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## GOD ALWAYS GIVES WHAT IS BEST

Many are dissatisfied with their life-work. It may be that their surroundings are uncongenial; their time is occupied with commonplace work, when they think themselves capable of higher responsibilities; often their efforts seem to them to be unappreciated or fruitless; their future is uncertain.

Let us remember that while the work we have to do may not be our choice, it is to be accepted as God's choice for us. Whether pleasing or displeasing, we are to do the duty that lies nearest. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."

If the Lord desires us to bear a message to Nineveh, it will not be as pleasing to Him for us to go to Joppa or to Capernaum. He has reasons for sending us to the place toward which our feet have been directed. At that very place there may be some one in need of the help we can give. He who sent Philip to the Ethiopian councilor, Peter to the Roman centurion, and the little Israelitish maiden to the help of Naaman, the Syrian captain, sends men and women and youth today as His representatives to those in need of divine help and guidance.

Our plans are not always God's plans. He may see that it is best for us and for His cause to refuse our very best intentions, as He did in the case of David. But of one thing we may be assured, He will bless and use in the advancement of His cause those who sincerely devote themselves and all they have to His glory. If He sees it best not to grant their desires, He will counterbalance the refusal by giving them tokens of His love, and entrusting to them another service.

In His loving care and interest for us,

*Mrs E. G. White*

often He who understands us better than we understand ourselves refuses to permit us selfishly to seek the gratification of our own ambition. He does not permit us to pass by the homely but sacred duties that lie next us. Often these duties afford the very training essential to prepare us for a higher work. Often our plans fail, that God's plans for us may succeed.

We are never called upon to make a real sacrifice for God. Many things He asks us to yield to Him, but in doing this we are but giving up that which hinders us in the heavenward way. Even when called upon to surrender those things which in themselves are good, we may be sure that God is thus working out for us some higher good.

In the future life, the mysteries that here have annoyed and disappointed us will be made plain. We shall see that our seemingly unanswered prayers and disappointed hopes have been among our greatest blessings

### AWAKE MY SOUL!

*Percy Beaumont*

Awake my soul! no longer be  
Sore shackled in the toils of sin;  
A glorious fight thou hast to fight,  
A victory to win.

Awake my soul! no longer be  
The slave of fickle circumstance;  
He who succeeds must never leave  
His life to change and chance.

Awake my soul! renounce thy fears,  
Shake off the oppressor's tyrant bonds;  
No more repine, dry up thy tears;  
Thy times are in God's hands.

Awake my soul! Prepare! He comes!  
Redemption's glorious anthem sing.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Lift heart and voice.  
Hosannas to our King!

We are to look upon every duty, however humble, as sacred because it is a part of God's service. Our daily prayer should be, "Lord, help me to do my best. Teach me how to do better work. Give me energy and cheerfulness. Help me to bring into my service the loving ministry of the Saviour."

Let those who feel that their work is not appreciated, and who crave a position of greater responsibility, consider that, "Promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: He putteth down one, and setteth up another." Every man has his place in the eternal plan of Heaven. Whether he fills that place depends upon his own faithfulness in co-operating with God.

We need to beware of self-pity. Never indulge the feeling that you are not esteemed as you should be, that your efforts are not appreciated, that your work is too difficult. Let the memory of what Christ has endured for us silence every murmuring thought. We are treated better than was our Lord. "Seekest thou great things for thyself; seek them not." The Lord has no place in His work for those who have a greater desire to win the crown than to bear the cross. He wants men who are more intent upon doing their duty than upon receiving their reward,—men who are more solicitous for principle than for promotion.

Those who are humble, and who do their work as unto God, may not make so great a show as do those who are full of bustle and self-importance; but their work counts for more. Often those who make a great parade call attention to self, interposing between the people and God, and their work proves a failure.

Because they have not the determination to take themselves in hand and to

reform, many became stereotyped in a wrong course of action. But this need not be. They may cultivate their powers to do the very best kind of service, and then they will be always in demand. They will be valued for all that they are worth.

If any are qualified for a higher position, the Lord will lay the burden not alone on them, but on those who have tested them, who know their worth, and who can understandingly urge them forward. It is those who perform faithfully their appointed work day by day, who in God's own time will hear His call, "Come up higher."

While the shepherds were watching their flocks on the hills of Bethlehem, angels from Heaven visited them. So today while the humble worker for God is following his employment, angels of God stand by his side, listening to his words, noting the manner in which his work is done, to see if larger responsibilities may be entrusted to his hands."

—*"Ministry of Healing," pp. 472-477.*

#### THINK IT OVER

F. L. Harrison

In comparing the mission funds for the first two months of 1933 with the same period of 1934, we find that there is a net loss reported of \$690.42, or 12.44 per cent.

This indicates that as individuals we are not giving as much per capita as for 1933. At the beginning of the year there were 3,051 more believers than at the beginning of 1933.

As the officers of the various fields study the figures pertaining to their field, they possibly will know the reason for the present standing. We are hoping that the next report will show a changed condition. If there are fields that have not passed through their remittance for February, this would make an unfavorable showing.

We appreciate what our believers throughout the Inter-American Division have been doing in helping to carry forward the work with their tithes and offerings; however, with the improved financial conditions in at least some of our fields, should this not indicate that our mission offerings should begin to increase? The calls are many and we trust that each believer will take it upon himself to lift to the extent of his ability. Let us think of it in this way: If each one were giving just like me, what would the total mission offerings be?

#### COMPARATIVE REPORT OF MISSION FUNDS

##### First two months of 1933 and 1934

Name of Field	1933	1934
Bahamas Mission	57.25	85.16
Cayman Isl. Mission	7.02	10.23
Cuba Mission	372.73	148.75
Haiti Mission	382.44	305.78
Jamaica Conference	652.93	710.85
Puerto Rico Mission	250.99	227.44
Santo Domingo Mission	578.40	436.19
Antillian Union	2,301.76	1,924.40
French West I. Mission	31.13	46.35
Guiana Conference	257.41	264.77
Leeward Isls. Conference	205.92	219.96
South Caribbean Conference	452.98	375.54
Caribbean Union	947.44	906.62
British Honduras Mission	447.74	289.02
Costa Rica Mission	67.79	110.17
Guatemala Mission	55.17	53.27
Honduras Mission	.....	15.00
Nicaragua Mission	62.07	48.89
Panama Conference	567.58	398.34
Salvador Mission	64.93	60.48
Central American Union	1,265.28	975.17
Atlantic Colombia Mission	92.52	82.06
Central Colombia Mission	113.75	56.10
* Curacao Mission	.....	51.13
Pacific Colombia Mission	45.35	49.63
Upper Magdalena Mission	50.93	43.95
Venezuela Mission	180.03	117.00
Colombia Venezuela Union	482.58	399.87
Central Mexico Mission	230.23	155.70
Gulf Mission	103.83	98.37
Lake Mission	42.00	59.14
Tehuantepec Mission	177.12	340.55
Mexican Union	553.18	653.76
Division Totals	5,550.24	4,859.82

\* Included with Venezuela for 1933.

#### THE UNITED STATES AND THE VATICAN

In 1867, the United States recalled Rufus King, American Minister to the Roman See. Since then the American government has not been represented in the Vatican. Three years after the United States ceased diplomatic relations with the Vatican, or in 1870, the Pope became a "prisoner in the Vatican." But February 11, 1929, Mussolini restored to the Pope the Vatican and its immediate surroundings, thus making him again a temporal ruler.

Since that important date there has been great pressure on the United States to again send a representative to the Vatican. In 1914 only fourteen nations were represented there; but today thirty-five nations have their representatives there, the United States and Russia being the only major western nations not linked with the Papacy in this way.

Catholic influence in the American government today is very strong. Some of the leading government officials are also very prominent lay members of the Catholic church. Besides think of the 18,000,000 Catholics in the United States with their various organizations and their seventy weekly periodicals stressing unitedly the resumption of such relationship.

Read again Rev. 13:2 and other prophecies in Daniel and the Revelation. Many since the "deadly wound" was administered to the Papacy have predicted that the pope never again would come into universal power. But what do we see today? We see the pope exercising greater power than ever since the the Reformation of the sixteenth century. Surely, we have a more sure word of prophecy whereunto we do well that we give heed.—*Selected.*

#### "THE GREATEST OF THESE"

Though I speak with the eloquence of learned men and give valuable instruction in Christian living, but am not loyal to my religious convictions, I am but a counterfeit.

Though I be an intellectual giant, but am not loyal to my Great Teacher, I am a stumbling-block to my friends.

Though I have the faith that can work miracles, though I believe in God and His commandments, but am not loyally obeying Him, I am co-operating with the enemy of souls who believes and trembles.

Though I be a great philanthropist and distribute all that I possess among the poor, and am not loyal to my Master, I am doing more harm than good, regardless of the praise that men may shower upon me.

Though I be a martyr to some great cause, but fail to be loyal to the King of kings, I am not worthy to be a soldier of the cross.

Loyalty suffers many things, but it remains true to the end. Loyalty cannot stoop to envy others their good fortune nor yet to boast nor feel boastful of its own accomplishments.

Loyalty does not behave itself in a way to cast reflections upon the Master. It is the very essence of Christian

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courtesy, Christian love, and Christian simplicity. It is genuinely unselfish, never seeking its own comfort and ease, but rather the welfare of others. It practises self-control and never grows angry. It is ever charitable, harbors no grudges, "thinketh no evil."

Loyalty does not find its pleasure in the world; it does not rejoice in iniquity; it finds its delight only in the pursuits that bear the stamp of the Master's approval, for it has tasted and knows that the Lord is good and that with Him life's truest joys abide.

Loyalty endures all things; and, with the eye of unconquerable faith riveted upon the blessed hope, it cheerfully pursues the path that shines brighter and brighter till the perfect day.

Loyalty never fails. In the great issues of life and in the little events of every day, it recognizes the same great principles, and in all things it is as true to principle as the needle is to the pole. Loyalty never fails.

Education is of great value; wealth has remarkable powers; but education may fail to serve us, and the glittering treasures that money can buy will soon fade and decay. Still loyalty abides; it never fails—it always succeeds. Truly the greatest of these is loyalty.

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M. E. A.

### NO GOOD THING WITHHELD

"The Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." Ps. 84:11.

What a blessed promise! Read that text again. Think what it means to you—no good thing withheld. And this is a promise of God. He holds in His hand absolutely all good gifts, every good thing of which the human mind can conceive.

But God must be the judge. He it is who must decide what the good thing for us shall be. And we must have confidence in Him, leaving it with Him to decide. It may be pain. It may be a walk through some humiliating valley when we think we ought to be on the mountain side. It may come in some disappointed hope, some shattered plan. Yet every day, whatever the experience, here is this promise for you and me: "No good thing will He withhold," also, "The Lord will give grace and glory." But upon what condition?—That we "walk uprightly." And what does this involve? "Upright.—1. In an erect position or posture, perpendicular. 2. Mo-

rally erect; having rectitude; honest; just; as a man upright in all his ways. 3. Conformable to moral rectitude."—*Webster.*

"Morally erect; . . . honest; just"—and that is what it means to walk uprightly. And such alone has God's unfailing promise that no good thing shall be withheld. Why not actually believe it, and act every day as if we did? By looking up, talking faith, praying humbly for God's guidance and grace, and walking uprightly, we shall not only encourage and help others, but in this effort we ourselves shall also be forming right characters, thus getting ready to receive from God the best of all good things reserved for us, even the gift of everlasting life with Him in Heaven.

—T. E. Bowen.

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### A REWARD OFFERED

#### *For Faithfulness in Tithe and Offerings*

A poor sister told how the Lord had abundantly blessed her in her fishing industry. She said, because of her faithfulness in tithe paying and in offerings, more and more fish came to her net each day; and that sometimes she sells fifty pesos worth and at other times as much as a hundred pesos or more. If we are faithful stewards of earthly goods, then we will be entrusted with the heavenly treasure which is eternal life.

In my recent interview with a certain family, I asked them about their Christian experience. They told me how wonderfully the Lord had blessed them. Before they became Adventists they were very poor and could hardly earn their bread. The husband was a water carrier and they could neither read nor write. But when the truth came to them they learned how to read their Bible and their hymn book and could write their names; also the figures of their tithe and offerings on the tithe envelope. They went on to say that because they were faithful in paying their tithes and offerings, more people had asked them to carry water for them.

After two years had passed this humble family saved enough pesos with which to buy a carabao (water buffalo used in farming) and some seed for planting. After another year the Lord so blessed their crops that they could buy another carabao. Now, because they gave the Lord that which belongs to Him, they have several carabaos, and a splendid harvest in their storehouse. These good people are determined faith-

fully to pay their tithes and offerings in order that they may help hasten the Lord's return.—*Pedro R. Diaz.*

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## Health Department

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### THE DANGER OF FLESH FOODS

In approaching this subject, let me state a conviction that after eighteen years of practice of medicine it is my opinion that among the major causes of disease and degeneracy, a half dozen factors stand out prominently. They are alcohol, tobacco, tea, coffee, meat, and sugar. Other dietetic errors might be added, such as refined cereals, but I am striking now at outstanding peaks in the cause of sickness, and I would include meat in the big five. I shall hope to offer scientific proof that it belongs here, but was much interested in a testimony handed me a few days ago which reads:

"He who is thoroughly converted will abandon every defiling habit and appetite. By total abstinence he will overcome his desire for health-destroying indulgences. At this state of the earth's history, meat eating is a dishonor to God. It is meat eating and liquor drinking that are making the world as it was in the days of Noah. These things are strengthening the lower passions of human beings, animalizing the race. Because of wrong habits of eating, the world is becoming more and more immoral. Flesh meats excite a desire for strong drink."

A few years ago Professor Irving Fisher of Yale staged a demonstration that proved the superior endurance resulting from vegetarianism. He assisted in carrying out a competition test at the Battle Creek Sanitarium between Yale flesh-eating athletes and vegetarians from Battle Creek. In holding an arm straight out at their side, the flesh eaters averaged ten minutes, while the vegetarians, mostly sedentary workers and untrained, averaged sixty-four minutes, or over six times as long. In all other tests they showed a marked superiority to meat eaters. The results were so convincing that Dr. Fisher became a strong advocate of the fleshless diet.

This is of great practical importance in every-day life, for never was need of endurance, both physical and mental, greater than at present, to meet the strenuous demands made on mind and body of nearly every one.

"Grains, fruits, nuts, and vegetables constitute the diet chosen for us by our

Creator. These foods, prepared in as simple and natural a manner as possible, are the most healthful and nourishing. They impart a strength, a power of endurance, and a vigor of intellect that are not afforded by a more complex and stimulating diet."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 296. This statement now stands fully vindicated by science.—*Owen S. Parrett, M. D.*

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## Home Missionary Department

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### "BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE"

*L. V. Finster*

The following experience, related by Brother Longway of the China Division, will be of interest, I am sure:

"A certain Cantonese lady, while under surgical care at the Shanghai Sanitarium, became interested in the truth. On returning to her home in Canton, she has faithfully attended our church services, both in the city and at Tungshan. The city held a Harvest Ingathering rally on Sabbath. Our goal for China is \$5.00 Mexican per member. The city church has a membership of not quite one hundred, and they thought they had done well to set for themselves a goal of \$500 for the church. But this lady, who is not yet baptized, proposed a goal of \$500 for herself, making the total goal for the city church \$1,000. I saw her the day before I left South China. She had been working about two weeks then, and told me she had already received over \$400, and would keep on until she reached her goal. Possibly this experience may bring encouragement to some who hesitate to strike out in this work."

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### A MUCH APPRECIATED CHURCH OFFICERS' MEETING

*L. V. Finster*

April 8 and 9 will long be remembered by the church officers of the South Caribbean Conference. Pastor Edmed, the president of the conference, called nearly fifty of the church leaders together for counsel and spiritual instruction and to lay plans for their Harvest Ingathering campaign. It was a real treat for these men to unite in seeking God and in studying their common problems.

The Spirit of the Lord came into the meeting and our hearts were made very tender as we studied the time, and the work God expects each of His servants to do at this time. Careful plans were laid in enlisting every member of the church in making this the largest in-

gathering campaign they have ever had in the South Caribbean Conference. Many remarked at the close of the meeting that this was the very best meeting they had ever attended.

It was most inspiring to hear the reports of these leaders of what the lay members were doing to advance the work in their field. In nearly every church souls are being won by the laity. Some of the elders reported holding one or two efforts during the year. Many had from three to sixteen in their baptismal classes. The elder of the church in Port-of-Spain reported that a few of the members of the church did missionary work in a near-by village and as a result we now have about forty believers there.

We believe that such meetings will bring large results in the advancement of the cause of God. As the officers returned to their churches there was a determination to lift the standard of the cross higher and to do more for the extension of the cause of God.

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## Missionary Volunteer Department

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### HALF GONE! HALF DONE?

Before Jesus left this earth, He could look up into His Father's face and say: "I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do."

Those words of the Master frequently ring in my ears. What a wonderful report He was able to render! Then as I read on in that seventeenth chapter of John, I am reminded that Jesus told His Father that as the Father had sent Him so He had sent His disciples. That commission includes you and me today. What will our report be?

The one thing that made it possible for Jesus to render such a wonderful report was that every day He first learned God's plan for Him and at night He could say, "I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do."

How is it with us? June ends the first half of the year. Will the work for the year be half done? Perhaps it is hard to measure it thus; but as we look back, can each of us truly say: "Dear Master, so far as I know I have finished the work that You gave me to do during the first six months?" Have we used every opportunity He has given

us for improving our ability to serve? And every opportunity for helping others to know Jesus? Let us make the following our M. V. Calendar through the last six months:

1. Observe the Morning Watch faithfully.
2. Study the Bible every day.
3. Commit to memory a beautiful thought every day.
4. Read something worthwhile every day—(Take a reading course).
5. Prepare for the S. A. Test in November.
6. Do my full share in the H. I. campaign.
7. Do my full share in the Week of Sacrifice Plan.
8. Share the burdens in the home.
9. Endeavor earnestly to let Jesus control my life.
10. Do something for Jesus every day, endeavoring earnestly to average at least one Bible reading, one missionary visit, and one paper or tract each week in my work.

*Dear young people, the way is onward  
and upward,*

*And often the grade is steep;  
But glorious success is for every one  
Who close to the Master will keep.*

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## FROM AUSTRALIA

"Please assure your young people that we are one with them in carrying 'The Advent Message to all the world in this generation,' and constantly remember them at the throne of grace."

The above message comes to us from the South New South Wales Conference in Australia, signed by E. L. Minchin, their Missionary Volunteer secretary. How glad we are that the M. V. circle reaches all the way around the world.

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## Publishing Department

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### THE CENTINELA CHURCH

*W. A. Bergherm*

In Santa Marta, Colombia, we have an organized church of about thirty members. It is a most interesting place to visit. It might well be called the *Centinela* church. Most of its members were won directly or indirectly through our good missionary magazine—*El Centinela*.

About six years ago the proprietor of a *carpenteria* (cabinet-making shop), while in a cafe for his usual afternoon cup of coffee, discovered a copy of *El Centinela* on a table and immediately became interested in it. He persuaded the owner of the place to let him take it with him. Later he inquired in the book stores for further copies of this magazine, but failed to find any. Several weeks later while he was in the same cafe, a colporteur entered and presented

the magazine he had been searching for. He bought several copies, expressed his interest in the paper, and invited the colporteur to visit him. When the colporteur called on him he presented one of our large books and the man bought it. After they had studied the Bible together, this man soon began to keep the Sabbath. The colporteur was a real missionary and invited him to go out with him on several occasions. This seemed to inspire the brother with the missionary idea, and ever since he has been doing a great deal of missionary work.

When the colporteur left the city, there were several interested in the message and this brother took charge of these individuals, studying with them and encouraging them. To make a long story short, the Lord blessed the efforts of this man, Brother Riasco, and from time to time our workers have been called to baptize those he has won to Christ. The church has grown and Brother Riasco is now the elder.

Two other members of this church also had their interest first called to this truth through *El Centinela*. One young man, Begino Escorcía, while visiting the home of a friend found a torn sheet of *El Centinela* lying on the table. This sheet contained an article which interested him. He was told the magazine was published by Adventist people. One day he decided to visit the meeting place of our people. For several nights he would only look in through the window. Finally he went inside and soon after began keeping the Sabbath. After baptism he took up the magazine work.

Isn't it wonderful the far-reaching influence of our good *El Centinela*! God sees to it that even though those who purchase this magazine do not appreciate it, the honest in heart eventually have a chance to read its wonderful messages.

### REAPING A GLORIOUS HARVEST H. E. Baasch

The first workers to enter Colombia with the Advent Message were colporteurs. That was some sixteen years ago. Since then, those pioneers have left the field. Some are serving the cause in other capacities and in other parts, some are still blazing the trails with the books in other regions not yet entered. But although absent from Colombia, their labors are ever present with us. On

every hand we meet the fruitage of those early toilers.

A few weeks ago I baptized seventeen in the Banana Zone. These had been led into the truth through the labors of Brother Castro, who became an Adventist about six years ago through reading Brother Spicer's book, "Our Day in the Light of Prophecy." He had not bought the book, but through a happy circumstance it was brought to him by his friend, Brother Urbina. Brother Urbina had obtained the book from someone else. Whether that particular person secured the book from a colporteur we do not know. But there it was! After passing through several hands the book finally reached a person whose soul became aflame with its message.

These transactions took place in some remote part of Colombia, in unentered territory and amid hostile forces. How many miles of toil under the tropical sun the sale of this book involved, how much anxiety, suspense, loss and persecution, and how many tears and how much prayer—only God knows. In the books of Heaven it is written. But what we, who labor in Colombia today, do know, is this,—that the seed sown in those earlier days of the work is breaking forth into a glorious harvest for the praise of God. Truly, the work of the colporteur is a great work. It stands second to none in its importance and eclipses many other phases of the work in its far-reaching consequences.

### Sabbath School Department

#### "WE DO HAVE AN OVERFLOW"

Viola E. Cooke

"Weeping may endure . . . but joy cometh in the morning."

A few days ago word came from Sister Plummer in the Sabbath School Department at Washington, D. C., that prospects looked very glum concerning an overflow from the 13th Sabbath offering of the fourth quarter of 1933. That was sad news, because you know this special "overflow" was to the Inter-American Division, and we all worked to help make that possible. I am sure we prayed as well as worked. And others must have done likewise, for here comes another message from Sister Plummer:

"This morning I am rejoicing. We actually do have an overflow for Inter-America for the fourth quarter of 1933,

amounting to \$1,093.89. The last report is in and the figures are added on the adding machine, and we do have an overflow. This is the first one in ten long quarters, and you may be sure the Sabbath School Department is rejoicing. I hope this turn of the corner will mean larger overflows in the future."

Now it is our turn to rejoice and give thanks for this fulfillment of our hopes and answer to our prayers. This happy news came while Brother Adams was out in the field, but we are sure he would want it shared with you at the earliest opportunity, so we give it to our good friend, the MESSENGER. As members of the Inter-American Division Sabbath school family, can we not join hands mentally and make a deep Thank-you bow to all, great and small, the world over, whose generous offerings made possible this "overflow" to our own division? And in our rejoicing, of course we will sing those precious words, "Praise God, from whom ALL BLESSINGS flow!"

### Educational Department

#### OTHERS ARE GOING AHEAD: WHY NOT YOU?

M. E. Olsen

We had a call recently from one of our young ministers. It was toward the end of September; but this young pastor-evangelist had already brought his three churches triumphantly over the line in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and expected shortly to lend a helping hand in one of the neighboring districts. He is not behind the most successful of our young laborers in soul-winning activities. Moreover, he was taken into conference employ since the depression began. Let us tell you a little of his history.

Five or six years ago he was working as a salesman in a large eastern city. Then he conceived the idea of devoting his days to working for a living and giving his evenings just as definitely to study and labor for the Master.

Naturally he enrolled at once for courses in the Home Study Institute, and began to send in test papers regularly, at the same time taking a very active part in church activities. By the time he had finished about six of our college courses, chiefly in the depart-

ment of Bible, and had paid us in all about one hundred dollars, he was employed on the internship plan by his own conference, where he has labored successfully ever since.

His chances were not one whit better than the chances of thousands of young men and women who lament the fact that they cannot attend a resident school, but show a manifest lack of real hunger for knowledge when they ignore the opportunities for an education that are offered by the Home Study Institute.

Like Abraham Lincoln, this young man said: "I will prepare myself, and when opportunity comes, it will find me ready." He got his entire ministerial training by studying evenings after work hours. He asked favors of no one, and the modest monthly fees he sent to the Institute, paid the actual cost of the thoroughgoing instruction he received at the hands of some of our most experienced college teachers.

What this young man did others can and will do, God helping them. Will you who read this appeal to young people not in our schools, respond to it by determining in your souls that your evenings at least shall be devoted to study and self-improvement, getting ready for your real life work? It is a very special pleasure to us in the Institute office to help ambitious men and women to develop their abilities, and get a real start in life.—HOME STUDY INSTITUTE, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

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#### THE CARIBBEAN UNION COMMITTEE MEETING

L. V. Finster

At the appointed date, March 26, all the committee members of the Caribbean Union Conference were present, but one, to begin their work. That much prayer had been offered before the beginning of this meeting was very evident.

The reports from the field were most encouraging. There were 1,064 baptisms during 1933, and their tithe nearly equaled the receipts for the preceding year. From every field mention was

made of the wonderful part played by our lay members in winning people to this message. One conference president stated that the larger part of the people brought to the truth in his field was the result of the work of the laity.

The special feature that will long remain in the memory of all who attended this meeting was the kind brotherly spirit that was manifested throughout the session. We faced difficult problems in balancing our budget for the year 1935, owing to the exchange difficulties and other causes. We faced a deficit of more than four thousand dollars to meet our needs, but some way when we had reached our extremity, after earnest prayer, the Lord did open ways that we had not thought of before.

Also for the year 1934 we needed \$2,500.00 to balance the budget. We had to acknowledge that we did not know the way out and so much more time was spent in prayer. We proved that this was the quickest way to expedite the work. God wonderfully opened up ways and means that were a surprise to us all. I never before met a band of men that were more willing to share and help those in need than at this meeting. Several remarked that these financial problems had proved a real revival to their souls. How good it is to work together in brotherly love and unity.

Pastor Elliott left a few days after the meeting for his well-earned furlough, with an earnest desire on the part of his workers for his soon return. Pastor Gardiner, the president of the Leeward Islands Conference, will leave in the early part of May for his furlough. Our prayers go with these brethren that they may return with renewed strength for further service. Broad plans were laid for the future and a larger work planned for the year to come. All went home feeling that it had been a blessed experience to be present.



Believers in Boquete, Panama.

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#### PROGRESS IN ALL SEVEN FIELDS

W. E. Baxter

We operate under seven different governments in this union, and eight, if one should count the Canal Zone as separate from Panama. We have seven different currencies to contend with, which bring their perplexities in these times of fluctuating values. To make one visit through the union, visés for seven countries must be secured.

Our brethren are hard at work here in the different fields of this union. The dry season of the year is the best time to conduct evangelistic efforts. It is also vacation time for the school in Costa Rica. This year some twenty students worked for scholarships in the different fields of this union. Five young men from the school engaged in evangelistic work during the vacation.

In Costa Rica we had no worker to conduct a Spanish effort so we took two of our young men from the school and they held an effort in Alajuela. The Lord has blessed these students and the report comes that fifty have promised to obey the truth. In Panama two Spanish efforts have been conducted.

Just recently two men walked into San Salvador from quite a distance out in the country. They are deeply interested in the truth and wanted us to send some one out to teach them. They say there is a great interest in that part.

In Port Limon, Costa Rica, just a few weeks ago I met a man and his wife who walked in from the country several miles to see me and urged that help be sent out to them. They have not been baptized yet but were to be married and to arrange for the service as soon as I could get back there. They say there is a big interest in their district. One man in the country near La Union, Salvador, has built a shed and fitted it with seats and asks that some one come to teach the truth there. He is not an Adventist.

We are glad to see these fields, where it has seemed hard to get a start, now beginning to bristle with interests in so many places. More than 500 were baptized in this union last year.

**TRAINING FOR ACTIVE SERVICE**

*Mrs. Orley Ford*

We are having very interesting times with our young people these days. For more than a year the young men have been carrying on weekly meetings in one of the suburbs. The meetings continue and are very well attended since the rains have ceased. Some of the boys are doing very well now in giving their studies.

The Bible class that we have been holding every Thursday night has been a wonderful help to them. Mr. Ford and Brother Lutz have taken turns in directing the class. Every member has to give a study before the class, then the study is criticized and put in the best form possible, then these same studies are used when they go out to meet the public. We can see much improvement in the way the boys present their studies.

Two weeks ago four groups of young men were out on missionary trips. Two groups are just now coming home. One woman and her son and another young man went to a little town far up in the mountains where she used to live. We don't believe any colporteur has ever been there. They took testaments and *Centinelas* to sell and give away, so they would have something to leave with the people.

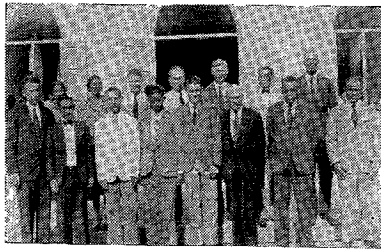
Two other groups went out to hold Sabbath services in towns near by. Two other men went to a place where a good interest has arisen. After two weeks they returned full of courage and were so happy they were able to leave the truth with such a large group of people. Who knows what the results may be? Of course, we have our difficulties along with our joys.

One of our young women went to the mountains in Jalapa to teach a school for the families of the interested ones up there. She has twelve pupils in school I believe. She has gone out without a cent of pay, the people there offering her food but nothing more.

I have just been noticing the Reading Course books for 1934. They look very interesting. The school children have read both the courses for 1932 and 1933 in school. They are very much interested and I think we shall draw a goodly number of certificates.



"Privileges and opportunities increase responsibilities, and if neglected, deepen guilt."



A group of colporteurs and workers at the Santo Domingo institute.

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**TRANSFORMATIONS IN THE LLANOS**

*Julio Garcia Diaz*

My personal goal for this year is to baptize 100 persons. I have already (March 18) baptized forty-one, and have thirty in my baptismal classes. The sixteenth of March I baptized twenty-nine and have organized a Sabbath School in Botucal with a membership of fifty-five; but it has an attendance of ninety.

Botucal is a small village the inhabitants of which are descendants of the Tunemos Indians. The first seeds of truth—so far as known—were planted here back in 1924, when Brother Borrowdale and I visited them in our travels up and down these rivers in a launch. At that time they did not want the message. But today one of the men that I talked to then and to whom we gave literature is the superintendent of our Botucal Sabbath school. It was about three years ago that a number here began to keep the Sabbath through the reading of the book, "*Hacia la Edad de Oro.*"

The transformations the gospel has made here are marvelous. The superstitions that abound ruin both the soul and body of these poor Indians. The priests teach them not to shake the sheets at night before they go to bed lest evil spirits enter where the person sleeps; they are warned not to plant certain fragrant trees because the devil comes to sleep in them during the hottest part of the day; not to go near any one who has been bitten by a poisonous snake, nor a person who is seriously ill for the last one to visit the sick is held responsible for his death. They use great quantities of a tobacco paste known as *chino*.

Because of these and many, many other superstitions, false teachings, and bad practices these poor people sank very, very low, and were truly "without hope and without God in the world." This is where the Advent Message found them. But what do we see today? These people have been transformed. Today there are no drunkards. *Chino* has vanished. Their one purpose is to prepare to meet Jesus. When they learned that their home life was not in harmony with God's plan, they went to the government to arrange for marriage and within the last three months I have married fifteen couples.

Most of our believers here are farmers. A few raise cattle. They pay tithes of all and are waiting for the depression to pass so that they will be able to sell more of their produce and have money to give. Everything here seems to be paralyzed. But the poverty of these people consists chiefly in the lack of money. They have food in abundance.

They are erecting a small palm-leaf church and have made a school room from the same material. They are hoping to secure a teacher from among the graduates of Camaguan and offer to support her and pay her transportation. About twenty-five children and many adults are awaiting an opportunity to learn to read, so that they may themselves enjoy the precious Book that God has given us.

Others have heard of the transformations that the gospel has wrought here in Botucal, and they want to know this message. Now is the time to enter while the doors are open.



How we rejoice over this good news from Brother Julio. Never, I think, shall I forget his appeal for the Indians of the great *Llanos* of Venezuela. The years that have passed since that appeal was made have been intensely interesting years, for God has used Brother Julio marvelously in bringing the saving message to those for whom he pleaded so earnestly. We need to remember Brother and Sister Julio in their great mission field in the interior of Venezuela.

The above article is a portion of a letter received from Brother Julio. In this letter he tells us that his wife was not at all well. Let us remember her in prayer that these earnest workers may continue in the work where the Lord has called them to serve.—EDITOR.



## AFTER TWELVE YEARS

L. Astleford

Here is a tribute that I wish to pay to our literature under the blessing of God. One of the men I baptized on Sabbath purchased and read *El Centinela* in Santo Domingo for ten years. Two years ago he returned to his old home in Curacao, and here one of our faithful lay members found him and for two years carried to him *El Centinela* which he cheerfully bought and read. Later he sold this man a copy of "Great Controversy." This he also read.

Becoming more interested, he commenced to attend our meetings, nor did his interest slacken for he never missed a meeting; and last Sabbath he followed his Lord in baptism. It was a good day for him and for us all. I only wish that the brother that sold him the paper for ten years in Santo Domingo could have been present. What if the brother had grown tired and given up selling the *Centinela* before the ten years were up?

Our believers in Aruba have become interested in the distribution of our literature and are now handling: 100 *Canadian Watchman*, 50 *El Centinela*, 40 *Signs of the Times*, and 20 *Health* magazines a month. We hope and pray that these may fall on good soil and bear fruit. It is my plan to go over there next month to hold some meetings.

## TWO NEW LIGHTS

(From a personal letter by Mrs. Eugenio Plata)

A number of months ago I started a Sabbath school for some poor children. I have it Sabbath afternoon and about twenty-five come quite regularly. Two little boys have learned Psalm 23 and I gave them a picture cut from the Home Missionary Wall Calendar. One can do a lot of things with pictures.

Last Sunday afternoon I began my second Sabbath school. It is out in the country, but we have bus service. Just ten children came last Sunday but more would have come if it had not rained. We have a little chapel built by three men who are not Adventists yet. One man gave part of his lot, another paid for the material and a third did the work. It is very simple but it is like a light house in that part of the country. We hope to hold an effort there soon.

"The happiest place on earth for me  
Is where my Lord would have me be.  
The happiest thing that I can do  
Is the work my Lord has called me to."

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## INSTITUTES IN THE GULF MISSION

C. E. Wood

During February I had the privilege of assisting Brother J. B. Nelson, superintendent of the Gulf Mission, in a series of eleven church officers' institutes. The first four of these institutes were conducted in the Tampico district. The work of reconstruction is making rapid progress in this city, which suffered so severely from the cyclone and flood; but the results of this devastation will be seen for some time to come. It takes considerable courage to rebuild and live on this low-lying land, but many of the poor people own their own properties and it is difficult for them to move away.

One encouraging result of this terrible disaster is the readiness of the people to listen to the truth. As the result of the evangelistic phase of our institute work fifty-eight people in the two churches of Ciudad Madero and Puntilla in Tampico expressed their desire to join the baptismal classes and prepare for the coming of Christ.

We were very much interested in our visit to the church in Tampico Alto. About thirty years ago some of our colored brethren from the southern states came to Mexico and settled in this district. A few of these older members have never learned to speak the Spanish language. As more than half of the congregation were colored, it was difficult to realize that we were speaking to a Mexican company. The members of this company love the truth and are zealous in their missionary work.

We next visited Guerrero, Cardenas, and Nogales, where successful institutes were held. The Nogales company is about ten miles from the railway line, and it was rather difficult to reach it as there is no public highway in that district and our automobile was obliged to travel over a trail not intended for automobiles. We returned to the city on burros.

Our next institutes were held in San Luis Potosi, Saltillo, and Monterrey. Brother Torres is in charge of the work in Monterrey, which is the fourth largest city in Mexico. We found fifty people in the baptismal class of this church.

I was very much interested in the missionary organization of this church. Sabbath afternoon the various bands met in the church, and the grounds adjoining and we had the privilege of visiting each band to see how it was conducted. In the Bible readers' band one of the members gave a Bible study to instruct the others how the topic should be presented. We found the members of the correspondence band busy writing missionary letters. Each band was concentrating on the special work it had been organized to do. If these bands are as earnest in their actual missionary work as they were in their preparation for the work, there should be a great ingathering of souls as the result of their efforts during the coming months.

Our next place of meeting was Nuevo Laredo on the border of the United States. At every place we visited we witnessed the influence of the Holy Spirit on the hearts of men and women, and we believe that the influence of these institutes will be seen for many months to come in the lives and missionary work of our church members and workers.

The last two meetings were held in Durango and Torreon. While at Torreon we held one evening meeting with the company at Gomez Palacio, just across the river. As the result of this one meeting nine responded to the call and passed in their names as members of the baptismal classes. The total



The Seventh-day Adventist church and



making this decision during this series of institutes was 117. Our experience has been that these institutes are a great help in developing the work in the field, and we are hoping that deeper spirituality of our members, increased missionary activity, faithfulness in payment of tithes and offerings, and more efficiency in carrying forward the program of the various departments of our work will be the result of this month of labor in the Gulf Mission.



**TWO YOUNG PEOPLE DELIVERED**

*L. W. Archbold*

We are seeing the manifestation and power of the gospel unto salvation. Our loving Father is helping us in a marked way to take this message to lost souls; and at the same time the devil is seeking to destroy the image of God in His children.

Spiritism, that mask of Satan to deceive souls, has made havoc in certain parts of our mission, but thank God, He also has manifested Himself. Brother Rafael Arroyo will tell us how the power of God intervened in a recent experience:

"On a ranch not far from Tuxpan, Ver., where nearly all were spiritualists, one of the principal families, desirous of finding health, united with spiritism. There were two young ladies in that family. One of them had been in the spiritism center for three days. But in place of the girl obtaining her health, she be-

came possessed by demons and seemed to think that she was Satan and that he was equal to God. At the same time another spirit, professing to be an angel of God, took possession of the other young lady.

"When these two sisters came face to face, they began to contend; the young lady professing to be an angel from God darted upon the other possessed with the evil spirit, beating her terribly and rending her lip. Everybody present was afraid.

"The young lady professing to be an angel was taken away to our church where we prayed for her, and she was healed immediately. I went the following day to see the other young woman who was possessed with the evil spirit. It had already come out of her; and her wounds are healing. Now she kneels and lifts her hands to Heaven and asks us to teach her to pray. Thank God, many are preparing for His kingdom and on the same ranch where they lived, many more are waiting for the message of salvation. Pray that the Lord may have workers to reap the harvest that is ready and that many souls may receive the message of salvation."

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**ANNUAL MEETING IN SANTO DOMINGO**

*Peter Nygaard*

March 6-11 was a blessed time for Santo Domingo. We were favored with special visitors from the General Conference, the division, and the union. Not only were we privileged with the visits of these highly esteemed brethren, but above this with the presence of the heavenly Representative in a rich measure. All these blessings have brought new courage and hope to our hearts and we have all determined that, under the direction of God, our lives shall be used for the furtherance of the great work of the Lord.

The studies and sermons by Pastors E. E. Andross, J. L. McElhany, C. E. Weeks and A. R. Ogden were very timely and appreciated by all. All our workers in the mission were present, and we all enjoyed the old Advent Message, given with power by tried servants of the Lord in this good cause. The oft-repeated truths, presented by these Spirit-filled messengers with strong faith and confidence in the present truth,

brought cheer and joy to all who are waiting for the glorious appearing of the Lord.

The night meetings were very well attended, and the themes presented set many thinking about coming events. The number of visitors from different churches was greater this time than ever before. This shows that the members have learned to appreciate these gatherings, though it means a great deal of effort and sacrifices for them, for the mission is not able to pay their fare or food. Our members are anxious to feed upon the good spiritual things and willing to do everything possible in order to be present at such gatherings, for they know it means a spiritual feast.

All felt the time had come for fuller consecration to the Lord and His work and desired to be used by the Spirit in bringing souls to the cross.

A very sweet spirit prevailed and not one complaint was heard, but all were anxious to receive more blessings. It was a meeting in which the Lord in a very quiet, but positive way, spoke to many about their need of a closer walk with their Saviour. To us it was a precious meeting through which the Spirit was preparing the people of the Lord for the latter rain.

We praise the Lord for the leaders in Israel who give no uncertain sound to the Heaven-sent message for these days, but sound an alarm in Zion, calling for a more complete preparation in order to be able to meet the Son of man with joy and gladness at His appearing.



"If there ever was a time when every house should be a house of prayer, it is now. Infidelity and skepticism prevail. Iniquity abounds. Corruption flows in the vital currents of the soul, and the rebellion against God breaks out in the life. . . . And yet at this time of fearful peril, some who profess to be Christians have no family worship."—"Test.," Vol. VIII, p. 42.

"The Christian home is to be an object lesson, illustrating the excellence of the true principles of life. Such an illustration will be a power for good in the world. Far more powerful than any sermon that can be preached is the influence of a true home upon hearts and lives."—"Ministry of Healing," p. 352.

"Small kindnesses, small courtesies, small considerations habitually practised in our social intercourse, give a greater charm to the character than the display of great talents and accomplishments."



preachers in the city of Obregon, Mexico.

## With Our Missionary Volunteers

### HOME

#### Lenora Patch

A place of rest, O Lord, I crave,  
Where heart and mind may find in Thee  
A balm for every tedious wave,  
And from earth's storms a moment flee.

A moment, Lord, to rest in Thee,  
Forgetting strife and struggle sore,  
To hear Thy sweet voice say to me,  
"Rest now, my child; 'twill soon be o'er."

When storms increase and thunders thrill,  
The quickened ear by power divine  
May hear His gentle "Peace, be still."  
And feel His arms of love entwined.

A home I'll have in that blest land,—  
He has promised in His blessed Word.  
It's fashioned and furnished by His own hand,  
The most wondrous palace of which man has heard.

There's only one path to this palace bright;  
Not pleasures, not riches, not power, I'm told.  
'Tis dim to us, for it's not by sight  
But faith is the way to this city of gold.

### OPEN DOORS FOR MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

#### W. E. Murray

The apostle Paul wrote: "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." 1 Cor. 16:9. He saw in his time, doors of opportunity and responsibility open to him. To Adventist young people of today there are many doors opened.

THE GREAT DOOR OF PROFOUND INNER EXPERIENCE opens before our youth today. Prevalent wickedness among the youth of the world indicates the inner, spiritual experience with God as the true foundation of youth. A voice calls us to heart-searching, study of the Word, meditation and prayer. The branch cannot bear fruit of itself. This experience is essential to dynamic Christian lives. Daniel's career in Babylon was based on a profound inner experience with God. His prayers, and what he "purposed" in his heart, are evidences of the fact. Jesus places His stamp of approval upon the power of the inner life by His personal practice.

THE GREAT DOOR OF HOURLY EXAMPLE in the commonplace of life swings open before us. Deep in the heart of most individuals they are tired of empty formalism and long for the

satisfaction of sincere example. "The first great gift we can bestow on others is a good example." The miner carries a lamp on his cap to light his way, but that same light shows others where he is and what he is doing. The world and the church wait today to see the principles of Christ woven into the warp and woof of our daily lives. On the farm, in the shop, at school, always, everywhere, we are called to be examples of the lowly Nazarene. In the face of example, conviction will enter the heart of the observer, and decisions will follow.

THE GREAT DOOR OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE stands fully opened before us. We are urged to enter it by the cry of the suffering, the petition of the hungry, and the desperation of the poor. Christian service is necessary to personal spiritual growth. Henry Martyn, upon arrival in Persia, said: "Now, let me burn out for Christ." A candle is consumed in producing light. Light is the only element which dispels darkness. Our light is needed where we are. "The light that shines the farthest shines the brightest nearest home." In the early part of his ministry, Moody was met with these words from a friend: "Slow work this, is it not?" The far-seeing Moody replied: "Did you ever light a fire? I'm lighting a fire." Young people can light a fire for God in their own neighborhoods by humble example in Christian service.

As Paul saw adversaries through his door, so we see adversaries through these doors. Adversaries are an incentive to determined effort. Obstacles are the motive of earnest study and quickened endeavor. Hindrances impenetrable to our sight and impregnable to our forces drive us to implore the helping hand of God.

May God help us as we follow His leadings in a Greater Youth's Movement!

### WHY HE DID IT

Little Wun Lee was a Chinese boy eleven years old, who went to a mission school in China. He already showed a wonderful talent for painting, and one day he brought to school a present for his teacher. It was a cup and saucer

made of very thin pink porcelain on which he had painted a spray of white blossoms so skillfully that the pink showed through, making them look like variegated blossoms.

"How beautiful! dear Lee," said the teacher. "I could not do it nearly so well myself," but she did not see the most beautiful thing about it until she began to wrap it up in soft paper to put it back in the box in which it had come. Then she found on the under side of the cup a lovely water lily which seemed to be floating in a little blue lake.

"My dear Lee," she said (a Chinese boy is called by his last name, and the family name comes first), "that is the loveliest thing about it; but why did you put it there, where so few people will ever see it?"

"The gods will see it," said Wun Lee in a low reverent tone, "and, of course, I took the most pains with what I painted for them only."

You see, Wun Lee was slowly learning the truths of Christianity; but some of the old heathen superstitions still clung to him. Among these was the idea that there are a great many gods, though they too, believe in one Supreme Being, greater than the rest. Do we who know that there is only one God, always take as much pains to please Him as this little boy did to please his imaginary deities? Do we always do our best work where He alone can see it?—*Lawrence in Our Little Friend.*

### QUEER WAYS TO TELL TIME

How do you think people in Korea know the time at night if they don't use watches or clocks?

Many people in Korea still tell the time with a piece of rope. They knot a length of rope at regular distances, and light the bottom end.

The rope smolders and burns up slowly. By looking at the distance the fire has traveled, they can tell the time almost as correctly as if they had a watch or a clock.

Before watches and clocks were used in England, people used to tell the time at night by means of candles. These were painted on the outside with black and white stripes. It was then easy to see what o'clock it was by counting the number of stripes on the candle that remained. Each time a candle burned itself out, a notch was cut in a piece of wood near by, and another candle lit. —*Our Little Friend.*

## AN HONEST TONGUE

Joe could not find his knife. The boy sitting behind him, he thought, had taken it. He said that Fred stole his knife. Most of the children in their grade heard him, and believed Joe. But that night he found his knife at home!

Next morning Joe stood up in the schoolroom and told everybody that he had found his knife at home, and was sorry he had said some one had taken it.

"My, I couldn't have done that!" said Herman at noon. "The teacher should not have made you."

"The teacher didn't make me say so. I made myself," said Joe. "Suppose I had made a mistake and carried away Fred's knife that is so like mine. Would it not be pretty mean not to give it back? It was much worse to say words that helped to take away Fred's good name. Of course, I had to be honest enough to pay him back as well as I could."—*Mary S. Stover, in Our Little Friend.*

## SUGGESTIVE TEN MINUTE MISSIONARY SERVICES

## July 7

*Missionary Topic:* The Science of Soul Winning. *Text:* Proverbs 11:30.

*Suggestions:* We are told that the highest of all sciences is the science of soul winning ("Ministry of Healing," p. 398), and yet the rudiments of this science are made so plain and simple that all may comprehend, and there is not one Christian exempt from the study and actual demonstration of this science. Let us consider some of the primary principles in the science of soul-winning. First of all, the student must know the new birth from experience. Second, he must yield himself as an instrument to be used by divine power. Third, he must seek to become an efficient instrument. It is a delicate and solemn work to deal with souls. There must be no forcing, no compulsion; one must have the art of winning the human will to a glad surrender. May God help us all to be diligent students and yielded instruments in His hand for the winning of souls.

## July 14

*Missionary Topic:* Food Conservation Measures. *Texts:* John 6:12; Luke 9:17.

*Suggestions:* The gospels clearly present the responsibility of the church to minister to the needy. One of the greatest of all the parables of the Lord, the parable of the Good Samaritan, has to do with the believer's duty toward any who may be in need. Much is said in the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy concerning our responsibility to follow the instruction given in the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. We do well to study it. At certain times of the year fruit and vegetables are in abundance. If a little forethought could be given to it, much of this abundance could be dried or preserved for times of need, and given to the hungry. Many of our people are poor, and do not have much with which to give, but if care were taken the surplus that nature gives us from time to time could be saved, that we might always have something to give to those in need.

## July 21

*Missionary Topic:* Soul-Winning Experiences. *Text:* Ps. 106:1, 2.

*Suggestions:* Many deeds of Christian service are brought to light by the reports rendered during the missionary service on each third Sabbath of the month, and we are assured that the Lord hearkens and hears these reports, and that a book of remembrance is kept of those who love the Lord and serve Him. During the ten-minute missionary service held in one of our churches in Bermuda, a sister said that she had sent out seven bottles during the past week. The pastor did not quite understand what was meant by "seven bottles," and asked for an explanation. The sister then said, "I have the children gather bottles, and when I have thoroughly cleansed them, I fill them with tracts and papers, put a good cork in the top, and pitch them into the sea. Then I ask the dear Lord to guide the bottles to some one who will read the tracts and accept the message." This sister is surely casting "bread upon the waters," and some day she will surely find happy results—perhaps not until the experiences of life are revealed in the Kingdom, and the hidden things come to light.

## July 28

*Missionary Topic:* The King's Pocket League.

*Texts:* Ps. 126:5, 6; Eccl. 11:1, 2.

*Suggestions:* Tracts are "gospel seeds," and one of the slogans of the King's Pocket League is, "Sow as you go," because everywhere there is soil prepared to receive the seeds of truth. It is the daily business of the King's Pocket League to scatter tracts, and the goal is "At least a tract a day." The King's Pocket League is not just a name for tract distribution, it is the insignia of a great army of soul-winners. Men, women, and young people throughout the world belong to this League. They carry with them a choice selection of tracts, and are ever vigilant to place a tract where it may serve as the guiding light into the fulness of God's message for today. This is in harmony with the counsel of God to His remnant people: "Carry with you, wherever you go, a package of select tracts, which you can hand out as you have opportunity. . . . Important results will follow."—*Mrs. E. G. White in Review and Herald, June 10, 1880.*

## Workers' Corner

## INSTRUCTION IN SUCCESSFUL METHODS OF BIBLE WORK

## Lesson No. 4—Preparing the Study General Principles to be Observed

*Christ the Central Theme in Every Study:* In every missionary effort, whatever the subject may be, the central theme is to be Christ.

"Our Redeemer is the center of all our faith and hope. Those who can present His matchless love, and inspire hearts to give Him their best and holiest affections, are doing work that is great and holy. . . . No sooner is the name of Jesus mentioned in love and tenderness than angels of God draw near, to soften and subdue the heart."—*Manual for Canvassers,* p. 37.

"More people than we think are longing to find the way to Christ. . . . Theoretical discourses are essential, that people may see the chain of truth; link after link, uniting in a perfect whole; but no discourse should ever be preached without presenting Christ and Him crucified as the foundation of the gospel."—*Gospel Workers,* p. 158.

*Rightly Divide the Word of Truth:* To rightly divide and apportion the Word of Truth to the hearers is most essential; but this requires study. (See 2 Tim. 2:15.)

*Base Teaching on Practical Illustrations:* Christ taught in parables. He reached the people through point of contact with the everyday events and experiences of life, and through this channel directed the mind to the contemplation of spiritual truth.

If you would notice the methods of Paul, the great Apostle to the Gentiles, read Acts 17:22-31. This is his great speech and appeal to the men of Athens made on Mar's Hill. Almost the first thing he says is in reference to an altar he passed on his way to the place where he was standing. The people who heard him knew about that altar. The designer

of it may have been in the crowd. From that altar, with its strange inscription, which are known facts, he leads them along to facts which are unknown.

*Be Explicit:* The Bible teacher should not take it for granted that the one to whom he is giving the reading is well informed on certain points which may seem fundamental. The supposition of this fact very often proves to be false, and in such a case the Bible teacher is building without a foundation. Teach all points thoroughly, and take nothing for granted.

*Beginning of Course:* One of the fundamental points at which tact and good judgment should prevail is in the introduction and arrangements of subjects for Bible studies with the people.

*Simple Studies:* On general principles it may be stated that such subjects as "The Inspiration of the Bible," "The Second Coming of Christ," or the remarkable "Prophecy of Daniel 2," are to be preferred as introductory subjects, rather than such deep and complicated subjects as "The Mark of the Beast," "The Change of the Sabbath," "The State of the Dead," etc. It is well to establish confidence in the system of Bible study to be followed, by explaining subjects which are simple, clear, and convincing; but, of course, where the reader is particularly interested in certain subjects, and many live inquiries are running through his mind, he should be assured that his inquiries will have due attention, and that the Bible will make the subject clear and plain.

*On Reader's Ground:* We may safely

follow the example of our Master in His method of Work. In "The Desire of Ages," page 253, it is stated,

"Jesus met people on their own ground, as one who was acquainted with their perplexities."

A practical demonstration of this method is found in the record of Jesus conversing with the woman of Samaria at Jacob's well. This woman came to the well for water, and Jesus engaged her attention by speaking of that in which she was interested,—water. Through the simple request for a drink of water from the well, He taught her the divine lesson of the living water.

It is very important in our gospel work that we meet the people where they are; not where they ought to be. This phase of effort cannot be overestimated or overemphasized.

*Arrangement of Texts.* If we will give serious thought to how that text, or that truth, or that statement, would have affected us when we were not fully come to the light, we shall realize somewhat the necessity of proper arrangement in our study. By giving careful thought to the various texts used, and trying to see beforehand just how they may be received, we shall save ourselves many blunders. Suppose, for example, that at one time you believed thoroughly in the immortality of the soul, just as many do today. I come to you, and among the first studies I give, I bring in two or three of those strong texts to show that the dead are unconscious. How would you receive me when I return to give you the next study? Let us do the best we can to arrange our texts and our line of thought properly, and the Lord will cover up many imperfections, and teach us to correct and overcome them.

#### Lesson No. 6

##### The Reading

*The Reading:* Much tact is required on the part of the one giving the reading to get the attention of the person or persons onto the subject in such a way that when the study is begun all may get a clear conception of the field of thought. This is important. The fact that the worker enters the home as a neighbor and friend, opens the way for many personal items of conversation, which may please, and be appropriate to a degree; but it must ever be remembered that the object of the visit is definite and serious. The difficulty in securing attention is especially to be met at the time of holding the first two

#### His Jewels

"When Jesus calls His Jewels  
From every land and sea,  
And takes them home to glory,  
What a meeting that will be!

"We'll meet the friends departed,—  
The loved ones called away;  
Not one will be forgotten  
In the glad reunion day.

"We'll meet the kings and prophets  
Of ages long ago,  
And all the faithful martyrs  
Who bled for truth below.

"We'll meet in all His beauty  
The One whom we adore,  
Who died that we, believing,  
May live forevermore."

or three readings, and at special times when strangers are present.

*Music:* An appropriate introduction to the study is for all to join in singing a familiar gospel song. This is merely a suggestion, and is not meant to imply that a Bible reading should always begin with singing.

*Prayer:* No Bible reading should be given without prayer. The nature of the prayer offered by the one giving the Bible reading should be along the general line of thought, i. e., that God will bless the study of His Word and guide in the study and the conclusions reached.

*The Study:* Until the worker becomes experienced in outlining and preparing Bible readings, he will find it helpful to refer to "Brief Bible Readings for Busy People," or similar Bible reading outlines, carefully studying each lesson until it becomes as familiar as though it were his own composition.

*Introducing the Subject:* Suppose I come to your home to give a study on Daniel 2, and after we are seated I say, "This afternoon we will study Daniel 2." Then I announce the first text. Would you be aglow with interest? Not if you are like most people. But suppose I say something like this: "God has a plan, and His plan never miscarries. Today we will study the revealing of God's great plan, and how it is being worked out right in our day. Daniel has told us the story." Which opening do you like best?

*Conclusion:* Stop at the point of deepest interest. Plan the Bible study so that it will end at a point where broad visions of further study on connecting subjects and vital questions will naturally develop. Try to leave those with whom you are studying while they are still deeply interested and they will anti-

cipate the next lesson with pleasure. When the climax of the study is reached, conclude in a definite manner. A very brief review of the lesson, with a clear-cut final statement of the conclusion, should be followed by a few words of prayer by the worker, perhaps all in the room standing while the prayer is offered.

*The Farewell:* When the study is finished, and the review of the entire lesson has been summed up in a few words, there is but one appropriate thing for the worker to do, and that is to leave as quickly as possible without seeming rude.

*A Model Bible Reading:* With four questions and four texts of Scripture, a fairly comprehensive study may be given on The Plan of Redemption, as follows:

*Question 1.*—What was God's purpose in the creation of the earth?

*Answer.*—Isaiah 45:18.

*Ques. 2.*—How was this plan marred?

*Ans.*—Romans 5:12.

*Ques. 3.*—What wonderful plan did God devise to save man?

*Ans.*—John 3:16.

*Ques. 4.*—How completely will God's purpose be fulfilled?

*Ans.*—2 Peter 3:13.

## HOW DO YOU READ YOUR BIBLE?

*R. Hope Robertson*

Frequently many who read their Bibles through yearly seem to know very little about the important truths necessary to our spiritual health. What is the reason? Simply that they read with the object of reading the Bible through in a year. They just read.

Ordinarily, one does not require a whole year to read his Bible through. Along with my daily duties, I have read my Bible through carefully in six weeks; but in a year there is sufficient time to go slowly and to meditate prayerfully on deep passages.

I fear that many are losing the real object of the Bible year. The certificate is not the object. A statement from "Steps to Christ," page 90, will throw much light on what I think the Bible year plan was intended for. It says: "There is nothing more calculated to strengthen the intellect than the study of the Scriptures. No other book is so potent to elevate the thoughts, to give vigor to the faculties, as the broad, ennobling truths of the Bible. If God's Word were studied as it should be, men would have a breadth of mind, a nobility of character, and a stability of purpose rarely seen in these times.

"But there is but little benefit derived from a hasty reading of the Scriptures. One may read the whole Bible through, and yet fail to see its beauty or comprehend its deep and hidden meaning. One passage studied until its significance is clear to the mind, and its relation to the plan of salvation is evident, is of more value than the perusal of many

chapters with no definite purpose in view."

There is food for thought in these forceful statements for all of us who take the Bible Year. Let us put this counsel into practice and receive the blessing in store for those who *search* the Scriptures under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

## « « Pastor H. J. Edmed » »

M. D. Howard

HERBERT JOHN EDMED was born in Surrey, England, September 29, 1864, and died in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, April 23, 1934.

He went out to South Africa as a lad of fifteen to seek health in that sunny clime. He was trained in business lines in some of the leading stores and during this time tasted a little of this world's pleasures, but finding they did not satisfy, he spent his evening hours studying his Bible, and so some years later when a colporteur visited the town where he was living, he was ready to purchase the book, "Daniel and the Revelation," which he studied very carefully and prayerfully and saw the truth.

Meanwhile his fiancée, her father and sister were attending a course of meetings and during his week-end visits to her home, he had the privilege of attending some of these lectures which were held by Elder I. J. Hankins. The clear and forceful way the truths were unfolded by this early pioneer led him to sever his connection with the thriving business in which he was about to become a partner, and with the three mentioned, fully identified himself with the Seventh-day Adventist body. He was married on January 2, 1890, and of this union two daughters were born, Ethel Maud and Edna Reedham. The former is treasurer of our college at Mandeville, Jamaica, and the latter is the wife of Pastor F. G. Clifford in the South African Union.

In a few years, after he had been in the hardware business for himself, he received a call to the gospel ministry. In a most remarkable way a buyer was sent for the store and stock, and in three months he was ordained. Soon he was asked to act as president of the Natal-

Transvaal Conference, in which capacity he served many years and at the same time conducted evangelical efforts, many being brought into the message as the result. Later he was called to fill the same position in the Cape Conference where he remained for a number of years, many young people being in the work today as a result of his personal ministry.

In 1909 he attended the General Conference session and had the privilege of visiting Sister White in her home, the remembrance of which was very dear to him all the years since. In 1916 he was called to England where he acted as Bible teacher in our college, conducted a Bible institute for workers, while at the same time holding evangelistic efforts. In 1922 he answered a call to the South Caribbean Conference. In 1924 he sustained the heavy loss of his beloved companion who had stood so faithfully by his side in his labors all through the years.

### SOMETIME

Sometime our tears shall cease to flow,  
Our hearts no longer ache;  
Earth's sorrows we'll no longer know,  
Nor sin our spirits break.

Sometime He'll come to take us home,  
Where pain is known no more,  
And give us mansions of our own,  
With Heaven's richest store.

Sometime long-lost ones we will greet  
In that celestial land,  
And walk Jerusalem's golden street,  
Clasping each other's hand.

Sometime we'll sing the choral song,  
Unlike earth's songs we hear,  
Sung by the saved, the blood washed through,  
Beyond all earthly fear.

Sometime we'll see Him face to face,  
And know salvation's cost,  
And shout forever, "Saved by grace,  
Who once in sin were lost."—Selected.

the Leeward Islands. In December,

Later he took charge of the work in 1925 he was united in marriage with his wife's sister by Pastor I. G. Knight. After two and one-half years of labor there it was organized into a conference. While on furlough in England, he received word from our division office that he had been called to the presidency of the Jamaica Conference; so he, his wife and daughter Ethel, soon left for that field where his labors were blessed of God as in other fields.

Closing a term of nearly six years in Jamaica, he came again to take charge of the work in the South Caribbean Conference, where after only a few short months he has laid down his labors. We believe the Lord has ordered it thus for he wanted to be at his post until the last. He now rests, but only for a little while; and when the great Life-giver comes, He will call him to his reward.

On April 11 Pastor Edmed was taken ill quite suddenly. After several days of treatment and medical observation, it was thought best to remove him to a hospital where surgery could be used if deemed necessary. For a time he seemed to make slight improvement, then a turn for the worse indicated an operation as the only possible chance for life. During the operation, however, it became apparent that he could not live unless the Lord saw fit to work a miracle in his behalf. Only a few minutes elapsed after his removal from the operating room before our beloved brother passed away. We know this will bring sorrow to many throughout our division as well as those in other parts of the world who had the privilege of being personally acquainted with Pastor Edmed.

The funeral took place the evening of the 24th. At Pastor Edmed's home a few minutes past 4:00 the beautiful hymn, "Sweet Be Thy Rest," was sung, after which Pastor G. A. Coon offered prayer. Then, preceded by the Port-of-Spain church choir and the children of the Sabbath school, and followed by the hundreds of friends that had gathered at the home, the body was taken to the Seventh-day Adventist church in Donald Street for the funeral service, Pastor Coon being in charge.

To open the service at the church the hymn, "Asleep in Jesus," was sung by the congregation and prayer was offered by Professor R. S. J. Hamilton. The obituary was then read by Brother M.

D. Howard, who also on behalf of the Caribbean Union Conference spoke of the very real loss that Pastor Edmed's death meant to that organization. Pastor Edmed was held in high respect and esteem by all and it had been arranged that he carry the work of the union president during a part of the time that Pastor W. R. Elliott is to be absent on furlough. On behalf of the union conference Brother Howard extended to Mrs. Edmed and the sorrowing relatives abroad the deepest sympathy in this hour of their bereavement.

Brother R. W. Bickett, representing the South Caribbean Conference organization of which Pastor Edmed was the president, said in part:

"Pastor Edmed was with us less than four short months since his return to this field. These have been very busy months and we have enjoyed working together with him. Pastor Edmed was a man of great faith in God—faith that moved mountains of difficulty. He would 'attempt great things for God,' and when faced with insurmountable obstacles would say, 'Nothing is impossible with God.'

"He was always genial and radiated cheer. He held a high standard for himself as a Christian, and had great power to lift individuals and congregations. . . . He was a good executive and a wise counselor. He was blessed with a gift for writing and speaking and we cannot understand why he was taken away when the harvest is so great and tried-and-true laborers so few. But in the situation in which we find ourselves the lessons of faith so ably taught us by Pastor Edmed help us to bow in submission to Him who rules over all."

Pastor Ash in a few well chosen words spoke for the ministers and believers. He declared:

"Someone said today, 'Another prince in the house of Israel is fallen,' but we say No! A mighty warrior and hero in the army of Prince Immanuel is called by the King of kings to honorably lay aside his armour.

"A faithful leader among God's people has gone to rest, but his works do follow him. As ministers, officers, and people we have lost a president indeed. Large hearted, and full of loving sympathy, he guided the work in this part of God's vineyard in a manner that won the love, esteem, and high appreciation of all. Those of us who in past years enjoyed the privilege of laboring under his administration know what we have lost. His words of counsel to us, his prayers with us, and for us, were invaluable. Both workers and people

hailed his return to us with joy as we looked forward to greater progress in the field. But He who never makes a mistake, knows what is best for Pastor H. J. Edmed, and though we deeply regret our loss, we meekly bow in submission to His overruling providence."

Pastor Coon in the sermon used as his text Job 5:26: "Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season." Other texts read were 2 Timothy 4:7, 8, Numbers 23:10, and Revelation 14:13. The words of the apostle Paul in 2 Timothy were paraphrased: "He has fought a good fight, he has finished his course, he has kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give him at that day: and not to him only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."

Basing other thoughts on Isaiah 40: 1-11, Pastor Coon dwelt upon the qualities of Pastor Edmed's character, saying that to comfort God's people, and to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord, seemed to be the burden of Pastor Edmed's heart. He fed the flock like a shepherd and took special care of the lambs of the fold. When he was called to walk through the valley of death he was not afraid to die. His last prayer with his workers was one of resignation. He lived the life of the righteous, hence could die the death of the righteous.

Brother Coon then appealed to the congregation to prepare to meet their God, to live a life that would enable them to meet Him in peace and with joy.

"Come Unto Me and Rest" and "When Jesus Calls His Jewels," were songs used in the service at the church.

At the cemetery scriptures were read by Professor Hamilton as Pastor Edmed was laid to rest beside his former companion, and a prayer was offered by Pastor Ash. Pastor Coon then officiated in the committal, after which a song service was opened by a quartet singing, "The Christian's Good Night." When the closing of the grave was completed the many beautiful floral tributes entirely covered it. "And now as the sun has set beneath the western horizon, so has the sun set in this noble life of service to Thee our God," were the opening words of the benediction pronounced by Brother Howard which brought an end to the service.

### CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DAYS

Educational Day	- - - -	July 28
Harvest Ingathering Rally Day	- - - -	August 4
MESSENGER Day	- - - -	August 18
Colporteur Day	- - - -	November 10
Week of Sacrifice	- - - -	Nov. 24 to Dec. 1
Annual Week of Prayer	- - - -	December 8-15
Home Missionary Day (First Sabbath of each month except December)	- - - -	December 22

### AT REST

*Christian:* Violet Olivia Christian was born in Bluefields, Nicaragua, November 22, 1916 and, after a long illness, fell asleep in Jesus February 1, 1934.

From the early age of five she gave evidence of her desire to be a Christian. When she became older and learned to read, it was her custom to go from neighbor to neighbor, reading the Scriptures and praying with them. She felt a special burden for other children and would conduct little band meetings for them upon certain days of the week, and would teach them to sing, read, pray and tell them of the love of Jesus. When she became ill and thus unable to carry on her work, she would direct her sister as she conducted the meetings for the children.

Although bed-ridden her chief desire was to be baptized and become a member of the church. She was accordingly baptized by Pastor L. V. Finster on May 10, 1933. She gave marked evidence of her conversion and bore the sickness uncomplainingly and with great fortitude. Up to the last she manifested a great desire for the salvation of all the members of her family. Each one received from her lips a message of hope, counsel, and comfort. She admonished her loved ones to live so as to meet her on the other shore. She sweetly sleeps in Jesus to await the Life-giver's call.

Words of comfort and hope from the Scriptures were spoken by the writer to the bereaved family and a large circle of friends.

FRANK H. FLETCHER.

*Edwards:* Clarence H. Edwards was born in January 1921 in Panama City, R. P., and died in Almirante Hospital January 26, 1934. He was laid to rest at San San. The funeral service was conducted by Brother Peter J. Hodellin, leader of the San San church. Our hearts go out to Brother and Sister Edwards, of Elena, and many friends especially his Sabbath school and church school companions at San San.

A. A. GRIZZLE.

*Gordon:* Brother Earnest Gordon, Jamaican, died February 18, 1934. In his early manhood he went to Africa as a soldier. He accepted the Third Angel's Message there and was baptized. After his term as a soldier he came to this province and connected with our church at San San. He remained faithful to the end. He rests from his labor to await the call of the Life-giver.

A. A. GRIZZLE.

### FROM MANY LANDS

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Pastor and Sister A. W. Cott and little Joycie came down to Georgetown for much-needed medical attention. We trust that they may soon be able to return to the Indians up around Mt. Roraima. But surely we are all glad that they can have this little change from the very isolated place in which they have been serving so loyally.





**SIGNS-OF-THE-TIMES POINTERS**

According to reports the United States is launching the largest navy expansion program of its peace-time history. Twenty vessels are now under construction; and \$238,000,000 has been appropriated for building thirty-two more. Aside from this another bill authorized by the Senate provides for greatly strengthening the aircraft. "Nearly a billion dollars," says one report, "will go into the whole program and a half-billion-dollar annual expenditure will be required to maintain the projected fleet."

"Japan is appropriating huge sums to perfect its means of attack and defense. France, Italy, Germany follow suit. There are no idle hands in the munition factories."—*Watchman, May, 1934.*

It is now reported that in some places candy and ice cream contain some alcohol to create in children the drink habit.

A prominent Catholic professor is reported to have said recently in high mass, that the entire modern world will attack the Catholic Church and *be conquered by it.*

"The sum of the whole matter is this, that our civilization cannot survive materially unless it is redeemed spiritually. It can be saved only by becoming permeated by the Spirit of Christ, and being made free and happy by the practices which spring out of that Spirit."—*Woodrow Wilson.*

"More degrading books are published in a year now than came from the presses in a generation before the war."—*Editor of Ladies' Home Journal.*

"In 1850 only sixty-seven persons out of 1,000,000 of our population were insane. Today the figures stand at 250 out of every 100,000. . . . Of all the hospital beds throughout the United States, every other one is occupied by a mental case."—*Watchman, May, 1934.*

"Harold J. Hamilton in the *Literary Digest* says our churches themselves have become "hotbeds of infidelity, higher criticism, and evolution"—*Ibid.*

A questionnaire sent to a number of Chicago ministers of various Protestant organizations brought rather startling replies. Some denied the virgin birth and the resurrection and expressed themselves as believing that evolution was the plan of creation. 41% of those who replied were doubtful about there being any Heaven and preferred that that subject be eliminated from Sunday-school teaching. 48% expressed their belief in a judgment day while 39% said that they did not believe in it; 26% denied the

divinity of Christ. Does not this fit well into the prophetic picture of the last days?

Mr. James Douglas, Editor of the *Sunday Express*, says: "The heart of the nations is sick with fear. Statesmen, with their ears to the ground, are terror-stricken and perplexed."

Mr. H. G. Wells says: "We are living in a civilization which is very rapidly going to pieces. . . . Just as in the time of Noah, when the flood came, we must build an ark amid the waste of ruin that is around us."

**ANOTHER WARRIOR FALLS**

We were deeply pained to receive a cable from the Caribbean Union Monday, April 23, saying "Pastor Edmed died today." Somehow we could hardly make it seem possible. Only a few months ago we had the pleasure of having him and Sister Edmed with us at the division office.

We have all lost a good friend; and the cause has lost a strong leader, whose place it will be hard to fill. We shall greatly miss his friendly presence, for he radiated happiness wherever he went; and we grieve also over the loss of his sound counsel, for he knew Whom he had believed and for many years he was a tower of strength in the church, never wavering in his firm belief in the faith once delivered to the remnant people.

But since it has pleased the Lord to call this true and tried warrior to sleep in the arms of Jesus while the tempest of these last days continues to rage with increasing fury, we bow in meek submission, and thank God for the influence of his noble life which lives on in the hearts of thousands,—young and old and little children—who knew and loved him.

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**FROM MANY LANDS**

About the time we thought Brother and Sister C. E. Westphal ready to proceed to Costa Rica, their new field of labor, it was discovered that Sister Westphal needed a major operation. Therefore, she left at once for California, where relatives will give her the best of care. She was of good courage and we hope she soon will be in good health and able to join her husband in the work to which they both so joyfully give their lives. Brother Westphal

has been in Costa Rica for several weeks.

April brought a cable from the Caribbean Union saying that doctors urged the immediate return to the States of Sister Millard. For some time Sister Millard's health has been in a precarious condition, but we had hoped that she would be fully restored. Dr. and Sister Millard have been doing earnest evangelistic work and the doctor has also brought relief to many poor sufferers through his skill in dentistry. Sister Millard's serious illness is another reminder of how much we need to remember one another in prayer.

Pastor L. V. Finster sends a very encouraging report of the church officers' institute recently held in Trinidad. He is spending some time in the Caribbean Union now helping in various ways while some of the workers are on furlough.

Pastor Elliott sailed in April for a well-earned furlough. For many months he had been toiling on alone in that union, for you may remember that it became necessary for his wife to return to the homeland because of failing health more than a year ago. We pray that when the furlough period expires they both will be able to return well and strong.

Pastor J. L. McElhany, with whose presence we were favored for several months, left for Washington, D. C., after the meeting in the Bahamas. We were glad that he could visit a number of places in our field and trust that he may return to help us in still other parts of Inter-America.

Pastor E. E. Andross wrote that the general meeting in the Bahamas was very profitable and that it was well attended by the churches and companies in that mission. After leaving the Bahamas Pastor Andross was called to Cuba and then to Mexico to counsel with the workers regarding important phases of the work.

Pastor W. A. Bergherm, who has also been in the Antillian Union for a while has been helping in some good colporteur institutes in Cuba. He expects to give similar help in the Mexican Union before returning to the division office.

Brother C. L. Stilson, our division office cashier, sailed for Trinidad in April to audit the union books there. It also is planned for him to audit the books of the Venezuela Mission while in that part of the field.

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