

*Results attending the work:* No more positive assurance of results concerning any line of Christian service is given than that which refers to the Bible work.

"God will not permit this precious work for Him to go unrewarded. He will crown with success every humble effort made in His name."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 192.

The following specific results are to be expected:

1. "By holding Bible readings, our lay members could do much in their own neighborhoods. Filled with love for souls, they could proclaim the message with such power that many would be converted."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 35.
2. "The precious light was communicated from neighbor to neighbor. Family altars which had been broken down were again erected, and many were converted."—*Id.*, p. 36.

The giving of Bible readings is one of the most effective means of advancement. The worker begins with his next-door neighbor, who invites in a friend to listen to the exposition of Bible truth; this friend may have a friend in another part of the city, or in a near-by

town, who, when told of the interesting studies with the Bible worker, requests that the worker come to his home; thus step by step the field of operation widens into a vast area.

## Lesson 2—Personal Qualifications and Preparation

### Qualifications

"How," you ask, "can I do this important work? What qualifications must I possess to win people to Christ through Bible work?" There are a few absolute essentials; with these you are assured of success:

*Consecration:* Nothing less than a surrendered life can meet the requirements of Heaven for success in soul-winning work. We must know the way to Christ for ourselves before we can lead others to Him. We cannot win the battle to be fought in saving souls from the bondage of sin, unless we are victorious in our own lives.

*Passion for Souls:* It was passionate love for sinners which brought Christ to a rebellious world. This wonderful love inspired His earlier years, sustained Him through the toils and trials of His ministry, drove Him to Gethsemane and Golgotha, and held His tortured body on the cruel tree. Such a passion should flame on the altar of every heart that professes to be opened to Christ's presence in this last hour.

*Confidence in God:* As you labor for souls, go forth in the assurance that God is present with you in all your ministry for Him. We are told:

"In working for perishing souls, you have the companionship of angels. Thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand angels are waiting to co-operate with members of our churches in communicating the light that God has generously given, that a people may be prepared for the coming of Christ."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 129.

*Clean Life:* A necessary requirement for success in the Lord's work is "Be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord." Isa. 52:11.

*Perseverance:* In our labor for souls we battle against the foe who has had nearly six millenniums of experience in opposing God's work, but we are on the winning side. Never are we to "weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9. In many cases all the labor bestowed may seem useless. It will appear many times that the "good seed" has fallen upon a rock, to be parched by the fierce heat of prejudice. But we are to work on, tactfully, lovingly, "wise as serpents, and harmless as doves."

**Tact:** This qualification is very necessary if one is to be a successful worker for God; and inasmuch as God designs that every Christian should be a successful worker for Him, He will furnish the necessary tact for every case. Webster defines tact as a "sensitive mental perception; nice discernment of the best course of action under given conditions; especially, peculiar ability to deal with others without giving offense."

"The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will co-operate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith and tact will come as we put the armor on."—*Vol. 6, p. 333.*

**Patience:** "Study to be quiet." This admonition comes from the apostle Paul after long experience in meeting opposition. Also he says, "Foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. And the servant of the Lord must not strive." 2 Tim. 2:23, 24.

**Faithfulness:** The responsibility of teaching truth which involves a question of life or death is not to be lightly regarded. It is a serious matter, but one which our only concern need be that we are faithful to our calling and responsive to the direction of the Holy Spirit. . . . How important, therefore, that the most earnest appeal be made to the inquirer after truth, and most patient and tactful interest be manifested, that he may rightly decide his eternal destiny.

**Earnestness:** The supreme motive of missionary endeavor is "to seek and to save" the lost at all times and by every possible means. In a special sense every Seventh-day Adventist is a missionary.

"Anything less than active, earnest service for the Master gives the lie to our profession of faith. Only the Christianity that is revealed by earnest practical work will make an impression upon those who are dead in trespasses and sins."—*"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 417.*

**Courage:** At times the Christian worker will face opposition and obstacles which seem insurmountable, as he seeks to bring the light to honest hearts. At such times he will need the faith of Joshua.

#### Preparation

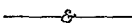
**Prayer:** Without travail of soul no sinner will be born into the kingdom. It is essential to have a prayer burden as well as a prayer list. In your private devotions or at the family worship make mention of the name of each person with whom you are holding Bible readings.

**Bible Study:** As to effective methods

of personal Bible study, we have much instruction. "The study of the Bible demands our most diligent effort and persevering thought. As the miner digs for the golden treasure in the earth, so earnestly, persistently, must we seek for the treasure of God's Word."—*"Education," p. 189.*

"The greatest victories gained for the cause of God are not the results of labored argument, ample facilities, wide influence, or abundance of means; they are gained in the audience chamber with God, when with earnest, agonizing faith, men lay hold upon the mighty arm of power."—*"Gospel Workers," p. 259.*

**Preparation Continuous:** We must remember that it is the work of the Spirit to bring to our remembrance, not to place in our minds information which has not been secured through previous effort. The Holy Spirit often works with poor tools, but it is expected that the tools will have a handle.



### INTRODUCING THE CHURCH OFFICERS' READING COURSE

For many years we have been accustomed to annual announcements of various reading courses designed to help specific groups in the work of God, such as the Ministerial Reading Course, the Sabbath School Training Course, and the Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses. The years have demonstrated beyond any doubt the great value and inspiration derived through systematic reading along special lines.

But there is a group of workers, whose responsibilities are second to none in importance in the work of God, for whom no provision has been made. These men are called to be our leaders in all things that pertain to the advancement of the church of God. They greatly need all the information and inspirational help that it is possible for them to obtain that they may be real leaders in the church of God. Recognizing this need the division committee in council last December authorized the first Church Officers' reading course in Inter-America. The recommendation reads as follows:

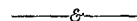
"We Recommend, That in harmony with the General Conference action of the 1933 Spring Council, the Home Missionary Dept. be authorized to inaugurate and promote a Church Officers' reading course, the President, Home Missionary, Educational and Missionary Volunteer secretaries of the division to constitute a committee to select and recommend suitable books and reading material for this course."

They selected: "Church Manual," by J. L. McElhany "Fishers of Men," by Home Missionary Department of the General Conference.

*Church Manual* contains 208 pages and, as its name indicates, has been especially prepared as a guide to those who have to do with church administration. At the request of the General Conference committee, it was prepared by J. L. McElhany, vice-president of the General Conference, and carefully edited by a committee especially chosen for their fitness and experience in such matters.

Every church officer needs the instruction and help given in this book that he may carry out the instruction given in 1 Cor. 14:40, "Let all things be done decently and in order."

*Fishers of Men:* A book of 120 pages which came from the press the early part of 1933. The book sets forth studies in the principles and practice of personal evangelism, and serves as a handbook of illustrations and suggestions for the help of leaders in conducting the church services. It is also a guide in personal hand-to-hand contact with souls, in which every Christian is called to engage at all times and in all places.

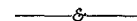


### GOOD DELIVERY IN SPITE OF OPPOSITION

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of my customers came to take his book and to beg my pardon. I escaped unharmed, even when that night a group of people came headed by the judge, and, as in the time of Christ, cried out, 'Bring him out! Bring him out!' while they struck their large knives against the stones of the street.

"I lost only two orders,—the priest's and one other. To God belongs all the praise for His protection and help."



### SUGGESTIVE TEN-MINUTE MISSIONARY SERVICE PROGRAMS

May 5, 1934

*Missionary Topic:* "Work with Truth-filled Literature."

*Text:* Hab. 2:2.

*Suggestions:* Our text reads: "Write the vision, and make it plain . . . that he may run that readeth it." Now it is not everyone who can write the vision so as to make it plain, but when our brethren who have special ability as writers are furnishing literature which sets forth the message of truth in a clear, distinct manner, surely all who have the ability to "run" with it to their neighbors should be doing their part to fulfill the prophecy of Habakkuk. And the prophet Isaiah describes these gospel runners, for he wrote: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth . . . good tidings of good." (Isa. 52:7) The literature ministry carried on by Seventh-day Adventists is a marvel in the eyes of the world. Faithful colporteurs are carrying the printed page into earth's remotest sections, pioneering the way

for the evangelist, for doctors and nurses, and bringing about the establishment of lights of truth in dark corners of the earth. Some of these faithful colporteurs have given their lives in service; they are martyrs of the remnant church, and in every church the home missionary forces should unite in daily prayer in behalf of these literature workers. But as we pray we must also do our part in literature ministry in our neighborhood, or in the city in which we live.

### May 12, 1934

*Missionary Topic:* "The Seventh-day Adventist Tract Family"

*Text:* Matt. 13:23.

*Suggestions:* The "Seventh-day Adventist Tract Family" is so large that we can not introduce all the members at this time, but we urge every member of the church to make the acquaintance of this large and very interesting family without delay. In fact, we are admonished to be on such friendly terms with the members of this family that we take them with us wherever we go. This is the instruction: "Let the leaflets and tracts . . . go in every direction. Carry with you, wherever you go, a package of select tracts, which you can hand out as you have opportunity. Sell what you can, and lend or give them away as the case may seem to require. (See "Christian Service," p. 151.)"

### May 19, 1934

*Missionary Topic:* "Soul-Winning Experiences"

*Text:* Ps. 126:3, 5.

*Suggestions:* If the leader of this service is prepared with a live personal experience to relate at this time, the example will be followed by others in a free and informal manner, which is the real objective of this meeting.

### May 26, 1934

*Missionary Topic:* "Work for the Foreigners in our Midst"

*Text:* Acts 10:34, 35

*Suggestions:* The object of this service is to bring before the church the importance of working among those from foreign lands God has permitted to come to our country. Many of these people feel lonely, far away from home, and are very susceptible to kindly interest taken in them. Become acquainted with the strangers near you and do them all the good you can. Many of them will welcome literature in their own language. These need the light God has given His church. Let us use every legitimate means of reaching the "strangers within our gates," and a rich harvest will be the result.

## THE BOYS AND GIRLS OF MT. RORAIMA

*Esther Pierce*

We have had another nice letter from Joycie Cott. You will remember that a few months ago a letter from Joycie appeared in the Junior column, and you will also remember that she is a little missionary who lives with her parents up in British Guiana at Mt. Roraima. We will quote from her letter:

"Our Investment gardens are coming along nicely. I have a watermelon plant for investment. The watermelon we picked from it was a nice red one. We have almost thirty dollars for investment.

"One Sabbath we reviewed the memory verses for three quarters. Then after Sabbath we marched and played games.

"We still have our little canary,

## OUR TIME

*"Sixty seconds make a minute,"—  
How much good can you put in it?  
How much joy for baby brother?  
How much happiness for mother?  
How much love for one another?"*

*"Sixty minutes make an hour,"  
Chimes the clock within the tower.  
An hour of work and play for you;  
An hour of loving deeds to do;  
An hour to speak kind words and true.*

*"Twenty-four hours make a day,"  
One by one they slip away  
With God's tender love o'ershaded,  
With His grace and mercy laded,  
With His glory crowned, unfaded.  
—Elizabeth Rosser.*

Dickey. We have two others also. They look like little round balls of fur. I am enjoying my geography very much. I am making maps of mountains, islands and harbors in the sand near my play house."

How glad we are that no matter where we live,—in the cities or away up in the interior,—we can still serve Jesus and help to spread the gospel. If Joycie and the little Indian boys and girls away up at Mt. Roraima can have an investment garden and save thirty dollars to help tell others of Jesus, surely there is something that each boy and girl can do wherever they live. Watermelon and many other seeds grow quickly. If we do our part, Jesus will help the gardens to grow and will also help us to sell our products when they are ready. Shall we try?

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

### WEST CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE CORPORATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the next legal meeting of the West Caribbean Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the regular conference session of the Panama Conference to be held in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Colon, Republic of Panama, May 2 to 9, 1934. The first meeting is called for Monday, May 7, at 11:00 A. M. The purpose of this session is to elect officers for the ensuing term, and to transact such other

business as may properly come before the session. Delegates to the Conference Session of the Panama Conference are members of the Association.

E. J. LORNTZ, President,  
ARTHUR L. EDEBURN, Secretary.

## WE ARE SORRY

Word has come to us that some have been disappointed because they could not obtain the M. V. Reading Course books at the prices listed in the leaflet or in the MESSENGER. We are very sorry; but we understand that in some of our fields the fluctuating exchange rates make this impossible. We regret that we did not think to mention this possibility when announcing the prices.

## JESUS IS MY AVIATOR

*Lloyd W. Beaumont*

Jesus is my Aviator; my life is His plane. There are meadows below me infested; there are forested hills; there are deep seas with great monsters, but Jesus flies over all. The journey I fly on is dreary; the wind that blows is adverse; the engine is old and often misses, but Jesus goes on. What care I if the storm clouds are thick? What give I if the night fog looms up? Jesus has crossed the ocean, He has encircled the world, and He can bring me in safety and on time into His Aerodrome.

## AT REST

ARCHBOLD—Joseph F. Archbold was born in Corn Island, Jamaica, January 18, 1874, and died there December 2, 1933. He was a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church and was active in missionary work. He leaves his wife and all the church to mourn their loss. But we have the consolation that precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. The funeral service was conducted by Brother Aug. Luzey, our church elder. T. S. DOWNS.

ELLIOTT—Eustace Stanley Elliott was born at Chapelton, Jamaica, May 7, 1874, and died at Port Limon, Costa Rica, Jan. 11, 1934, when almost 60. Brother Elliott was baptized by Pastor J. A. Reid in the 1917, and remained faithful and active in the church to the last, participating in the ordinances of the Lord's house just five days before his death. His wife, a deaconess of the church, and one son survive him. The funeral services were conducted by the writer. JOHN E. ROGERS.

BROWN: Charlotte Sophia Brown was born at Kingston, Jamaica, August 7, 1868, and died at Port Limon, Costa Rica, Jan. 26, 1934, when about 66 years. Sister Brown lived for a number of years in Panama, then for about thirteen years in New York. Coming to Port Limon about a year ago, she accepted the truth and was baptized by Pastor N. W. Dunn last May, when she united with the church. She died after an illness of five weeks. She leaves a number of children, grand-children and great-grand-children to mourn their loss. The funeral service was conducted at the church by the writer, and at the grave by O. D. Andreae. JOHN E. ROGERS.



# OUR CHANGING WORLD

## WHITHER BOUND?

THIS is the title of a new book just from the press. A more comprehensive title might be, "A Full-Mess-age" book; for a glance at the Contents page indicates that the principal Bible subjects as taught and practiced by Seventh-day Adventists are presented.

For more than a year, strong requests have come from ministers, Bible workers, and especially from the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference, for a book such as this.

The book is very timely, for in these days of world-wide perplexity, mankind instinctively turns from the teaching and philosophy of men to a higher source for knowledge and a correct understanding of present-day conditions.

THE prime purpose in issuing this book is to place in the hands of lay members material that will lead men and women back to the Bible and to God. This is an unusual time in the history of the church. It is the day of opportunity. Shall we make known the truth to our inquiring friends and neighbors? Is it too much to suggest that every member plan definitely on using many copies of this message-filled book early this year? The publishers believe there are hundreds of church members who will desire to spend much time in selling the book. A 50 per cent discount will be allowed to those who sell, or who order in quantity lots. When discount is given, the transportation charge is extra.

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This chapter deals with the divine inspiration and authorship of the Scriptures, and with the certainty of evangelical, fundamental Christianity. It shows the validity and need of such great doctrines as the fall of man, the plan of salvation, the work and sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and other truth so vital to the Christian religion.

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The Bible's teaching about the seventh-day both in the old and the new dispensation.

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How the change in the observance of a rest day came about; and which Sabbath Christians should keep to-day. Special emphasis is placed on the Sabbath question in the light of Revelation 14:6.

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The certainty that the kingdom of God will come soon to supplant the kingdoms of this world. What heaven and the new world will be. When they will be established. A strong appeal and exhortation to prepare for that kingdom and to get ready to meet our Saviour when He comes.

## SELLING OUR BOOKS TO THE CLERGY

*W. A. Bergherm*

"Two of our colporteurs, working in the capital of the republic of Bolivia and also in the department of Potosi, sold 'Toward the Golden Age' to the archbishop, the bishop, the vicar, and in the Franciscan convents, as well as in the schools of the nuns. All told they sold twenty-three of these books and six copies of 'Great Controversy,' which these people requested after having read the above-mentioned book. And not only that, but the reading of the books interested these church leaders to the extent that when they saw some of our Sabbath school picture rolls and memory verse cards, they purchased sixteen picture rolls and also placed an order for a series of these rolls covering the Bible story from Genesis to Revelation, as well as 2,000 memory verse cards, for their schools.

"Our colporteurs are friends of this class of people. They testified to me and to Brother Diaz, that we have well-prepared men to carry on our propaganda, who are also very sympathetic and courteous in their treatment of the people with whom they come in contact. The vicar of the bishop, with whom we conversed personally said: 'The bishop and I have laughed to see the way in which these men have sold us their books, and not one of us has escaped.' And the clergy says, 'The application you make of the scientific subjects to our times, is indeed marvelous, and the Bible quotations in these books describe exactly our present age.'

"We believe God is opening doors of iron and hearts of stone before our colporteurs. We are convinced that God will have in His kingdom souls saved which only the colporteur could reach with his work."

Somehow we believe the above experience related by Brother P. R. Tabuena in the *South American Bulletin*, is an indication that the Lord is rapidly preparing the way for a second pentecostal experience which comes to bind off the harvest of the world.

## THE NEW PLAN

You have already discovered that the MESSENGER has grown considerably since it last called to tell you of the onward march of the work in our Inter-American Division.

Perhaps you have wondered why:

Well, briefly it has grown because of the rapid growth of the work and its needs; and the MESSENGER is hoping to serve you better in the future than in the past. It hopes to tell you more about the wonderful things God is doing and also to be more help to you who are striving for greater efficiency in the Master's service.

In its new form the MESSENGER is to have the pleasure of carrying to you good news from our Inter-American printing press, the Pacific Publishing House Branch at Cristobal, Canal Zone.

In this issue you will notice that we are beginning a series of ten lessons on the giving of Bible readings. Soon we hope to open a page that will be of special interest to the home.

The MESSENGER is your paper and we solicit your prayers in behalf of its mission in Inter-America.

## NO TIME TO LOSE

**"We have no time to lose. We know not how soon our probation may close. At the longest, we have but a brief lifetime here, and we know not how soon the arrow of death may strike our hearts. We know not how soon we may be called to give up the world and all its interests. Eternity stretches before us. The curtain is about to be lifted. . . ."**

**"Are we prepared? Have we become acquainted with God, the Governor of Heaven, the Lawgiver, and with Jesus Christ whom He sent into the world as His representative? When our life-work is ended, shall we be able to say, as did Christ our example:**

**"I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do. . . . I have manifested Thy name?"—"Ministry of Healing," p. 454.**

## ASHORE AND AFLOAT

Here at the "crossroads of the world" we seem to be constantly waving either a greeting or a farewell as the various companions in labor pass by to and from the fields afar. We are glad for this privilege of having, as it were, "a house by the side of the road" where we can be "a friend to man."

Those who remember Brother D. A. Parsons as superintendent of the Mexican Union will be interested in learning that he has just had an operation and he

writes that he appreciates the prayers of his brethren for his recovery.

Pastor R. E. Stewart of the Atlantic Colombia Mission was with us in March in quest of medical attention. May he regain the health he so much needs in that busy field.

Brother H. J. Westphal, with his family, was obliged to return to California from Peru because of sickness. May God give speedy restoration. They called at the division office enroute.

The same day that Brother W. L. Adams returned from Venezuela, Pastors E. E. Andross and J. L. McElhany departed to attend meetings in Puerto Rico and other fields in the Antillian Union, while Brother F. L. Harrison returned from auditing the Colombia-Venezuela Union books.

Prof. and Sister J. S. Marshall were welcomed to the compound as they arrived from Argentine. They are looking forward to their furlough after serving faithfully for many years in our training school in Argentine.

Sister F. W. Steeves reached the Zone by air plane early in March. Urgent need of surgery forced her away from her work. Pray for her complete recovery.

Brother Benjamin Maxson, editor of *El Centinela*, recently sailed for Colombia in the interests of the publishing work.

A letter from Pastor Andross tells of the good general meeting held in Puerto Rico early in March. We hope to have a report of it soon.

March 16, Pastor L. V. Finster sailed from Cristobal to spend several weeks in the Caribbean Union in the interest of the work of the Home Missionary Department.

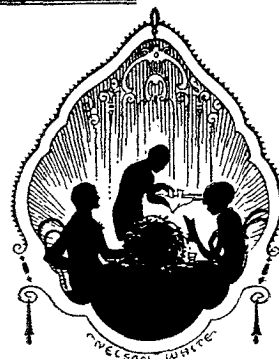
## A SAD ACCIDENT

An air-mail letter from Pastor E. J. Lorntz brings the sad news of an automobile accident in which Brother Bullard had his left arm so badly crushed that it was amputated just below the shoulder.

We are deeply pained over this sad accident. Brother Bullard has rendered faithful, efficient service in Inter-America for many years. Since his furlough he has been secretary-treasurer for the Cuba Mission. We know you will eagerly join us in earnest prayer in behalf of Brother Bullard.

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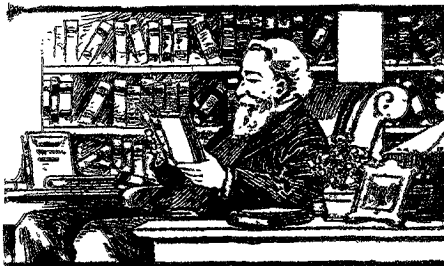
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