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OUR OBJECTIVE

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One has truthfully said, "It is not the man who determines the objective; the objective determines the man. Objectives are fixed; it is the man who changes."

In speaking of man, Solomon said: "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Prov. 23:7. Man thinks of that which he sees; so it may likewise be said—as a man sees, so is he. The man whose vision is limited to the things about him will himself be limited to the range of his vision. If his vision is extended by reading or travel, the man will be correspondingly enlarged. If a man sees earthly things, he is earthly; if he sees heavenly things, he is heavenly. This great truth was enunciated by the Apostle Paul as follows: "We all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." 2 Cor. 3:18.

Our Supreme Objective

Since one's objectives have such formative power, transforming the possessor for weal or woe, how important that our objectives be of the right character. Again this principle is set forth in the words of the great apostle in the following exhortation: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory." Col. 3:1-4.

God would have set before each of His children, and before His church one supreme objective—Jesus. His holy life of unselfish ministry, His vicarious and all-sufficient sacrifice upon Cal-

vary, His triumphant resurrection and ascension to Heaven, His work as our great High Priest and Advocate before the Father, His coming in glory and power as King of kings and Lord of lords,—this is the objective; and it embraces "A restored creation, a redeemed race, that having conquered sin could never fall,—this, the result to flow from Christ's completed work."—"D. of A." Page 769.

God's Message

Such an objective is found alone in the message that God has committed to His people, and that is now being carried to the world. In this message we have offered the highest incentive to the most devoted self-denial and

SOMEHOW, SOMETIME, SOMEWHERE

How often trials, very hard to bear,
Are meeting us as on the way we press;
And with the weight of many a wearying care,
Our hearts may hardly undergo the stress.
Still lift the eyes and Godward let them gaze,
For He who rules in Heaven is always true;
He knows the awful darkness of our days;
Somehow, the Lord will bring us safely through.

True, in it all we find it hard to trust;
To let ourselves rest down upon His word;
To take these things, the ashes and the dust,
And feel our wills with His in full accord.
We can not solve the mystery and know
What are the workings of His mighty hand,
Or why it is He brings us down so low.
Sometime, we may be sure, we'll understand.

Somehow, sometime, somewhere—fond words of hope,
Driving away the shadows from our road!
They are the stars within our horoscope,
Lighting the pathway to the blest abode.
Somehow, we feel that God's unceasing love
Sometime will bring us to that heavenly rest
Somewhere within His realm of light above,
And we shall know that all He did was best.
—Sabbath Recorder.

persevering, courageous, heroic effort that human energies can bestow. Nothing can daunt the courage or dampen the ardor of the one whose eyes are fixed upon Jesus, our ever-present and all-powerful Saviour, our glorious Redeemer and soon-coming King, as He is revealed in this message.

What an objective is this! What marvelous miracles of grace it is working in human lives! To the lowest fallen of the sons of Adam it comes with the promise of lifting power sufficient to exalt the receiver to the highest Heaven. To the devil-worshiper, whose powers have been prostituted in abject slavery to his worst vices, it comes with redeeming, healing power. To the savage, whose ear has heard this message and whose eyes have truly beheld this supreme objective, it comes with power to transform the character, to beautify and glorify the life, and fit it for the companionship of heavenly beings.

Founded upon Eternal Verities

When one surrenders his life to the support of a great movement, he should know that it is founded upon eternal verities. After more than forty years of intensive study of the message, we hold so dear, I know it to be all that its most ardent advocates claim for it. "The evidences of the abiding, ever-living truth of these grand messages, that mean so much to the church . . . are not extinct." "The light we have received upon the Third Angel's Message is the true light."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 17.

"The faith and feelings of men may change; but the truth of God never. The Third Angel's Message is sounding; it is infallible. . . . It is as certain that we have the truth as that God lives."

—“*Testimonies*,” Vol. IV, p. 595. “Ye shall know the truth,” said Jesus, “and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:32.

The Last Message

This message contains the concentrated rays of heavenly light that have been shining upon the church through the ages; with the glory of this message the earth is soon to be lightened. The people who carry this message hold “in their hands the bread of life for a famishing world. The love of Christ constraineth them. This is the last message. There are no more to follow; no more invitations of mercy to be given after this message shall have done its work. What a trust! What a responsibility is resting upon all to carry the words of gracious invitation. . . . Every one who heareth is to say, Come. Not only the ministers, but the people. All are to join in the invitation. Not only by their profession, but by their character and dress, all are to have a winning influence. They are made trustees for the world, executors of the will of One who has bequeathed sacred truth to men. Would that all could feel the dignity and glory of their God-given trust.”—“*Testimonies*,” Vol. V, pp. 206, 207.

Solemn Responsibility

What should be said of the exceptionally grave responsibility that must rest upon this group before me today, set in Inter-America for the express purpose of leading a great forward movement in carrying this message to every remote part of this field—with multiplied millions still in absolute darkness and abject slavery? So far, however, as they have had opportunity of giving expression to their longings, we know that multitudes are *hungry and waiting*.

The commission received from our great General,—“*Go, ye*”—is not given subject to conditions, but is mandatory; there is no choice left us, and there can be no debate or appeal; the command is *peremptory*.

An Invincible Force

For some years it has been our purpose to marshal the entire church membership for service in harmony with the detailed instruction given us through the Spirit of Prophecy, and we have seen splendid results follow this effort. However, I must place before these responsible leaders the deep convictions that have come to me as the result of

careful study of our organization. This is done with no thought of criticism, but rather with the hope that the suggestions I make may receive very careful consideration.

We now have a church membership of more than 25,000 and a Sabbath school membership of about 38,000. This army, if rightly trained, and if, in every part of this great field they are provided with competent leadership, will constitute an absolutely invincible force; clothed with the panoply of Heaven, they will go forth conquering and to conquer.

We have properly divided this army into two groups—the senior members and the young people. While something has been done to select and train leaders for these groups, I believe that very

LOOK UP AND OUT

Don't you remember, tired one,
Often, in years departed,
When all the day was sodden gray
And all the world sad-hearted,
How, when 'twas time to go to bed,
You drew aside the curtain
For one last sight of riftless night,
And stood a space, uncertain,
To peer and gaze, and press the glass,
And doubt your eyes' divining,
Till with a cry you pointed high—
“Oh, look, the stars are shining!”

Can't you believe, discouraged heart,
How this, your aching sorrow,
That casts its shadow on the sun,
May brighten with tomorrow?
Go to the window of your soul
Before the burden breaks you,
And fling it wide and look outside,
Whatever vision takes you;
Wipe the dim pane of tears' old stain
And mists of long repining—
And it may be that you will see
The blessed starlight shining!
—Nancy Byrd Turner.

diligent study should be given to the careful selection of church and Sabbath school officers and young people's leaders. When a proper selection shall have been made, due attention should then be given to their spiritual and technical training, that they may become efficient officers in the Lord's army. We cannot do a greater service to this cause than by providing this training at the earliest possible date. Then plans should be laid that would inspire a reasonable degree of permanency for such leadership.

Standard of Leadership

The selection of church and departmental leadership is of such grave importance that men of wide experience should assist in making the choice.

“In choosing men and women for His service, God does not ask whether they possess learning or eloquence or worldly wealth. He asks: ‘Do they walk in such humility that I can teach them My way? Can I put My words into their lips? Will they represent Me?’ God can use every person just in proportion as He can put His Spirit into the soul-temple. The work that He will accept is the work that reflects His image. His followers are to bear, as their credentials to the world, the ineffaceable characteristics of His immortal principles.”—“*Testimonies*,” Vol. VII, p. 144.

From the above description of God's standard of leadership, it is evident that the greatest care should be employed in their selection and training. I would suggest that further study be given to our policy governing the selection of local church elders, and that this be extended to include departmental leadership. A work of such paramount importance as this should be given a very prominent place in the responsibilities of conference presidents and mission superintendents. Should we not take into account the future leadership, and when possible, give those who may be called to such work the help to be obtained by attending conventions?

To accomplish the best results in these lines we must strengthen our conference and mission departmental leadership. But this alone will not suffice. In my judgment, one of the weakest links in our division organization is in our unions where we have large and rapidly increasing constituencies with practically no departmental leadership, save in our publishing work. Added to this is the fact that the local departmental leadership is, save in a very few instances, confined to our offices. This plan can never provide strong leadership. We must, of course, exercise wisdom in adding such local help only where the growth of the constituency demands it.

Training the Forces

Each year, from 300 to 1,400 new believers are being added to the churches in each union, while to our Sabbath school membership the annual increase is much greater. This entire annual increase, amounting in the aggregate to nearly 4,000, comes to us with no training to prepare them for effective, co-operative work in laboring for others, except the little they receive while being prepared for baptism. Shall we continue to bring such large numbers into our churches, and fail to provide in

some way for their proper training as soldiers in the Lord's army?

An increasingly large percentage of these new recruits—fully half, I am told, in some districts—are young people. What a mighty force in helping to finish this work, these youth may become, if rightly trained!

I can conceive of no stronger argument than these facts present, for so arranging the staffs in our large unions that proper leadership may at once be given to the Home Missionary, the Educational and the Young People's departments.

Because of the mighty urge we have felt from the inspired message of the Spirit of Prophecy, we have planned to enlist in active service every consecrated believer; however, these same messages place equal emphasis on the importance of training the workers for efficient service; but in this phase of our work we are deficient. Let us do our utmost to remedy this defect at the earliest possible moment.

Unflinching Support

I cannot refrain, in this connection, from paying lasting tribute to the unqualified and unflinching support and cooperation of my associate workers in every line of effort conducted by our organization, and in each field, including both our native and foreign staffs. Through the financial crisis of the past four years they have demonstrated their devotion to God and to His work above every earthly consideration. Because of this, my love for them, one and all, has been deepened, and my confidence in God's leadership of this wonderful movement greatly strengthened. During this time of depression, with salaries reduced by one third,—and this means that some have suffered keenly,—our workers have remained at their posts of duty. They have cheerfully accepted every necessary sacrifice that the cause they love so dearly might move forward uninterruptedly.

This same spirit of cheerful sacrifice and willingness to suffer for Jesus' sake, in some instances even unto death, has permeated our church membership, and has led to greater consecration to God, and faithfulness to duty's call in life and service.

Impetus in Soul-winning Effort

As a direct result of this chastening process, a wonderful impetus has come into our soul-winning efforts, as witnessed by the marvelous increase in the

number of baptisms. During the years 1931, 1932, and 1933, and nine months of 1934, or a period of three and three-quarters years, 12,625 were baptized in the division, while in the preceding eight years 12,808 were baptized. In three and three-quarters years we baptized within 183 as many candidates as in the preceding eight years. During the past three years the per cent of loss in membership from apostasy has very materially decreased, while the per cent of net gain greatly has increased. This wonderful result, we believe, is due to the united effort of the entire membership, and to God be all the praise.

COURAGE BY THE WAY

The message to me was never more dear,
Though I've known it, now, for many a year;
My years in the truth, as I look them o'er,
Will number by now quite fifty-four.
Though I've often been tired in the wearisome
way,
The path has grown brighter and brighter each
day;
With eyes on the goal at the end of the race,
New courage I take, and quicken my pace,
The path I've been over was trodden by men
Who often met Satan, but were victors; so then
Why should I be discouraged, or halt by the way,
When Jesus has promised His help every day?
So in His strong grasp I place my weak hand,
As closely by His side He invites me to stand;
And at last when I land on eternity's shore,
His praise I will shout aloud evermore.

—R. S. Donnell.

It has been the experience of the church since apostolic days that her greatest danger was in times of spiritual prosperity, when her membership grew so rapidly that it seemed impossible properly to establish the converts in their new-found faith, and to train them in the art of soul winning. I fear this is our greatest danger today. However, we must never cease or slacken our aggressive efforts for the lost. The suggestions I make do not contain the seeds of death, but rather of life, of greater activity, and far more effective soul-winning endeavor.

Whatever the future may hold, we have the assurance of the overruling providence of God, and in this assurance we can safely trust; but for us to fail to do all in our power to strengthen our organization in every part, including the individual unit, in our churches, with the family and church life of our people, would be suicidal.

Our Educational Work

I must not fail to urge the importance of strengthening and enlarging as rapidly as possible the work of our training schools now in operation.

One of the outstanding needs in our educational field is a small educational plant where a few of the promising youth of Colombia and Venezuela may be gathered for intensive training in the principles of this message, and in the fundamentals of education. This cannot, and need not, be pretentious. It will be very effective, however simple, and the need is paramount.

All through this division we should give more attention to the propagation of church schools. As we value the children of our people, we must do all in our power to encourage this vital feature of our work. Already in one union it may be too late to do anything in this line, and this should be a warning to us in other parts. I am not unmindful of the difficulties in the way; but they are not greater than those conquered by Israel on their way from Egypt to Canaan, and they will yield to the determined purpose, the persistent efforts, the undaunted faith, and the importunate prayers of heroic leadership such as Israel had. What God calls for, He will help us to produce.

I would advise that careful study be given to the possibility of providing sufficient financial help to the missions in Colombia so that at least one native field worker can be given to each mission; also one to the French Islands Mission.

Our Literature Work

One of the most effective methods of getting the truth before the entire population is through the distribution of our literature. A great work has been accomplished in this line of endeavor, and all honor should be given to our army of faithful colporteurs, who endure, perhaps, greater hardships than any other single class of laborers. It is our duty to search out and encourage faithful, competent members to give their lives to this blessed ministry. We must have a larger army of heroic men who will, at any personal cost, engage in the work of hunting the lost in every remote corner of our field. We must never cease our efforts till every soul shall have been given an opportunity of enlisting in the Lord's army.

Some plan should be laid to liquidate the obligations upon our Book and Bible Houses, above the current liabilities.

Advance

But, you will ask, why make these proposals, all of which call for the expenditure of additional funds?—Simply

because I cannot do less. This cause, to which we have dedicated all our powers, is not decadent, but it is viril with life. No command has ever come from the lips of our great General to halt or retreat. Any "apparent retreat" is "but to gain a more advantageous position."

"The Captain of our salvation" is "ordering the battle, and sending support to His soldiers. His power" is being "mightily displayed, encouraging them to press the battle to the gates." He is "teaching them terrible things in righteousness as He leads them on step by step, conquering and to conquer."—*"Testimonies," Vol. VIII, p. 41.* "Advance" is the command from Heaven. Think you that when our General orders an advance, He will fail to provide all that is necessary for us to obey that command?

When we were in the midst of financial prosperity, I fear we might have been overwhelmed with consternation had we suddenly been told that our available resources would be cut in half. While this experience has been painful, we can say with the great apostle, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair." 2 Cor. 4:8. God feeds the beasts of the field and the birds of the air, but He does not put the food into their mouths.

Faithful Stewardship

At this council, we should lay broad plans for the thorough education of all our people in the duty of rendering to God His own in tithes and offerings, and to bring to them the joy and blessing in perfect obedience. We should lay plans for the increase of the regular and special offerings for missions. Far more stress should be laid on our promotion of these offerings in our churches. The people should be educated to keep in perfect step with the world program. We must move together as a united body all round the world.

A very fruitful field for increased resources will be found in the larger, more systematic and more enthusiastic promotion of the Harvest Ingathering and Big Week campaigns.

Our Homes

In this connection, let me speak of the great importance of laying more stress on the education of our dear people in the sacred relations of family life, on making the home a heaven on earth, on the erection and maintenance of the family altar, the necessity of putting

forth supreme efforts to save our children by a revelation to them, on the part of parents, of the supreme love of Jesus, while at the same time kindly but firm discipline be maintained.

Should we not study the problem of helping our people to a more thorough education in the great principles of health and temperance reform?

United Effort

As delegates from various parts of this division, we are together in council, and in this capacity we are engaged in a very solemn work. We are not called together merely to represent sectional interests, or to promote specific lines of work; but we are here to render such help as each may be able to give in building strongly and symmetrically the great temple of truth and to promote the interests of every department of this great message in every locality within the confines of this division. We must not dwell in the lowlands, but, instead, ascend the heights of Pisgah and view the Promised land. We must not lose sight of our great objective.

If we are worthy of being intrusted with responsible leadership, we will "look not every man on his own things, but every man, also on the things of others." We should search out the weak places, and, as far as possible, strengthen them, even though to do so may require real sacrifice in the surrender of needed help in the field we represent, that, as nearly as possible, there may be equality. We all are brethren in toil, in sacrifice, in suffering, and will share together in the reward to be given to the faithful.

The Supreme Hour

Dearly beloved workers, "*The end of all things is at hand.*" This is an awful hour. Undoubtedly we are living in the "short period" just before the pouring out of the seven last plagues. This was deeply impressed on my mind a few days ago as I read an article by Roger Shaw in the December number of the *Review of Reviews* under the caption "BLOODY 1934; YEAR OF CHAOS." Another writes, "Ours is a world broken and disillusioned, weary to the point of blindness, rocking upon the precipice of ruin."

In speaking of the short time of trouble immediately preceding the falling of the plagues, Sister White says:

"At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check so as not to

prevent the work of the third angel. At that time the 'latter rain,' or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out."—*"Early Writings," pp. 85, 86.*

It is quite possible that we have not fully appreciated as we should the direct interposition of divine agencies in restraining the angry nations as revealed in Rev. 7:1-3:

"After these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads."

From the article "Bloody 1934" I quote the following:

"The year 1848 was a troublous time in the history of the world, and of Europe especially. Everywhere there arose disruptive movements which challenged the conservative *status quo* and led to warfare, rioting, and summary killings of one sort or another. . . . Turbulent 1848 was, in most respects, a dark and bloody year. The world did not see such another twelve-month, happily, until the chaste arrival of 1934."

The four years of the great war were, of course, not taken into this reckoning. How mercifully has the Lord restrained the turbulent forces through these intervening years from 1848, shortly after the work of sealing was begun, till 1934. Even during the dark years 1914-18, God drew over His people and His work the covering of His Spirit. When the four angels "were about to let them go; but while their hands were loosening, and the four winds were about to blow, the merciful eye of Jesus gazed on the remnant that were not sealed, and He raised His hands to the Father, and pleaded with Him that He had spilled His blood for them. Then another angel was commissioned to fly swiftly to the four angels, and bid them hold, until the servants of God were sealed with the seal of the living God in their foreheads."—*"Early Writings," p. 38.*

How soon the words, "*It is done*" will be spoken and the earth will be devastated with the "wrath of the Lamb,"

no man can tell. Then the world will learn to their sorrow that the arm that was strong to save will be strong to destroy. Through the League of Nations, and other agencies the Lord has employed, the winds of strife have been held till this message could do its work. When we consider the fact that almost, if not quite every Adventist in the world has embraced the truth since 1848, and that every year now that the angels continue to "hold the winds" some 40,000 or more new believers are added to our ranks, what holy fervor, what vehement importunity should the knowledge of this fact give to our prayers and to our labors for souls!

"Conquering and to Conquer"

It is a source of great joy to know that while we labor in harmony with God's plan for the saving of the lost, nothing can stop the progress of this message "There is a great work to be done, and every effort possible must be made to reveal Christ as the sin-pardoning Saviour, Christ as the sin-bearer, Christ as the bright and morning Star; and the Lord will give us favor before the world until our work is done."—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, pp. 20, 21.

"Obstacles to the advancement of the work of God will appear; but fear not. To the omnipotence of the King of kings, our covenant-keeping God unites the gentleness and care of a tender shepherd. Nothing can stand in His way. His power is absolute, and is the pledge of the sure fulfillment of His promises to His people. He can remove all obstructions to the advancement of His work. He has means for the removal of every difficulty; that those who serve Him and respect the means He employs may be delivered. His goodness and love are infinite, and His covenant is unalterable.

"The plans of the enemies of His work may seem to be firm and well established, but He can overthrow the strongest of these plans, and in His own time and way He will do this, when He sees that our faith has been sufficiently tested, and that we are drawing near to Him, and making Him our counselor.

"In the darkest days, when appearances seem so forbidding, fear not. Have faith in God. He is working out His will, doing all things well in behalf of His people. The strength of those who love and serve Him will be renewed day by day. His understanding will be placed at their service, that they may not err in the carrying out of His purposes."—"Testimonies," Vol. VIII, pp. 10, 11.

The Glorious Climax

My dear brethren, let us arise to our God-given privileges in this crisis hour. "There is no limit to the usefulness of one who, by putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God. If men will endure the necessary discipline, without complaining, or fainting by the way, God will teach them hour by hour, and day by day. He longs to reveal His grace. If His people will remove the obstructions, He will pour forth the waters of salvation in abundant streams through the human channels."—"Desire of Ages," pp. 250, 251.

How blessed to know that the hope of the saints of God through all the ages is soon to be realized. How beautifully this is expressed in the language of the great apostle of this mighty movement—William Miller!

Long has the church waited for this "most glorious point of the revelation

of God,—the coming of Christ, the resurrection, and the Kingdom—the very capstone of grace, the conclusion of the gospel, the conquest of the enemies of God, the destruction of death, the fulfillment of all prophecy, the completion of salvation, the redemption of the body, the fruition of faith, the realization of all promises, the inheritance of the saints, the fulness of time, the end of the world, the beginning of eternity, the fruits of eternal life. All dependent on one event which will be in a moment, suddenly, like the lightning shining from the east even unto the west."—Wm. Miller.

With longing hearts and with ardent hope, we lift up our heads and say with the beloved apostle, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" Moving forward under divine leadership, we gird on the armor anew and go forth to the conflict with our eyes fixed upon the banner, "the commandments of God and the faith

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Report of the Council

F. C. Gilbert

The inspired statement of the Psalmist: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" was continuously experienced by the large number of workers and believers who spent nearly two weeks in the annual council held at the Inter-American Division headquarters, December 16 to 28. It was encouraging to see so large a number of workers from the various fields of this great division who had come to this annual occasion with hearts filled with appreciation for the abundant mercies and blessings bestowed upon them and the believers in their territories.

A most interesting daily program was provided for the council, and the delegates gave their best energies to the carrying out of the arrangement. Each morning the devotional hour was faithfully attended by the delegates, local workers, and friends and believers of and near the compound. God blessed His servants as they brought to the council messages from the Scriptures and from the Spirit of Prophecy to strengthen the faith, to encourage the heart, and to inspire confidence and hope in the work and in the message, which has been committed to our hands. Pastor E. E. Andross, president of the

division, presented a most helpful and interesting message the first morning of the council. We believe that if the suggestions offered shall be adhered to, added help and inspiration will be brought into the field.

A large volume of business was brought before the council, for in the twenty-eight conferences and missions, in the five union fields, comprising the Inter-American Division, many important and vital matters accumulate during the year. We were made happy, as we listened to reports from the various workers, that there had been such substantial growth during the past year. Every conference and mission in the division was represented, and not one note of discouragement was uttered by a single worker.

Considering the well nigh insurmountable obstacles which stand in the path of progress, the prejudice, opposition, and persecution which constantly must be dealt with, the peculiar and trying perplexities which are met with at every turn, and the reduced financial budget, it was with profound gratitude and thanksgiving to God in our hearts that we listened to what had been accomplished through His servants during the past year.

As he hears the reports from day to day of the calls coming from benighted and darkened souls for light and truth, the listener is impressed with a deep and profound conviction that the Spirit of God is moving upon human hearts. We surely must be in the time of the latter rain when we sense that scores, hundreds, thousands who hunger for God and for truth refuse to be turned away, though they are repeatedly told that a worker cannot be sent to them. There is no money with which to give them the assistance. Despite the inability of the workers to bring this last warning message to these helpless and longing hearts, the Spirit of God by dreams and by other means brings to them rays of light and hope. Though devil-worship is rampant in some fields, though the darkness and superstition of Romanism are operating in others, the Spirit of the Lord is bringing thousands of men and women into this saving truth of God in this division. Pastor A. R. Ogden, superintendent of the Antillian Union, said in his report:

"Thousands are accepting the message in the Antillian Union; and the tithe and mission offerings for the first ten months of the year show an increase of \$12,000 over the same period of 1933."

Yet this same official stated that in one of the fields in his union the people are so poor that the "treasurer's report for one church in July and August totaled only one and a half pennies."

Pastor C. E. Wood of Mexico stated in his report that "A group of Indians walked seven days over the mountains seeking for the true church." The hindrances and perplexities in this field are well nigh overwhelming. Opposition and persecution are bitter. Some believers have lost their lives for the truth's sake. Places of worship have been closed. Foreigners have not been allowed to carry on the work. Yet the report stated that "At the close of the third quarter of 1934 the church membership in that union stood at 3,059, and the Sabbath school membership was 5,572. Twenty-one new companies were raised up in Mexico in 1934. As our workers lead out in the work in the face of danger, and even of death, at times, we see the hand of God guiding and protecting them."

It was touching to see the spirit of kindness and co-operation manifested while considering the distribution of a

cut budget to the various fields. Every man thought of his neighbor. While the leaders of the unions faced peculiar perplexities to carry forward their work during the coming year, their faith in God led them to share their limited resources with other fields which were in greater need than themselves.

Every department of the work was given attention. Encouraging growth was reported in all branches of the cause. While deep poverty abounds in many sections of the field, the workers and believers are loyal to the Third Angel's Message. The laborers' horizon was large in regard to the work of God for the future. They expressed great faith in God's power to add thousands to their numbers during the coming year. They were determined, by the grace of God, that at the time of the coming General Conference, the number of believers in the Inter-American Division shall have more than doubled during the six years since the former General Conference.

Wonderful are the miracles which God is accomplishing in the hearts of men

and women in this division. The simple believer with child-like faith accepts God at His word and whole communities are astonished at what takes place. Thus the truth spreads. Its influence gathers with Christ. May the Lord continue to bless the work and laborers in this division with more than fifty million people. With the blighting influence of devil-worship, with the blindness of benighted Romanism, with darkness and superstition abounding, the workers in the Inter-American Division solicit the earnest prayers and hearty co-operation of the people of God everywhere. The believers of this division are profoundly grateful for the kindness of the brethren and sisters in America. They wish to assure our people everywhere that they are one with them to the end. They mean with God's help to complete the work of the Third Angel's Message which God has committed to them in this great field. May the Lord bless the work in Inter-America.

Pastor H. T. Elliott, associate secretary of the General Conference, and the writer attended the session of the division council.

Our Devotional Services:

GOD'S MESSAGE

Viola E. Cooke

The devotional hour each morning of the division council session proved to be a true season of refreshing to those who were privileged to attend, and the following is a brief synopsis of the studies given by Pastor F. C. Gilbert of the General Conference.

The text "Blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear," took on a new meaning as we looked backward to the many Old Testament prophets, righteous men, and kings who desired to see the things which the disciples were seeing, and then realized that what we are actually seeing and hearing, the pioneers of this work had the vision of seeing and hearing. And the greatest miracle that God has wrought through the ages is the miracle of the progress of the Third Angel's Message. Everything that God promised would come to pass during the loud cry is taking place before our eyes. May we know how rightly to relate ourselves to these times.

The next topic was "He will finish the work." Sister White tells us that "the

light of truth is to go to all the dark places of the earth in a much shorter time than many think possible." Forty-two years ago this was written and at that time we did not have all the facilities that we now have for rapid transportation. Think of the possibilities of radio and air service. If human beings can do so much, cannot God do still greater things? We need to remember more and more "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts."

The most vital question, however, is whether we will relate ourselves to Jesus so that He will finish the work in our lives. We must not get so busy in the work of God that we do not have time to pray. No person is a storage battery. But it is possible to form, by the grace of God, such heavenly habits and Christian traits, that in the terrible hour of crisis we will be enabled to stand. Let us pray that when that time comes we may reflect the image of Jesus fully.

"How can we meet our problems?" was the question of the hour. Pastor Gilbert then referred to the same ques-

tion which the people asked Jesus in John 6:28. The answer is most singular: "This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent." The one thing that God is after today is to get hold of a people who will really believe God and take Him at His word. In "Early Writings" we read: "Feeling is not faith; the two are distinct. The grace of God comes to the soul through the channel of living faith, and that faith it is our power to exercise." We need money. We need men, but our greatest need is to have implanted in our souls that simple faith which will enable us to "believe on Him whom He hath sent."

Matt. 20:30-34 was Pastor Gilbert's opening text. What these blind men needed most was the restoring of their sight, and we read, "Jesus had compassion . . . and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him." It is a source of encouragement to know that the Bible is just as applicable today as it was at the time it was written. God understands our needs, and is just as willing to supply them as He was then. The disciples were sent out to

when the Jews are to be given light. The Lord wants us to encourage and sustain men who shall labor in right lines."

Pastor Gilbert made a special appeal to the delegates present to encourage making contacts with the Jewish people in their fields. If you greet a Jew with the words "*Shawloum alaychem*" (Peace be unto you), he will be sure to give you a smile. In "Acts of the Apostles" page 381, we read: "In the closing proclamation of the gospel, when special work is to be done for classes of people hitherto neglected, God expects His messengers to take particular interest in the Jewish people whom they find in all parts of the earth."



GOD'S MESSENGERS

Esther L. Pierce

As a preface to his first talk at the morning devotional hour, Pastor H. T. Elliott said that since Pastor Gilbert was telling us from morning to morning about the wonderful message we carry, he would call our attention to the messengers who through the years have

Pastor Elliott opened his second talk.

Every man of God has been a man with a real burden for the charge that God has given him in behalf of the people. Moses was cited as an example of this. When the people of Israel had made other gods and worshipped them in Moses' absence on the mount, he requested that his name be blotted from the book of life also if God could not forgive the sins of Israel. Paul also had a burden for the churches of which he had charge. He said: "Besides those things which are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of the churches."

For his next talk Pastor Elliott used as a text 1 Cor. 3:21-23: "For all things are yours; whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's." The key thought was: We may own some things that we do not possess and we may possess some things that we do not own. There are things that we possess that we never speak of owning,—we may possess intelligence, self-respect, honor, etc. Going back to the text, "For all things are yours; whether Paul—" Paul was a great gift to the world. History does not tell of his deeds, but his writings have brought great blessings to the church and to the world.

Pastor Elliott enlarged on each phase of the text in turn, bringing out many helpful thoughts, the last one being: "Or things to come—" To the Christian the curtain in pulled aside and he sees the things of the future. The future belongs to the Christian alone. No one else shares the glory of the future. "All things are yours; and ye are Christ's." That is to say, all things are yours because ye are Christ's. The closing thought was Romans 8:31, 32. "If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"

"And it came to pass, when the time was come that He should be received up, He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem," was the text on which Pastor Elliott based his last study. Jesus knew what His experience would be in Jerusalem, but He "steadfastly set His face" to go. His prayer was "not My will, but Thine, be done." This same spirit has actuated Christ's fol-

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God's Message and God's Messengers

work without scrip or purse. This great world movement was launched in the same way, for as Elder White said, they began their work penniless.

When we give ourselves wholly to God, then, and then only, can He use us. "Acts of the Apostles" informs us that "Whenever minor matters occupy the attention, the divine power which is necessary for the growth and prosperity of the church, and which would bring all other blessings in its train, is lacking, though offered in infinite plenitude." What we need to do is to pray to God to give us an appetite for heavenly things.

Pastor Gilbert referred to Revelation 14:6 and said, "Since the gospel is to go to every nation, kindred, tongue and people, then that means it is to go to the Jews, too. There is no other people to whom the Christian world owes so much as the Jews. The whole Bible is a Jewish product. Until about the year 1885 only about 5% of the Jews knew of the existence of the New Testament. Sister White gave this testimony in 1905: 'The time has come

carried this message, and he thought it would be a good thing to begin by looking at ourselves. The text he chose was, 'Let not them that wait for Thee be put to shame through me, O Lord Jehovah.'

The outstanding thought of his talk, that we who know and believe this message must so live as to be worthy messengers, was well expressed in the following quotation from the Spirit of Prophecy:

"Now that Jesus has ascended to Heaven, His disciples are His representatives among men, and one of the most effective ways of winning souls to Him is in exemplifying His character in our daily life. Our influence upon others depends not so much upon what we say, as upon what we are. . . . The word of God, spoken by one who is himself sanctified through it, has a life-giving power that makes it attractive to the hearers, and convicts them that it is a living reality."

Acts 20:28: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood," was the text with which

PLAN YOUR WORK

DIVISION RECOMMENDATIONS

F. L. Harrison

It was Sunday afternoon, December 16, when the first meeting of the division council was called, and the council was in session until the 28th. This was a very important gathering and leaders from the unions and several from the local fields were present. We were pleased to have with us from the General Conference Pastors H. T. Elliott and F. C. Gilbert, and their help and counsel were much appreciated.

Important plans were laid for the furtherance of the work, and many recommendations were passed, which should strengthen the work. A splendid spirit of co-operation was manifested throughout the entire meeting.

It is gratifying to note that the Lord's blessing has attended the work during the past year in a marked manner. We give just a few items from the statistical report: The number of baptisms for 1933 were 3,774 and for the first nine months of 1934, 2,220. The net gain in church membership for 1933 was 3,051. On September 30, 1934, our reports from the fields showed that there was a Sabbath school membership of 37,348, and the church membership totaled 25,211. We are passing on to the readers of the MESSENGER the following:

Expression of Gratitude

"Through the abundant mercies and longsuffering kindness of our heavenly Father we are permitted to meet at this annual division council, and to Him our hearts give expression of thanks and gratitude.

"We thank Him for His tenderness and gentleness in giving to our laborers so good a degree of health and strength as to enable them amid trying climatic conditions to continue uninterruptedly with their labors of soul winning, and we thank Him also in view of the fact that the past year has been exceptionally free from devastating storms.

"We thank Him for the mercies and blessings showered upon our brethren and sisters in the churches, for His constant, sustaining care, and for His grace enabling these loyal believers to continue the support of God's cause with their prayers and their tithes and offerings.

"We thank Him for the rich blessings He has bestowed upon the workers and believers in rewarding their faithful efforts of loyalty and service by adding to the churches in our division thousands of earnest men and women who are to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

"While some fields in our division have been harassed and disturbed by the enemy of souls in his effort to destroy the work of God,—even martyring some loyal believers,—the Lord has shown His loving kindness in granting to His people favor with the authorities which has made possible the encouraging extension of the king-

dom of God. For these kindnesses we thank Him.

"While we mourn the loss of beloved and esteemed fellow-workers who for many years have been faithful laborers, we thank Him for the lives and labors of these deceased, and sincerely pray that while they sleep, their works shall follow them.

"We thank Him for the constant spirit of willingness and helpfulness of the General Conference and the loving manifestation of unselfish cooperation of the conferences in America still to share their finances with this division, despite the drouth and poverty experienced in large areas of the United States during the year 1934.

"For the blessings above mentioned, for the abundant ingathering of souls in every union of this division, for the untold mercies so graciously granted to His people, we render thanks and praise to our heavenly Father and to our precious Saviour, and we here renew our pledge of loyalty to God and His cause, and again dedicate and consecrate our lives and our all to the finishing of the work of the Third Angel's Message in the Inter-American field."

Expression of Confidence and Loyalty

"Voted, That we adopt the following expression of confidence and loyalty to the Third Angel's Message:

"We, the delegates assembled in the 1934 Inter-American Division Council, are united in the profound conviction that world conditions indicate the near return of our Lord and Saviour. We believe that events in the political, economic, social, and religious affairs of mankind show that the second coming of Christ in power and glory is even at the door. The increase of wickedness and crime, the political and economic perplexity filling men's hearts with fear and dark forebodings, and the growing tension in international relationships, are signs in fulfillment of Scriptural prophecies of conditions just preceding the return of the world's Redeemer, and the end of sin and death, of trouble and distress.

"The cheering reports of the progress of the Third Angel's Message in all the world give evidence that the gospel is being carried rapidly 'into all the world.' The Lord God is going before His people in opening ways for the proclamation of the present truth in all the world. For all these open doors of gospel opportunity we thank God. We thank Him that recent years have seen a larger number of souls accepting the gospel as proclaimed by Seventh-day Adventists than did former years.

"In view of these and other evidences of the progress and triumph of the last warning message from God to a perishing world, we consecrate ourselves anew to Him and to the finishing of the work in all lands. Again we express our full confidence in the Third Angel's Message, and in unity of spirit we loyally join the workers and believers throughout the world field in its proclamation to 'every nation, kindred, tongue and people.' As we face a new year, we pray that God may lead us on to new triumphs for Him, through His Son and our Saviour, Jesus Christ."

Greetings to Workers

"Voted, That we send greetings to all former workers through the columns of the MESSENGER, assuring them of our appreciation of their services and soliciting a continuation of their prayers in behalf of Inter-America."

Expression of Sorrow Regarding

H. J. Edmed

"Voted, That we express our sorrow for the death of Pastor H. J. Edmed, and our sympathy with his widow and children in their great loss. Pastor Edmed was a veteran in the work and was for many years a trusted leader and

counselor among us. A prince in Israel has fallen and will be missed in the fields where he labored so long and so successfully."

Sympathy to Professor Hamilton

"Voted, That we authorize the secretary to forward a cable to Prof. R. S. J. Hamilton, expressing our sympathy in the death of his mother of which we have just learned."

Evangelism

"WHEREAS, It is evident that the movement toward greater evangelism which received a new impetus at the 1930 Autumn Council has resulted in unprecedented gains in our membership, and has brought new hope and courage to the believers in our fields,

"Resolved, 1. That during 1935 we double our efforts in evangelism, throwing our entire forces into a mighty endeavor to reach the unsaved, and to work those portions of our territory where as yet the message has not been proclaimed, and where thousands are still unwarmed.

"2. That every institution and church organization be urged to give special study during the early months of 1935 to the question of how to make this year the greatest soul-winning year in our history:

(a) By holding special meetings for counsel and prayer for the purpose of soul winning.

(b) By special organization of student bodies, M. V. societies and church members into active service for saving the lost.

(c) By compiling prayer lists of the unsaved in their midst.

(d) By planning for stronger evangelistic efforts to be conducted by student bodies, M. V. societies and church members.

(e) By organizing our churches into bands for aggressive work.

(f) By conducting classes in how to give Bible readings in our churches to prepare our members for greater service.

"3. That all our departmental leaders be urged to give special study to the plan of working to make soul winning one of the dominant purposes of all their activities."

Goal for Baptisms and Membership

"Voted, That we set the goal for baptisms in the Inter-American Division at 5,000, and the membership at 30,000, by the end of the year 1935 and that the goal for baptisms in the different unions be as follows:

Antillian	2,000
Caribbean	1,200
Central American	1,050
Colombia-Venezuela	400
Mexican	800

Gospel Ministry

"WHEREAS, The gospel ministry is set forth in the Word and the Spirit of Prophecy as the supreme form of gospel service, in as much as it constitutes the molding force in all the varied activities of our church life and organization,

"WHEREAS, The problems of our ministry today are vastly more complicated than those of a generation ago, requiring a more thoroughly trained ministry, and

"WHEREAS, Such a time as this lays upon our ministry the necessity of knowing whereof they speak, therefore

"Resolved: That as a council we declare our profound conviction that an advance is due along the entire front of ministerial endeavor, by

"1. Urging our workers in all our conferences and missions to make an earnest effort to continue improving themselves for better service for God by prayer and earnest study of the Word and the "Testimonies" and availing themselves of the help provided by the Ministerial Association, making more careful study in the

"Always More

preparation of the material that is to be presented in their sermons.

"2. Encouraging our consecrated young men to prepare themselves for the high calling of the gospel ministry, and

"3. The training of these to perform adequately the sacred offices of the gospel ministry, employing as laborers, in so far as is practicable, those who have been trained in our own schools, and have had experience in colporteur work."

Promotion of Tithé Paying

"WHEREAS, The tithé promotion plans of the past have met with wide-spread acceptance, resulting in signal blessings to the obedient, materially assisting in the maintenance of our present force of workers, and helping in our soul-winning endeavors; and

"WHEREAS, It is desirable to continue this educational tithé promotion program to the end that the cause of God may be further prospered; and that each member may form the habit of returning the tithé, recognizing such habitual faithfulness as an essential part of gospel religion; therefore,

"Resolved: That we endeavor to increase greatly the tithé receipts by:

"1. Employing only those who regularly and faithfully practise tithing in our conferences, institutions, and other organizations as workers or as colporteurs, and that our churches elect only faithful tithé payers to hold office in our churches.

"2. Encouraging all our workers and church members to sign the tithé covenant card, thus entering definitely into a covenant with God to be faithful in bringing all the tithes into the storehouse, and that tithé covenant cards be provided for all our members, this card to be retained by the one who signs it.

"3. Doing personal work with all members who are delinquent in this important matter, leading them, if possible, to become faithful in returning to God His own.

"4. Asking our conferences and missions to keep the importance of faithfulness in tithes and offerings before our membership by distributing tithé leaflets, publishing brief articles in union papers, and writing letters to churches and isolated members, pointing out the importance of faithfulness in this matter.

"5. Giving publicity to specific instances in which marked blessings have been received as a result of faithfulness in returning to God all the tithes.

"6. Giving prominent attention at workers' and church officers' meetings to the presentation of the moral obligations of tithé paying, and the fact that faithfulness in tithé and offerings brings rich blessings to those who are stewards.

"7. That all our churches be provided with a program blank outlining the order of the Sabbath church service, and provide a brief quotation from the Bible or 'Testimonies' on the subject of tithes and offerings, to be read without comment just preceding the receiving of the tithes and offerings.

"8. That we set up a short department in the MESSENGER and Mensajero for the publication of experiences, quotations from the 'Testimonies' and Bible studies on the subject of tithes.

"9. That, in order to establish added confidence on the part of our church members and to protect the reputation of the church treasurer, and to safeguard the sacred funds, our churches elect an auditing committee whose duty it shall be to audit the church treasurer's records and report to the conference treasurer once each month, and to certify the church treasurer's report at the quarterly business meeting.

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"10. That, in the selection of this auditing committee, first consideration be given to the elder, deacons, and Sabbath school superintendent.

"11. That the work of this committee shall not be considered a substitute for, but rather supplementary to the work of the conference treasurer as auditor."

Mission Offerings Increase

"In harmony with the earnest appeal of the General Conference for advance, and in order that the church may answer the Macedonian appeal for help and keep step with the evident opening providences of God, and in order that the entire church may share in the eternal reward in winning souls to Christ:

"Resolved: That throughout our division we undertake to increase our mission offerings during 1935 over those of 1933 fifteen to twenty-five per cent."

Harvest Ingathering Goal

"We recommend, 1. That the division Harvest Ingathering goal for the year 1935 be \$20,000.

"2. That the goals for the unions be as follows:

Antillian Union	\$7,000
Central American Union	5,000
Caribbean Union	4,500
Colombia-Venezuela Union	2,000
Mexican Union	1,800

"3. That the goals be assigned by the unions to their missions or conferences.

"4. That the missions and conferences fix a church and an individual goal for their churches.

5. "That these goals be placed within reasonable reach."

Goal for Colporteurs

"WHEREAS, Though our membership has been rapidly increasing through the entire division, our colporteur force has not increased in nearly the same proportion, and

"WHEREAS, The very conditions in the world call for a greatly increased sale of our message-filled literature,

"We recommend, That we have as a division goal 175 colporteurs by the end of 1935."

Magazine Work

"Voted, That we reaffirm division action No. 2457 regarding magazine work, which, with some slight changes, reads as follows:

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

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

"2. That we encourage our colporteurs who are selling books, to combine a year's subscription for *El Centinela* with orders for their books, that in each local conference or mission at least one suitable person be encouraged to devote his or her entire time to securing yearly subscriptions, and that others adapted to selling single numbers be encouraged to work in our large cities.

"3. That as many as possible of our Spanish church members be encouraged to be responsible for a club of a few copies monthly to use in their home missionary work or to sell.

"4. That for 1935 the Spanish-speaking fields set a monthly goal of the number of magazines to be used, that will equal three magazines for each member, based on the membership at the close of 1932.

"5. That in the English and French-speaking fields our people be encouraged to employ the same methods of work as outlined above in circulating such magazines as the *Watchman Magazine*, *Life and Health*, *Health* in the English

fields, and the French *Signs of the Times and Life and Health* in the French fields."

Spanish Tract—"Hope of the World"

"Voted, That we approve of the plan of the Pacific Press to produce in Spanish a cheaper edition, without illustrations, of the series of tracts entitled "Hope of the World," and further, we request that the second edition or printing of the "Hope of the World" series be with illustrations and be priced the same as the English."

Big Week Literature

"Voted, That we recommend that our Book and Bible Houses allow 50% discount on Big Week literature."

Honor Cards and Book Marks

"WHEREAS, The plan of the General Conference which authorized the awards of the Honor Card and the Bookmark is designed to stimulate the prompt and regular attendance at Sabbath school and the daily study of the lesson, and

"WHEREAS, In some fields there is a disposition to make very liberal allowance for that which is called "extreme" conditions, so that some have grown into the habit of allowing the Honor Card and the Bookmark in the local Sabbath school, when it is not in reality earned, and in this way have thwarted the purpose of this plan, therefore

"We recommend, That we instruct our Sabbath school officers and teachers more fully concerning this matter, and that we hold rigidly to the purpose for which these awards are allowed."

Sabbath School Offerings Increase

"WHEREAS, The General Conference at the recent Fall Council asked that we be responsible for increasing the foreign mission offerings at least 15% to 25%,

"We recommend, That in the Inter-American Division we plan to raise through the Sabbath schools an average of one cent more per church member per week than we are now raising through this organization, which if secured will increase our offerings approximately \$13,000 for the year as a division, and

"That we ask our ministers and other field workers to take this responsibility under the direction of the Sabbath school department of the field."

Sabbath School Goal

"We recommend, For the year 1935 a goal of 42,500 Sabbath school members."

Branch Sabbath Schools

"WHEREAS, Our Sabbath schools are designed to be a unit in the great missionary program of the world as represented in the foreign missions plan, as well as an evangelizing agency in the church community,

"We recommend, That branch mission Sabbath schools be established wherever possible for those who have not yet identified themselves with us, and that in these schools the regular program of the Sabbath School Department be carried out, thus aiding those attending in getting a knowledge of our denominational doctrines and the organization, and through this means gradually win them to the truth."

Church School Teacher

"WHEREAS, In some parts of the field, church or mission schools have been started without proper arrangement as to teachers and financial support, therefore

"We recommend, 1. That the educational department, with the union and local officers of the conference or mission, be considered the source of final approval before the school is started.

"2. That the teacher selected be one that is recommended or approved of by the educational secretary of the field."

Never Less"

Promotion of Church Schools

"WHEREAS, There are about 12,500 youth and children in the homes of our people in this division, with approximately one in twenty-five who have any training at all in our schools, and many of the remainder of them who have only very meager opportunity for any education,

"We request, 1. That all workers in the conferences and missions train our people to think in terms of our denominational policy with reference to this question of the education of our children and youth.

"2. That we urge that under all appropriate occasions the question of the education of these youth in our own denominational schools be presented.

"3. That our conference and mission workers cooperate closely with the department of education in the establishment of church schools, and that we labor earnestly to make these permanent institutions.

"4. That when private schools conform to our educational policies we give them the recognition of the department."

Greetings to Our Young People

"Voted, That we, who are assembled here in our annual division council, send special greetings to our young people, expressing to them our gratitude for the earnest, soul-winning work done by them during 1934, and earnestly appealing to them to press on to still greater endeavors during the coming year."

Evangelizing and Training Our Youth for Service

"The most responsive and fruitful evangelistic field in all the wide world is that of our own young people in our own churches and in our own homes. These youth comprise the greatest asset of the church—at once the source of greatest encouragement and strength, if won for Christ, and the cause of greatest discouragement and weakness if left to drift into the world and be lost.

"The church is languishing for the help of young men who will bear a courageous testimony, who will with their ardent zeal stir up the sluggish energies of God's own people and so increase the power of the church in the world."—*Messages*, page 25.

"There is no class that can do so much good as young men and women who are consecrated to Christ. The youth, if right, could sway a mighty influence. Preachers or laymen advanced in years cannot have one-half the influence upon the young that the youth devoted to God can have upon their own associates."—*Messages*, page 204.

"The times are urgent. Everywhere sinister influences are profoundly affecting the economic, social and spiritual life of people in every land, disintegrating the home, submerging the sacred rights of conscience, and destroying in the individual his sense of responsibility to God and to his fellow men. All of which is abundant evidence that we are in that phase of earth's experience when 'the final movements will be rapid ones,' involving the race in collapse and ruin. That which is to be done by and for the church with its youth must be done without delay. Therefore—

"We recommend, 1. That we call upon every Seventh-day Adventist parent, M. V. member, church worker, and minister through the Inter-American Division to arouse in this time of peril and 'work as for life' by personal and public appeal to win to Christ the unconverted youth connected with the families of the church, and to confirm all our youth in the Advent faith, for we believe that by this united effort under God and through the power of His Spirit the church at this time is to be stirred for youth and by youth.

"2. That we urge our pastors and evangelists throughout the division where evangelistic work is being done, to enlist and train our eager,

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Messages Of Courage

UNION REPORTS

We were thrilled night after night by the good reports brought to the council by our union leaders. Again and again we were reminded that it is not by might nor by power that this work will be done but by the Spirit of the Lord. In the columns of this paper we can give you only brief synopses of these splendid reports. But this glimpse of the union reports will bring joy to your hearts and call all to more earnest prayer in behalf of God's work and of God's workers who in many places are in constant peril.

Mexican Union

Sunday evening, December 16, Pastor C. E. Wood, superintendent of the Mexican Union, brought to us a most thrilling report, which was in itself an urgent call to prayer for the workers in that great republic and for the multitudes waiting for the good news of the gospel.

In spite of the hindrances and persecution that our people are meeting in the Mexican Union, the work is progressing. People in all parts of the republic are becoming interested in the truth. A group of Indians walked seven days over the mountains seeking for the true church, and found one of our brethren at the end of their journey who gave them Bible studies.

At the close of the third quarter of 1934 the membership in that union stood at 3,059, the Sabbath school membership was 5,572. Twenty-one new companies were raised up in Mexico in 1934. As our workers lead out in the work in the face of danger, and even death at times, we see the hand of the Lord guiding and protecting them.

In some states all churches have been closed; but they feel that our medical work will meet with the favor of the government. Dr. Ritchie recently made a trip into the Totonaca Indian country to see the condition of the people, and also to get some pictures featuring the work he purposes to do for the Indians, to show to the government authorities. The doctor was busy from morning until night.

The courage of our workers in Mexico is good, their faith is strong and they hope to see still greater things done for the Lord during 1935.

Antillian Union

The latter part of the Sunday eve-

ning service was given to Pastor A. R. Ogden, superintendent of the Antillian Union. How thankful we are for the continued story of marvelous progress in this our largest union. He said in part:

"The membership of the 214 churches in the union at the close of the third quarter of 1934 had reached the splendid number of 10,644. This number will be considerably more than eleven thousand when the annual report is compiled. Jamaica expects to baptize at least 600 for the year, Cuba 400 and Haiti 500, so we are quite sure that the baptisms for the entire union will reach, if not pass, 1,700 for the year 1934. The Sabbath school membership of the union is now about 18,000, while seven years ago it was only 7,000. This large increase of Sabbath school membership is laying the foundation for a rapidly growing church constituency.

"Thirty churches were organized in 1933; and in the first three quarters of 1934 fourteen were organized. The baptisms for 1933 were 1,357. It is quite certain that the baptisms for the two years—1933 and 1934—will well pass three thousand. It is evident that with such a rapidly increasing membership the problem of properly shepherding the new flocks of believers coming into the fold is a very real one. It might be interesting to note that one of every twenty-eight of the baptisms for 1934 in all the world field was in the Antillian Union.

"Equally with our encouraging growth in constituency is a corresponding increase of funds for the advancement of the work, both in tithe and mission offerings. The tithe increase for the ten months ending October 31 of 1934 was \$8,228.27 and the mission funds increase amounted to \$4,245.10—making a total increase for the ten months in tithe and mission offerings of more than \$12,000. This speaks eloquently for the love, devotion, and loyalty of our believers to the message of God. When we consider the great poverty of the large part of our membership in this island field, I consider this increase a miracle, especially in such a time as this.

"Surely we do have a sincere devoted people who are unselfishly devoting their means for the advancement of God's work both in their own home

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fields and in the uttermost parts of the earth. May God greatly bless our dear people.

"The future holds in store greater results for the work throughout the Antillian Union, for a foundation has been laid for larger increases. From the present developments and splendid growth it seems that soon we shall be baptizing at least two thousand persons annually in the Antillian Union Mission."

Caribbean Union

"Saved to Serve," was the song with which the evening service on Dec. 13 opened; and after an earnest prayer by Brother Ishmael Ellis, we were favored with a male quartet.

Pastor W. R. Elliott, president of the Caribbean Union, gave a very interesting report, which proved that the Lord is at work over in that field. We gleaned from his talk the following note of cheer:

It was interesting to note that this is our smallest union in population. It has a population of 1,930,396, which is not even one third of that of Central America, nor a quarter of that of the Antillian Union. Last year, 1933, 1,064 people were baptized in that union. That was their banner year, but we find that more people had been added to the church during the first nine months of 1934 than for the same period of 1933.

At the end of about forty years of work in that field there were 3,646 members; but in the last five and three-fourths years 4,371 were baptized.

In the Leeward Islands Brother Walker is doing a splendid work in Montserrat. He arrived there on the 29th of June, and that same night he announced there would be a meeting, before he could get his things unpacked and settled, and he has had a meeting every night since then. The last report that came from him said that he had ninety-four in his Bible class, and seventy-eight were members of his baptismal class.

In the training school at Maracas, Trinidad, a splendid group of young people are being trained for the Lord's work. The time is coming when we must depend upon our native workers to carry on the work in these fields. Our workers must also teach the people how to work.

The needs in this union are great. Workers are needed to take care of the fast-growing membership and meet the calls that are coming continually. We have no workers in Dutch or French Guiana; there is not an ordained minister in the French West Indies.

The reports show that in the union there has been a gain in tithe over that of last year; there has been a phenomenal gain in the amount of literature sold; our lay members are doing a great deal of home missionary work among their neighbors. The workers are of good courage, and give thanks to God for the wonderful results that have attended their efforts.

Central American Union

The last part of the service Tuesday evening was given to the gripping story of the onward march of the work in the Central American Union. Pastor W. E. Baxter, the superintendent, said in part:

"I am glad to be here to represent Central America with its seven different fields, and seven different moneys. In these fields the national spirit runs high and while they are all Spanish, save one, there is very little inter-social or inter-commercial relations between them.

"The present year has been a trying one for us, for of our small number of workers seven families have been out of the field on furlough or on account of sickness. Despite this fact, however, our colporteur work has shown a good increase for the first ten months of the year, and our Harvest Ingathering has passed the record of last year. Our baptisms have increased from 150 in 1930 to more than 500 in 1933 and we hope for as many in 1934.

"We greatly appreciate the faithful efforts of the superintendents. They have shown undaunted courage in holding their meager forces together, and have made real advancement in these difficult Spanish fields where the work is new and the problems great. Our new believers have taken hold well in missionary work, carrying the new-found truth to their neighbors and friends.

"In the British Honduras and Bay Islands Mission Brother Sutton, its superintendent and only ordained minister, says he has not been able to hold one evangelistic effort this year as he

has been kept busy hurrying from church to church and interest to interest baptizing new members and organizing new churches. Four new churches had been organized and 177 persons baptized before he left the field for this meeting.

"We have a fine group of young people in each field, many more of whom should be in our school, preparing for work among their own people. I wish you could sit down with me and talk to some of these young people whose hearts are burdened to go to school. I wish you could see the tears flow down their cheeks as I have, and hear their voices between sobs urge that something be done to give them the privilege of a Christian education. Some of these young people haven't money, but they do have talent, they do have strong Christian hearts, they do have a burning desire to do something for the Master. And my heart goes out for them.

"What shall we do? We cannot arrange for them to attend school for the capacity of the school at Tres Rios is taxed beyond reason. If we could put up the service building, we could accommodate fully double the number enrolled this year. It will cost about \$6,000 to erect this building and I do trust that in some way it will be made possible. Seven million Spanish-speaking people in Central America are reaching their hands toward this school for trained workers to give them the message in their own language.

"Of the students who have graduated from this school all, save one, are actively engaged in the organized work, and are giving complete satisfaction and doing excellent work for the Master.

"We also have a great work to do among the Indian population in this union. Guatemala has a population of 1,250,000 Indian to be reached in their own language. We have work among some of these and also the Mosquito Indians in Nicaragua and the Guaymi Indians in Panama. Brother Ishmael Ellis, who has worked several years among the Guaymi Indians, is present and we are asking him to repeat John 3:16 in the Guaymi language. We ask an interest in your prayers for the advancement of the work in this union."

All enjoyed hearing Pastor Ellis speak and also sing with his daughter in the Guaymi language.

Colombia-Venezuela Union

After singing "The grand old Story of Salvation," Thursday evening, De-

ember 20, Pastor W. R. Elliott earnestly sought God's blessing on the service. Pastor H. E. Baasch, superintendent of the Colombia-Venezuela Union, then gave a most encouraging report, and a most touching appeal for more help for the work in that great field.

He used Isaiah 11:11, 12 as the preface to his report of the work in his field and its needs. The two republics, Venezuela and Colombia, and the three islands, Curacao, Bonaire and Aruba, which comprise this union, are among those of which this text is speaking, when it refers to gathering the dispersed from the four corners of the earth. Colombia has an area greater than the British Isles, and fourteen eastern states of the United States. Venezuela is also as large.

Many are reading the Scriptures in these fields, who cannot understand their true import. Men and women are looking wistfully to Heaven for more light. Many are on the verge of the Kingdom waiting only to be gathered in.

Sister Clementina of Medellin is an example of this statement. Formerly she was a very devoted Catholic, but finally she cried to God for help. One night she attended a gospel meeting. The subject that evening was "The Mark of the Beast." She went out from that meeting a converted woman, and has never swayed from her belief from that time to this. By working hard she was able to secure a home, which she at once dedicated to God. Two and a half years ago, when our little church in Medellin was in perplexity as to where they should hold their meetings, it dawned upon her that she had given her house to God, so she offered it to our church members as a house of worship.

A picture was thrown on the screen showing a large cable over which one company of believers must cross in order to get to Sabbath school. The cable is about fifty feet long, over a deep chasm where the surging torrent flows. These people wind their feet about the cable and grasping it with their hands, push themselves along until they reach the other side.

The enemy is helping in the work. Recently Brother Baasch picked up a paper entitled "The End of the World," which was being sold for five cents. It proved to be a translation of Brother Nichol's book, "Our Changing Destiny,"

but was written by a Catholic. The paper contained extracts from Brother Nichol's book, except that wherever we apply it to the Seventh-day Adventist church, he applied it to the Catholic church.

Eight years ago all the Sabbath keepers in this union could be put in one small room. Four years ago, in 1930, this union had 595 church members and 1,016 Sabbath school members. At the close of the third quarter of 1934, there were 1,428 church members and 2,167 in the Sabbath schools. It is estimated that in the union they will have 300

baptisms during 1934. Truly the harvest is great and the laborers very few.

Colombia and Venezuela with their 12,000,000 people have seven ordained ministers, and three licensed ministers. After presenting these, with other statistics, Brother Baasch made a strong appeal to the delegates present to turn their eyes upon this most needy field. "The night is far spent, the day is at hand." The harvest will soon be past, and what will we have done for this people, unless adequate plans are laid to send more workers to fill this great need?

Departmental Reports

Sabbath School

After a special song to open the evening session, Monday, December 17, prayer was offered by C. B. Sutton. Then Prof. W. L. Adams, the Sabbath school secretary of the division, presented a very interesting and encouraging report. June 30, 1933, there were scattered throughout the fields of the Inter-American Division 809 schools while we find that at the close of the same period in 1934 there were 878 schools with a membership of 36,642 as compared with 31,638 members one year before.

The first six months of 1934 show a gain in Sabbath school offerings of \$700 over the six months' period of 1933.

One sad fact is that in our twenty-eight conferences and missions not more than four of the secretaries are able to get beyond their own home town to do anything toward promoting the interests of the Sabbath school work.

To the members of the Sabbath school were issued during 1933, 25,211 Honor Cards and 1,718 Bookmarks.

A very remarkable record for a single Sabbath school is that of the Santo Domingo City Sabbath school. It has a membership of 360, and in addition the branch Sabbath schools conducted by the teachers there have 299 members. If all our Sabbath schools throughout the division should carry on this aggressive work, what would our membership be at the close of 1935?

Home Missionary

The good Sabbath school report was followed by an equally good message from Pastor L. V. Finster, Home Missionary secretary of the division.

During 1933, 512,363 Bible readings were given by the believers throughout the fields, 719,300 missionary visits were made, and 514,306 periodicals were given away; and during the first six months of 1934 our lay members averaged 13 Bible readings and 12 missionary visits per capita.

Yes, "we have a very loyal people who are willing to do service for God when they are taught how to work" and we are told that "the Lord will work through humble instruments, leading the minds of those that consecrate themselves to His service."

This has been proved over and over again where we find our lay members leaving the common walks of life and holding public evangelistic efforts, thus small companies and churches are being brought into this message.

One sister, speaking of her experience, writes that an "irresistible impulse" has taken possession of her and that she cannot keep quiet. She, with her husband, has raised up one church of forty members and many companies. We quote from the General Conference Bulletin: "The laborers will be qualified rather by the unction of the Spirit than by the training of literary institutions."

Missionary Volunteer

Wednesday evening, December 19, was given to reports from the Missionary Volunteer and Publishing Departments.

"Holiness unto the Lord," was used to open the evening meeting. Prayer was offered by Pastor H. T. Elliott. The report for the Missionary Volunteer Department was given by Sister E. E.

Andross, and we marveled at the work accomplished by our more than 9,000 Missionary Volunteers scattered throughout the fields of our division. We quote from "Counsels to Teachers": "To train the young to become true soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ is the most noble work ever given to man." During 1933 our Missionary Volunteers, on an average, every week

- Gave 3,187 Bible readings
- Made 5,297 Missionary visits
- Helped 3,861 Needy persons
- Gave 367 Articles of clothing, and
- Distributed 3,838 Books, papers, etc.

How many conference workers would

of 1934 there was the following increase over the same period of 1933: colporteurs 9, hours 26,509, sales \$28,917.72 and deliveries \$15,426.40. So the work is onward, and we "firmly believe that a consecrated corps of colporteurs at work in a field will build up the work in every line."

Educational Department

Thursday evening, Professor W. L. Adams, our division Educational secretary, gave us a very good and very interesting survey of our educational work. His splendid graphs and quota-

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lowers, and our hearts were thrilled as we listened to the recital of the heroic deeds of men whom God has placed in positions of responsibility at times of special crises in His work all down through the ages.

He told of the martyrs of the early church of the dark ages who would be tied to a post with their hands behind them and let the wild beasts of the arena rush at them and tear them in pieces, or covered with tar serve as torches for the garden parties of their persecutors, rather than deny the faith which was more precious than life to them. Luther, Wycliff, Wesley and others were mentioned as examples of men who have acted as leaders in carrying the gospel to the world because they loved God and His Word more than life.

The same spirit is manifested among those who embrace the Advent faith. Pastor Stahl, our pioneer missionary to the Indians of South America, after many years of trials and hardships in the mission field, was told that he could return home and spend his last years in comparative comfort. However, he replied that he preferred to spend the rest of his life in the mission field among the Indians whom he loved so well. Our time is come, and we should not hesitate nor halt. It is time to go forward in triumph. May we set our faces steadfastly with the determination to go through to the end.

THE DYING CHURCH

The church that has nothing to do in a public way is on its journey to the cemetery. All members who do not do anything are serving as pall bearers. All those who are so busy with their own affairs that they have no time for the work of God are weaving the wreaths for the coffin. The brother who does not say anything is driving the hearse. Those who draw back when an advance step is made are placing the flowers on the grave. The brother in the church who always speaks of hard times is conducting the funeral sermon and singing the funeral hymn. Consequently the church lies buried, unconcerned as to what is going on. Which part are you playing?—*Selected.*

"It is later than you think." These words were found engraved on a sundial.

Showed Encouraging Progress

be needed to do that much work in one week?

"The Lord has appointed the youth to be His helping hand," and "with such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!" To hasten the finishing of the work in Inter-America let us double our efforts for the young people.

Publishing Department

After listening to a male quartet from the Panama City church, the secretary of the Publishing Department, Pastor W. A. Bergherm, rendered his report.

We quote: "When we consider the small number of believers throughout the world, and the limited means with which we have constantly had to struggle, and then realize that our message is not one that could in any wise be considered popular even in the religious world, it truly is a miracle to see what has been accomplished.

From the small stream of light which began to shine forth to the world from the first periodical, there has grown, as it were, a mighty flood of light shining forth from 6,902 publications in the form of books, periodicals and tracts which are to be had in 161 languages."

While "in all parts of the field individuals and groups are being raised up by our army of colporteurs who are carrying this message into every nook and corners of this great division," yet our number of colporteurs has increased only 21% while the church membership has increased 156% since 1924.

Statistics show that for ten months

tions thrown on the screen must have sent earnest appeals to the heart of every worker present in behalf of our children and youth in Inter-America. Professor Adams expressed his great burden to see more done in Inter-America to gather our boys and girls into our own schools where they may receive a Christian education.

In giving a survey of our school work in the Inter-American Division he also spoke of our six training schools. The industries in our institutions of learning in this division are their financial support. The fact that we have been able to get these industries thus firmly planted has been the chief factor in their being able to operate.

We find that in our church schools there are nearly as many children whose parents are not Adventists as those who are. Since so many of the people who are not of us see the good that is in the work of the Christian school, why do not our own people see more clearly this good?

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of Jesus," with the thrilling words ringing in our ears, "Christ expects every man to do his duty," and with the prayer upon our lips: O thou God of our salvation, "send out Thy light and Thy truth; let them lead me; let them bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy tabernacles."

"You are not living the truly Christian life unless the unbeliever can see in your life something desirable that he does not have."

YOU ARE A GARDENER TOO

When Pastor Oss and his family arrived to begin their work as leaders in the South Caribbean Conference, the members of the Port of Spain churches and representatives of others near by gave them a hearty welcome. At the reception Sister M. Williams, in behalf of the churches and companies of the conference, presented to Brother and Sister Oss a basket of beautiful flowers and conveyed to them a message of welcome.

We are passing on to you a portion of her splendid message, for you too are gardeners. The church in which you work, the community in which you live, the home in which you abide, all are a part of your garden. May the Lord help you to care well for the tender plants within its precincts.

Sister Williams said in part:

"We think of you as a gardener with this conference as the garden. The churches are the plants in this garden, and the church members are the flowers on these plants. What more fitting representation could we make? For are we not all flowers in God's garden? Then how great is the responsibility of the undergardener who has been placed in charge of this section of the Master's great garden.

"As you admire this cluster of tropical flowers, one by one, think of the many churches and individuals in these churches which constitute your garden. Each plant will not require the same kind of attention; the care given to the various plants will differ according to their natures and their needs. Yes, like these flowers they too vary. Some are hardy and strong, while some are frail and delicate. Others are gorgeous and attractive, while still others are modest and retiring; but each has a beauty all its own, and each has a purpose to fulfill.

"Then, know your plants and flowers well. Discover their excellencies, sympathize with their defects; but always remember that each flower will become dearer to you according to the knowledge which you gain of it.

"And now, Sister Oss, we cannot overlook the fact that as the gardener's helpmate, you also have an important work to do. Yours is closely allied to his. In addition to the assistance which you can render your companion, you have a little garden under your special care. May the flowers in your home plot bloom bright and fair in God's blessed sunshine.

"The roses speak of the Rose of Sharon; The lilies of Christ of the Vale; And every sweet flower unfolds His power, And His love that never can fail."

SUGGESTIVE TEN-MINUTE MISSIONARY SERVICES

March 2

Missionary Topic: The Class Band Organization. *Text:* 1 Cor. 14:40, 33.

Suggestions: In God's plan of organization for His people in the days of Moses, we find that they were placed under captains of thousands, hundreds, and tens. This simple plan of organization insured smoothness of function and success of action. In our church organization we have a similar plan. We have the General Conference, the divisions, the unions, the local conferences or missions, the church, and the church divided into class bands. It is this last church division that should be urged today. We have our church divided into classes for study. Experience has shown that this plan greatly increases the efficiency of the Sabbath school. The same simple plan of organization for the missionary work of the church will also greatly increase its efficiency. Long ago the Spirit of Prophecy called attention to the importance of having the church organized into bands in the following words: "The formation of small companies as a basis of Christian effort has been presented to me by One who cannot err." Is your church thus organized? If not, why not follow out this instruction?

March 9

Missionary Topic: Reporting. *Text:* Numbers 13:26-30.

Suggestions: The scriptural lesson for today is a report of the survey made of the land of promise after forty days of search by the twelve spies. The report gives nine details of what they found. God's people today are just as vitally concerned by reports from far and near as was Israel of old. The prosperity of the church will be helped or hindered by the reports of what God is doing through His people today. Every deliberative body in our organization is more or less dependent upon reports as the basis for future planning and leadership. The whole Bible is largely made up of reports. Every class band leader should endeavor to get a report from every member of his band.

March 16

Missionary Topic: Soul-Winning Experiences.

Key Thought: "The world will be convinced, not by what the pulpit teaches, but by what the church lives. The minister in the desk announces the theory of the gospel; the practical piety of the church demonstrates its power."—*"Testimonies," Vol. VII, p. 16.*

March 23

Missionary Topic: Mission Sabbath Schools.

Text: 2 Cor. 8:11, 12. *Suggestions:* The great work being accomplished through the mission Sabbath schools, as a branch of home missionary endeavor, is not fully comprehended by those who do not read the reports coming from many parts of our field. In some churches nearly every Sabbath school teacher has a missionary Sabbath school class in her neighborhood, not for our own people but for those not of our faith. This is a line of work that can be carried on by every church. Great numbers are coming into the message by this means. If the teachers of your schools could take up this line of work, it would bring rich blessings to your church.

March 30

Missionary Topic: A Successful Ten-Minute Service.

Text: 1 Cor. 14:40. *Suggestions:* A successful ten-minute service should begin on time and close on time. In order to do this, the leader should have the meeting well planned in every detail beforehand. The time should not be used in giving notices of other church activities. As soon as the Sabbath school closes, the missionary leader and secretary should take their places at once,

and open the meeting. The time is so short it generally is best to omit singing and prayer, and proceed with the topic of the day as found in the MESSENGER. These topics are only suggestive, containing a few of the thoughts that may be used in the study of the subject. Care should be taken to make this service interesting, that it may be a pleasure from Sabbath to Sabbath. The meeting may be closed by prayer or song as desired.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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consecrated youth which are to be found everywhere, in the art of personal soul winning and in the art of giving Bible studies and conducting cottage and evangelistic meetings, and thus make ready in this crisis at the end an army of Advent youth who shall march with us to finish the work of God in all the world in this, our own generation.

"3. That we ask our pastors and evangelists everywhere to foster and use the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society as an organization around which to build the missionary endeavor of the youth, so that when the evangelistic effort of the worker is finished, or the worker is moved to another place, the Young People's Society shall be prepared to carry on without interruption the missionary work it has begun.

"4. That all our churches in counsel with their conference or mission leaders hold special meetings for young people, planning carefully so that systematic effort shall be made to seek out those young people who are in special need of spiritual help; and further

"5. That our Missionary Volunteer secretaries in the unions, and so far as possible, also in the local fields—

(a) Conduct special revival meetings for young people, placing upon them the burden of winning other young people to Christ,

(b) Train these young people through class study and practical work to render successful missionary service,

(c) Remain with these young people long enough to lead them in an aggressive evangelistic effort in behalf of the young people of the community, and

(d) While carrying on this work, as well as at other times, place proper emphasis upon the devotional and educational features of the M. V. Department, as a means of fortifying them against temptation and qualifying them for more efficient service."

"How many, even of professed Christians, cling to indulgences that are injurious to health, and that numb the sensibilities of the soul."

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FROM ACROSS THE SEAS

During January we had the pleasure of having with us at the division office the leaders in the Colombia-Venezuela Union as they held their union meeting here. Pastors H. E. Baasch, N. H. Kinzer, and R. O. Garner had been with us during the division council. These were joined later by the following brethren: J. W. Cole, the secretary-treasurer of the union; E. M. Trummer, superintendent of the Central Colombia Mission; L. Astleford, superintendent of the Curacao Mission; and J. B. Ross, superintendent of the Upper Magdalena Mission.

Another missionary has come to Curacao, for on December 24 little Mary Ellen, weight eight pounds, came to live with Brother and Sister Astleford and their two little boys. May she ever be a joy to the home that claims her and a blessing to others also. The MESSENGER congratulates.

Brother H. C. Kephart, for many years manager of the Pacific Press branch in the Canal Zone, still follows the work in Inter-America with much interest. His many friends here will be glad to know that he and his family are well, and are working earnestly in the United States, waiting for that glad day when the faithful from all lands shall be gathered home.

Professor and Mrs. C. L. Stone and Margaret send greetings to their many friends in Inter-America. After having had a visit with some of the representatives from our division, Professor Stone wrote:

"We all get homesick for those with whom and for whom we labored in Inter-America. We were pleased to hear of former students who are not far from the division office. How we should enjoy hearing their experiences and catching their inspiration in the work they have undertaken. We rejoice when we see poems and articles from former students; and every time wish that we could see them personally and express our pleasure. We pray for you all often, and note with grateful interest the souls that are being won to the truth."

About nine years ago Brother and Sister A. H. Field spent a few days with us. They had then served a term as missionaries in Peru. In January of this year we had the pleasure of meeting them again, as they passed through

the Zone enroute to the homeland on furlough. May God, who has blessed their long years of service in South America, give them increasing success in His work.

"ALWAYS MORE, NEVER LESS"

F. L. Harrison

Much could rightly be said about systematic giving. At the beginning of the year is the time when each believer should consider carefully what he can do each week to help in the offerings. When this has been decided, then care should be taken to see that the amount is given week by week.

Our Sabbath school secretary of the division told us during the recent council that if each church member would add *one cent* extra per week to his offering, for the division during 1935, it would amount to approximately \$13,000.

There is another side to think about: Should our believers fail in coming up to their goal, and each fail by one cent of reaching his goal, then we would lose instead of gain. Should we not look at this in view of the time in which we are living, and endeavor to reach our individual goals week by week?

COMPARATIVE REPORT OF MISSION FUNDS

First ten months of 1933 and 1934

Name of Field	1933	1934
Bahamas Mission	326.80	478.39
Cayman Isl. Mission	56.76	130.85
Cuba Mission	1,941.60	3,109.41
Haiti Mission	2,282.20	2,510.36
Jamaica Conference	5,168.33	7,618.89
Puerto Rico Mission	2,814.71	2,696.79
Santo Domingo Mission	2,567.39	2,858.20
<i>Antillean Union</i>	15,157.79	19,402.89
French W. I. Mission	395.25	729.21
Guiana Conference	1,215.37	1,287.54
Leeward Isl. Conf.	2,610.11	2,584.67
South Caribbean Conf.	3,414.29	3,914.72
<i>Caribbean Union</i>	7,635.02	8,516.14
British Honduras Miss.	1,391.94	1,488.50
Costa Rica Mission	839.98	843.41
Guatemala Mission	764.07	747.13
Honduras Mission	738.82	422.87
Nicaragua Mission	447.89	370.11
Panama Conference	4,190.62	3,356.97
Salvador Mission	963.09	326.79
<i>Central American U.</i>	9,336.41	7,555.78
Atlantic-Colombia Miss.	658.85	935.65
Central Colombia Miss.	649.41	591.01
Curacao Mission	935.76
Pacific Colombia Miss.	411.55	891.82
Upper Magdalena Miss.	415.90	318.62
Venezuela Mission	1,984.46	1,127.08
<i>Colombia-Venezuela U.</i>	4,120.17	4,799.94
Central Mexico Miss.	1,325.11	1,485.75
Gulf Mission	1,195.05	1,158.25
Lake Mission	315.03	332.12
Tehuantepec-Yucatan M.	1,727.52	2,237.87
<i>Mexican Union</i>	4,562.71	5,213.99
Division Totals	40,812.10	45,488.74

JOHN WESLEY'S LABORS

John Wesley averaged three sermons a day for fifty-four years, preaching all told more than 44,000 times. In doing this he traveled by horseback and carriage more than 290,000 miles, or about 5,000 miles a year. His published works include a four-volume commentary on the whole Bible, a dictionary of the English language, a five volume work on natural philosophy, a four volume work on church history, histories of England and Rome, grammars on the Hebrew, Latin, Greek, French, and English languages, three works on medicine, six volumes of church music, seven volumes of sermons and controversial papers. He also edited a library of fifty volumes known as the "Christian Library." He was a pastor greatly devoted to pastoral work. Later he had the care of all the churches upon him. He arose at 4 A. M. and worked solidly through to 10 P. M., allowing only brief periods for his meals. In the midst of all this work he declared, "I have more hours of private retirement than any man in England."—*Selected.*

IF YOU WANT TO BE LOVED

1. Don't contradict people—even if you're sure you're right.
2. Don't be inquisitive about the affairs of even your most intimate friend.
3. Don't underrate anything because you do not possess it.
4. Don't believe that everybody else in the world is happier than you.
5. Don't conclude that you've never had any opportunities.
6. Don't believe all the evil you hear.
7. Don't repeat gossip, even if it does interest a crowd.
8. Don't jeer at anybody's religious belief.
9. Learn to hide your aches and pains under a pleasant smile.
10. Learn to attend to your own business.

GREETINGS TO FORMER WORKERS

How often thoughts of former fellow workers enter our minds as we toil on in this interesting field, and at the time of the division council last December, the workers assembled wished to remind all former workers of their continued appreciation of them and their work in Inter-America; and so it was

"Voted, That we send greetings to all former workers through the columns of the MESSENGER.