



The Sabbath in the Home

Mrs. E. G. White

palatable and attractive. Provide something that will be regarded as a treat. something the family do not have every day.

A TREE OF BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE

The Bible contains 3,566,480 letters, 810,697 words, 31,175 verses, 1,189 chapters, and 66 books; the longest chapter is the 119th psalm; the shortest and middle chapter is the 117th psalm; the middle verse is the 8th of the 118th psalm. The longest name is in the 8th chapter of Isaiah. The word "and" occurs 46,627 times. The 37th chapter of Isaiah and the 19th chapter of the 2nd book of Kings are alike. The longest verse is the 9th of the 8th chapter of Esther; the shortest, the 35th of the 11th chapter of John. The 21st verse of the 7th chapter of Ezra is the only one of the entire collection which contains every letter but one in the alphabet. The word Lord, or its equivalent, Jehovah, occurs 7,698 times in the Old Testament; or, to be more exact, the word Lord occurs 1,853 times, and the word Jehovah 5,845 times. The word God does not occur in the book of Esther; BUT THERE IS WISDOM, KNOWLEDGE, HOLINESS, AND LOVE IN EVERY CHAPTER OF THE ENTIRE WORK

At family worship let the children take a part. Let all bring their Bibles, and each read a verse or two. Then let some familiar hymn be sung, followed by prayer. For this, Christ has given a

model. The Lord's prayer was not intended to be repeated merely as a form, but it is an illustration of what our prayers should be,—simple, earnest, and comprehensive. In a simple petition tell the Lord your needs, and express gratitude for His mercies. Thus you invite Jesus as a welcome guest into your home and heart. In the family, long prayers concerning remote objects are not in place. They make the hour of prayer a weariness, when it should be regarded as a privilege and blessing. Make the season one of interest and joy.

The Sabbath school and the meeting for worship occupy only a part of the Sabbath. The portion remaining to the family may be made the most sacred and precious season of all the Sabbath hours. Much of this time parents should spend with their children. In many families the younger children are left to themselves, to find entertainment as best they can. Left alone, the children soon become restless, and begin to play, or engage in some kind of mischief. Thus the Sabbath has to them no sacred significance.

In pleasant weather let parents walk with their children in the fields and groves. Amid the beautiful things of nature tell them the reason for the institution of the Sabbath. Describe to them God's great work of creation. Tell them that when the earth came from His hand, it was holy and beautiful. Every flower, every shrub, every tree, answered the purpose of its Creator. Everything upon which the eye rested was lovely,

Before the setting of the sun, let the members of the family assemble to read God's word, to sing and pray. There is need of reform here, for many have been remiss. We need to confess to God and to one another. We should begin anew to make special arrangements that every member of the family may be prepared to honor the day which God has blessed and sanctified.

Let not the precious hours of the Sabbath be wasted in bed. On Sabbath morning the family should be astir early. If they arise late, there is confusion and bustle in preparing for breakfast and Sabbath school. There is hurrying, jostling, and impatience. Thus unholy feelings come into the home. The Sabbath, thus desecrated, becomes a weariness, and its coming is dreaded rather than loved.

We should not provide for the Sabbath a more liberal supply or a greater variety of food than for other days. Instead of this the food should be more simple, and less should be eaten, in order that the mind may be clear and vigorous to comprehend spiritual things. Overeating befores the brain. The most precious words may be heard and not appreciated, because the mind is confused by an improper diet. By overeating on the Sabbath, many have done more than they think to dishonor God.

While cooking upon the Sabbath should be avoided, it is not necessary to eat cold food. In cold weather let the food prepared the day before be heated. And let the meals, though simple, be

and filled the mind with thoughts of the love of God. Every sound was music, in harmony with the voice of God. Show that it was sin which marred God's perfect work; that thorns and thistles, sorrow and pain and death, are all the result of disobedience to God. Bid them see how the earth, though marred with the curse of sin, still reveals God's goodness. The green fields, the lofty trees, the glad sunshine, the clouds, the dew, the solemn stillness of the night, the glory of the starry heavens, and the moon in its beauty, all bear witness of the Creator. Not a drop of rain falls, not a ray of light is shed on our unthankful world, but it testifies to the forbearance and the love of God.

Tell them of the way of salvation; how "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. Let the sweet story of Bethlehem be repeated. Present before the children Jesus, as a child obedient to His parents, as a youth faithful and industrious, helping to support the family. Thus you can teach them that the Saviour knows the trials, perplexities and temptations, the hopes and joys, of the young, and that He can give them sympathy and help. From time to time read with them the interesting stories in Bible history. Question as to what they have learned in the Sabbath school, and study with them the next Sabbath lesson.

As the sun goes down, let the voice of prayer and the hymn of praise mark the close of the sacred hours and invite God's presence through the cares of the week of labor.

Thus parents can make the Sabbath, as it should be, the most joyful day of the week. They can lead their children to regard it as a delight, the day of days, the holy of the Lord, honorable.

I counsel you, my brethren and sisters, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." If you desire your children to observe the Sabbath according to the commandment, you must teach them by both precept and example. The deep engraving of truth in the heart is never wholly effaced. It may be obscured, but can never be obliterated. The impressions made in early life will be seen in after-years. Circumstances may occur to separate the children from their parents and their home, but as long as they live the instruction giv-

en in childhood and youth will be a blessing.—"Testimonies," Vol. VI, pp. 356-359.

WITH OUR LOCAL LEADERS (Continued from Council Echoes)

Guatemala

Guatemala came third on the evening program. Pastor Orley Ford, superintendent of that mission, presented to us a report of the work in his field, from which we took the following notes:

Guatemala is a very small country, but it contains two and a half million people, and nearly all are waiting for the gospel.

Last year the colporteur work had decreased to such an extent that there was not a colporteur in the field, but this year the Lord has given us some fine young men, and under the able leadership of Brother Lutz they have led the union in sales during 1934.

There are two problems in that mission which are very perplexing: the Indian work and evangelism. Calls are coming from the Indians from all parts of the republic, but there are no workers to send.

The problem of evangelism is also a very vital one. There are only four organized churches in Guatemala, but there are twenty cities of 10,000 inhabitants and forty cities of 5,000 each where public meetings have never yet been held. The calls come for help but there is no one to answer them.

Jamaica

Monday, December 24, we were favored with two more very interesting reports, as the leaders of Jamaica and Haiti told us their story of remarkable advance in their respective fields. Pastor C. E. Andross, president of the Jamaica Conference, said in part:

"I am glad to bring you an encouraging report of the work in Jamaica. Jamaica is about 144 miles long, and has about one million people. Our church membership in Jamaica is about 5,000, and the Sabbath school membership is 6,500. There are eighty-eight organized churches and 115 Sabbath schools. On a basis of five persons to each family, there is approximately one Seventh-day Adventist to every forty families.

Companies of believers are springing up everywhere. In fact, the workers have more groups now than they can visit. Another problem is that of housing these groups suitably. There are many groups who meet in houses, bamboo booths, or other temporary struc-

tures that are inadequate even to keep out the rain, let alone meeting the demand for space. There are four churches in Kingston, not one of which has a proper place to meet. One group has a new building, but it is not completed.

"There was a gain of \$800 in our Sabbath school offerings for the first ten months of this year over last, and also a good gain in tithes. Our Harvest Ingathering receipts this year will reach approximately \$4,000."

Haiti

The following was gleaned from the report given by Pastor J. A. de Canel, superintendent of the Haiti Mission:

"When this year closes we shall have 2,600 baptized members and nearly 5,000 Sabbath school members. We have a large percentage of young people in our churches—about 2,000. When going from place to place to baptize, I find more than 50 per cent are young people. We expect better and stronger churches as these young people become trained workers.

"For twenty-seven years we have been working in Haiti but until recently we had no work in the southern peninsula. Although low in funds, we voted not to let another year go by without starting some work in this part of the island. So two or three men went down and held efforts in about four places. Today we have seventeen or more churches and groups in that part. The opposition is very bitter, but we know wherever the enemy is active there we will have a growing work.

"The government through its minister of cults has granted permission to Seventh-day Adventists to perform marriages in all Haiti. Last year 389 persons were baptized, and we expect more this year."

British Honduras

The evening of December 25 we had the pleasure of listening to stories of the onward sweep of the Advent Message in three of our Inter-American fields. Pastor C. B. Sutton, superintendent of the British Honduras and Bay Islands Mission, was first to speak.

He read Isa. 27:6, "He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root; Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit."

This is being demonstrated in the British Honduras and Bay Islands Mission. In one place an interest had been aroused by the sales of some literature. Later one of our sisters gave some Bible studies, and when Pastor Sutton visited that place, he found them quite thoroughly grounded in our faith. At the close of a Bible study on baptism,

"He who aspires to take the lead must first be taught to follow."

which he conducted, thirty-two people signified their desire to be baptized.

Along with the crowd which assembled to watch the baptism was the Catholic priest, who took down the names of those who were baptized. It really meant something to these dear people to take this step, as they were all living on land which was leased from Catholics. Yet all were glad to take their stand for the truth. To them it meant more than houses and lands. A little later fifteen were baptized and still later five more.

Surely the Lord has set His hand to do a quick work in the earth. During 1934, 177 have been baptized in that mission. Four churches have been organized. In the entire mission there are now seventeen churches, with a membership of 775.

Venezuela

We then listened to Pastor R. O. Garner, superintendent of the Venezuela Mission. He said in part:

"I am thankful to represent Venezuela. We really have a large field, but our population is only about 4,000,000. There are eight organized churches in Venezuela, the largest of which is in Caracas. This church has a membership of eighty-five and the Sabbath school membership is 115.

"In Camaguan is our school directed by Brother Greenidge. The school is doing a good work for our young people.

"A number of our churches are in need of help from a worker, but they struggle along as best they can with only an occasional visit from workers.

"Calls for help and instruction are coming continually from groups. A woman came to our office not long ago with a petition signed by fifty persons who wanted one of our workers to come to instruct them. They are already keeping the Sabbath. Two other Protestant denominations have offered them help but they say they want the Seventh-day Adventists."

Panama

A report from the Panama Conference by Pastor N. W. Dunn followed:

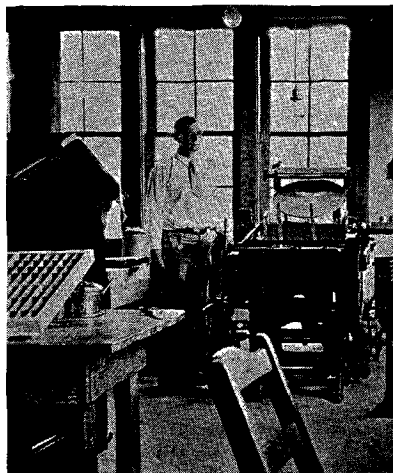
"I speak to you tonight," began Brother Dunn, "as ex-president of the Panama Conference. Panama is one of the most strategically situated fields in Central America. I hope we may not lose our vision and become blind to the unusual opportunities for spreading the message of truth among the officials of the government and also to the merchant ships that transit the canal.

"We have thirty churches—twenty English, ten Spanish, and three Indian companies in Chiriqui. Some time ago I spent about five weeks in Bocas del

Toro. At San San the lay members walked a distance of ten miles to care for an interest and hold services. About fifty were present when I met with them and since then several more have been baptized.

"From 1928 to 1930 we showed a net gain of sixty-four. During the year 1929 we actually had a loss in membership. From 1931 to 1933, with only two-thirds as many workers and over 50% decrease in income, our net gain was 290 in membership. God is not dependent on money for results.

"A good work is being done among the Guaymi Indians of Chiriqui, but we have other Indians in this conference for which no work has been attempted. We have had no departmental secretaries for the past six months. We have no one to take the message to the San Blas and Darien Indians. If we could have a strong Spanish worker and also a strong English worker, and finally a president to plough in one spot long enough to prepare the ground for the precious seed, there would be a rich harvest for the Kingdom."



Caribbean Training College printshop.

UNUSUAL EXPERIENCES

M. E. Lowry

Just a few days ago as I was canvassing with Brother Dirgoonanan, I was giving what seemed to me a normal exhibition for the most beautiful and wonderful book, "Patriarchs and Prophets." I had reached the chapter dealing with "The Smitten Rock" when I was suddenly and unexpectedly interrupted.

"I saw that picture in a dream about two or three months ago!" exclaimed the lady. "Jesus was standing near me and told me to take and freely drink of the water which I saw coming down from high up on the rock."

As I told this lady of how Jesus had prepared others also in a similar way to recognize the books He wished them to have which contained a message for them from Him, she readily placed her order.

"He will help me to get the money for it. Come back in a few days for a deposit on it," she replied.

Sabbath School Department

A LIVING FOUNTAIN

Mrs L. Flora Plummer

How we enjoy a fresh draught from a cool, bubbling spring of water! Seemingly we can never get enough. We pass by the tepid, insipid water of the wayside pool, and hasten toward the satisfying water of the life-giving spring. This contrast comes to mind when one thinks of "The Desire of Ages" as an inspired comment on the life of Christ in contrast with the writings of other commentators.

Do you want the Bible story made clearer, the practical lessons emphasized, the descriptions made more real, the path of duty marked clearly, the pitfalls and danger spots labeled? Then read this book each week as you study your Sabbath school lessons during the year and nine months in which the entire denomination will be studying the life of Christ, A year and more at His feet with His Book and His inspired comment! What may it mean to this denomination? Surely a continual blessing to all who follow the study.

In view of the events transpiring in the world which show that the coming of Jesus is near, one wonders if we shall ever again have the privilege of studying our Saviour's life on earth in a series of Sabbath school lessons. Quite likely this is the last time. Can you, dear reader, afford to miss what others will be receiving? Not many will be willing to be in that class, saying, I "have need of nothing." Revelation 3:17. Where there is a will, there will be a way to get the price of the book.

Order your copy of "The Desire of Ages" now, so you will have it to use when studying the Sabbath school lessons of the new year.

Bound in cloth, postpaid . . . \$2.25

Bound in Keratol, limp, postpaid \$3.25

Send your order direct to your Book and Bible House.

"No man is counted great, unless he knows how to stoop."



Students of the Academia Adventista Centroamericana, Tres Rios, Costa Rica.

THE MORNING WATCH AND THE BIBLE

At the Compound, Balboa, C. Z.
January 2, 1935.

Dear Sister Andross:

In reply to your question in regard to my memorizing the Morning Watch texts, may I suggest that during the years of my ministry I have been deeply interested in our young people. The Lord brought the light of the Saviour to me when I was a young man, and I always have felt a great interest in encouraging our young people to familiarize themselves with the Word of God. As you know I have four young people in my own family, and I always have encouraged them to entertain a deep love and affection for the Scriptures.

I have encouraged the young people to observe the Morning Watch. Often they have said to me that they would like to do so, but that they were too busy. They had too many things to do. I remembered the statement of the Saviour in John 17, where He said, "For their sakes." So I decided, with God's help, for the sake of the young people, I would undertake to memorize the Morning Watch texts. It is now the end of the thirteenth or fourteenth year, I think, that I have memorized every word of every Morning Watch scripture. At the close of each month I review the Scripture verses for the en-

tire month, thus to keep them fresh in my mind. This exercise has been a great blessing to my own soul.

In addition to this I have read the Bible through each year during the same time that I have observed the Morning Watch. What a treasure of truth our young people store away when they put forth the effort to learn the Morning Watch Scriptures each day, and to read the Bible through each year.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) F. C. Gilbert.



GEMS

"Urge Them to Accept"

"We must carry the publications to the people, and urge them to accept, showing them that they will receive *much more* than their money's worth. Exalt the value of the books you offer. You cannot regard them too highly."—*Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 82.

"The Greatest Favor in the World"

"In asking people, even poor people, to buy our books we are doing them the greatest favor in the world. Our colporteurs are not salesmen merely; they are messengers sent of God with a message in these volumes more precious than gold or silver. We need not be backward about urging the message for this day upon the people. It is the greatest thing in the world."—*Elder W. A. Spicer*.

OUR MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS AND THEIR WORK

Mrs. E. E. Andross

(Report in brief as presented at
Division Council)

As we pause to gaze for a time at our great army of youth and the footprints they have left on the fields of service, my heart overflows with gratitude; for what God has done for and through our young people, and for what I believe He will do in the future. And I would not forget to be grateful to our dear workers who have loyally supported the work for the youth and worked unselfishly for its advancement.

It is almost ten years since I was privileged to enter service in behalf of our young people in Inter-America, and I find real comfort in looking back through the years to see what God has wrought for the youth in spite of all the obstacles which we might or could not remove. We are not limited to figures to measure the growth of the work. There is much progress that we enjoy that mere statistics cannot proclaim, but a report must largely confine itself to combinations of figures.

The first report that it was my pleasure to make out for this division—the one for the first quarter of 1924—showed that we had:

"Prayer is the key of the morning and bolt of the night."

87 Societies

2,128 Members

1,286 Reporting members (60%)

Nine years later at the close of the first quarter of 1933, the fields reported:

413 Societies

8,343 Members

6,115 Reporting members (73%)

This means an average, annual increase of thirty-six societies, six hundred and ninety-one members and five hundred and thirty-seven reporting members, or three societies every month and two new members each day for the last last nine years.

The devotional and educational features are stepping stones to more and better service, and we are thankful to see many of our young people climbing them faithfully from year to year. But we are endeavoring not to lose sight of our purpose—service. Last year we had the pleasure of issuing 1,414 Bible Year certificates, 876 Reading Course certificates and 721 Standard of Attainment certificates and seals.

One of the thoughts that grips me with tremendous force is the great possibilities wrapped up in our young people. Think what powerful influence the youth have exerted in past ages! Someone has said that every movement has had a young person at its heart or at its head. I tremble for what God must expect of those who are called to lead and to train our great army of youth in the Master's service. Think of the army of young people that is drifting silently out from among us!

It reminds me of a picture drawn many years ago by Robert E. Speer. He was on a boat going up the Magdalena River at night. He says: "I fell asleep but suddenly was awakened by the sound of a plunging body in the water, and a rush of footsteps on the lower deck, and excited voices whispering, and then a half-strangled, pitiful cry, 'O, hombre!' (literally, O man; but truly also, 'O brother; 'O friend;') then a gurgling sound and a swirl of the brown waters rushing by, and all was still. In the morning we asked the captain what had been the trouble and he said that it was a Colombian private soldier who had been sleeping on the unfenced lower deck, and in his sleep had rolled off into the water; that nobody had seen him go; they had heard his cry, but were too late to help."

How often some of our young people

have been allowed to fall asleep too near the edge of the church. Perhaps they are enrolled in the Sabbath school. Possibly they have just entered church membership. Each of these classes need our sympathetic watch care. I had hoped to have the census of our youth by this time to give you an idea of how heavy our loss has been from these two classes. The church records show our losses in one of these, but I believe that of our greater loss by far, we have no record—it is the host of young people that come up to the testing age and fall off our good old ship before they be-

Towering above all other problems in our M. V. work is that of leadership. How shall we solve it in this day of perplexity when the hand of depression rests so heavily upon us? However difficult the task, however dark the prospects from the valley of human vision, we are of good courage, for we know that man's extremity is God's opportunity. We feel sure that present problems are only a call to all of us to renewed consecration to the sacred task of saving our young people and training them for service; and with you I wish to join in such a reconsecration to the task in behalf of our children and youth.

A GOOD RECREATION RULE

Susanna Wesley, in writing to her son John, offered the following advice:

"Would you judge of the lawfulness or unlawfulness of pleasure? Take this rule: Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God or takes off the relish of spiritual things—that thing is sin to you, however innocent it may be in itself."

come members of the Remnant Church. And what shall it profit us to gather the unsaved around us if we lose our own young people? There is only one way to save them—it is in service with Jesus that our dear young people will gain a fitness for Heaven.

I feel sure that in many places the society organization is so loose as to incapacitate it as a training center for efficient service. By this I mean young people are often enrolled as members who do not measure up to the standard set for us by the Spirit of Prophecy. The call from above is for young people to enter our M. V. societies "who really love Jesus." They are to be gathered in and trained to bring other youth to Jesus and then into the society. We do not like to see any shrinkage in numbers but we must build our societies by the pattern given us in the Mount. Building along right lines will bring true prosperity in both strength and numbers. To this end I believe we must place greater emphasis on the prayer band and its place in the society.

Publishing Department

LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

"Oh, I'm glad to see you again," said the liftman in one of Johannesburg's office buildings, "I want to tell you about that book you sold me," referring to a copy of "This Mighty Hour" I had delivered to him about two months ago.

"Recently I became interested in Spiritualism, by reading some books lent me by a Spiritualist who had meetings here in the building, and my wife and I began to attend. Then one night I noticed that I'd been so interested in reading about Spiritualism that I hadn't read my Bible for two weeks, and I usually read it every night. I went to the drawer intending to get it out, but found 'This Mighty Hour' on top. I'd read part of it, but not all, and that night I felt that was just the book I wanted to read. So I picked it up and I was astounded to read across the page just where it opened, 'The Spread of Spiritism.' I thought, 'This is just what I am interested in. I wonder what this book has to say about it.'

"I began to read. At first I was puzzled and in doubt, but at last I began to see the light, and when I finished the chapter, I said, 'Thank God!' The next night my wife wanted to go to the Spiritualistic circle again, but I gave her that chapter to read first. She was as surprised as I was, but saw it was true, and that night we both finished with Spiritualism. We are very grateful for the light that delivered us from that awful thing; and we've never been since."—E. W. Marter in *South African Outlook*.

"He best worships God who best serves men."

REPORT OF PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

to the Division Council

W. A. Bergherm

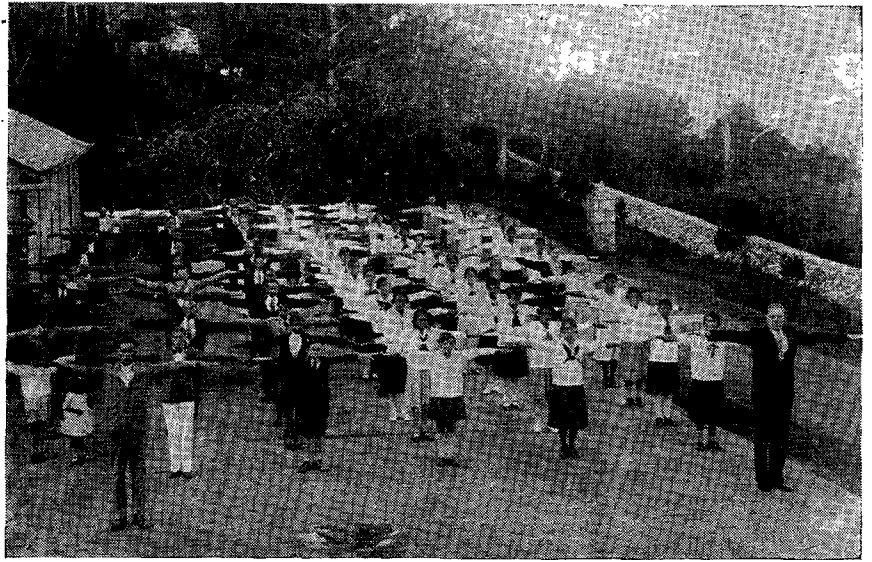
In giving this report my mind is carried back to the time when just a single paper was printed and sent out with the hope that it would be received and read. How remarkably have the words of the Lord's servant been fulfilled that "it would be a success from the start, and was seen to be streams of light that went clear round the world."—*G. S. A. M.*, p. 274.

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

During our recent visit to the Hall of Religion at the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago, my attention was called to our display of literature among other exhibits in the S. D. A. booth. There I found literature on the message in 157 languages. Two large book cases of four shelves were filled. Isn't it marvelous to think that although this denomination is in reality a recent born babe in age as compared with other denominations, yet not one of the other bodies could begin to equal this wonderful display of the gospel in so many languages in printed form?

In spite of prejudice, financial depression, cyclones, earthquakes, political revolutions, and other disturbing elements, our colporteurs work on, and we thank God for their ministry. Their success we cannot attribute to any special ability along lines of salesmanship, but rather to the fact that they carry the last message of salvation for the perishing, and also to the fact that "The Lord Jesus standing by the side of the canvasser, walking with him, is the chief worker."

We greatly appreciated the visit of C. E. Weeks during the early part of 1934. Three conventions in the interest



Students taking calisthenics exercise, West Indian Training College, Jamaica.

of the publishing work were held. One of the outstanding policies advocated at the time of our conventions in the three unions was the cash-with-order policy. This we realized was quite a drastic step, and while we are still in the experimental stage, yet the results thus far are encouraging. To illustrate just how this plan is working, I will quote from letters received from the fields:

"All of our colporteurs are doing well with their accounts. I do not know whether we are exactly on the cash basis yet, but we are putting forth the effort and I think by the end of the year all will be cleared up, and have something in their favor."—*R. O. Garner, Venezuela.*

"The cash policy is working like a charm."—*B. Bullard, Cuba.*

"We like our cash policy and are determined to work under no other in the future. We are experiencing no trouble in operating it and the colporteurs don't want to have any other policy to go by. I believe it has helped us to make the good gains we are experiencing over here this year. It is the only thing to follow."—*M. E. Lowry, Caribbean Union.*

"Every field in the union is out of debt and many of the colporteurs are keeping deposits in the offices. We only owe for current business at present. Brother Bullard of Cuba told me that their Book and Bible House can pay cash for orders from the Press now."—*J. R. McWilliam, Antillian Union.*

While splendid progress has been made, yet we are far from the place where we can say our problems in this direction are ended. We believe as leaders of the fields you will more than be repaid for continuing to take a special interest in the operation of this policy, for undoubtedly it will save many financial worries in the future.

Our Magazine Work

Last year we set out to bring up our circulation of *E Centinela* to the 20,000 mark. According to figures from the Press we are far from having reached our goal, yet there exists in the fields a much greater interest in magazine work and we think progress has been made in view of the conditions. The report shows the magazine has enjoyed an average monthly increase in circulation of over 1,000 during the year. It now stands at a monthly average of just over 12,000. We are living in a magazine age, and somehow we feel our good *El Centinela* merits a more important place among us. We feel confident that our goal can be reached during 1935 by a little stronger effort on the part of each one.

In the early part of this year it was my privilege to visit the city of Santa Marta, Colombia. The church of that place I found to be an *El Centinela* church. A colporteur sold a copy of *El Centinela* to the owner of a café in the business district. A cabinet maker, who came in for his regular afternoon cup of coffee, found the magazine and became

"To know is to glow, and to glow is to go."—*Crowther.*

interested in it. He visited the bookstore trying to purchase one for himself but was unsuccessful. About two weeks later, while in the same café, the colporteur came in with the next number of the magazine. The man told our colporteur how he appreciated the former number and asked him to call at his shop. The colporteur did so, also sold him a copy of "Great Controversy" and talked to him about Christ's second coming. A week after purchasing the book, this man and his wife began keeping the Sabbath.

The colporteur was a true missionary. He invited the cabinet maker to accompany him as he visited from home to home presenting literature, and when giving Bible studies to other interested people. Thus he fanned the missionary zeal which by this time had been awakened in the heart of the new brother. When he left, he turned the interested people over to this man, who became very earnest in his efforts and as a result soon had a small group keeping the Sabbath with him. In due time a minister came and baptized five. Later on a minister was sent for and thirteen more were baptized, and recently eleven more were added.

In Mexico interests and groups have been raised up through the efforts of

of our colporteurs. Just recently word came that Colporteur Hidalgo sent in a list of thirty "members" as he put it, that he and a fellow worker had interested and organized into a group.

Antias Labrador has been doing colporteur work in Cuba for about five years principally in rural districts. When he goes into a district to canvass he finds an interested family and then makes that his headquarters, returning each week-end and holding studies until before he leaves he organizes a little Sabbath school. He repeats this until he has several groups in that section. Then before leaving, he urges a minister to come and examine the candidates and baptize them. He has left groups at six towns and word has come recently that several more groups have been formed. Some of these are now organized churches.

In all parts of the field there are individuals and groups being raised up through our army of colporteurs who are carrying this message into every nook and corner of this great division. Truly the colporteur is the pioneer worker and "we cannot too highly estimate this work; for were it not for the efforts of the canvasser, many would never hear the warning."—"Colp. Evangelist," p. 5.

EARTHLY RICHES OR HEAVENLY TREASURE?

H. E. Beddoe

"Come and work for me, young man! I'll give you a fine house; I'll pay you well; and you may have the management of my whole estate."

It was a splendid offer, for the estate of Don Pablo consisted of many thousands of acres of rich farm lands. He owned two hotels; and his property included a large number of the homes in town.

What was Colporteur Fernando's answer?

A few weeks before, the colporteur had gone to this beautiful city to take orders for a good book bearing the message of Christ's soon-coming. He also had with him a prospectus for one of our health books. Many times he was able to gain attention with the book on health where spiritual interest was lacking.

"Have you sold one to Don Pablo?" one man asked him after seeing the health book.

"No, where does he live?" the colporteur questioned.

He was directed to a big house up the hill. As he approached the big house his first greeting was the barking of the huge dogs that came bounding down the walk. They were decidedly unfriendly. A man came to the door and called them back. No he would not be able to see Don Pablo. He was resting and could not be disturbed. As all good colporteurs do, he made further attempts to gain an interview with the millionaire. Then one day Fernando spied an elderly man in the garden by the side of the house. At the same instant the old gentleman caught sight of him and beckoned for him to come into the garden. Instinctively Fernando knew that this gentleman, who came forward to meet him with a spring in his step, was none other than Don Pablo.

"Buenos días, señor." The colporteur extended his hand to be greeted by a genuine hand-shake.

"Buenos días, joven," the elder man responded.

They sat in the shade of a lovely arbor, covered with brilliantly flowering Bougainvillea, as the colporteur showed his books. The old gentleman wanted the book with the message of

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Girls' dormitory, Caribbean Training College, Maracas, Trinidad.

"Repentance is turning backward in order to go forward."

CHURCH OFFICERS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITY IN THE FINISHING OF THE WORK

A. A. Cone

The Lord organized the church that it might minister unto, reach and gather into the field, every honest heart in the world. If the church as a whole was organized for the purpose of saving the lost, surely every church officer should LEAD in this soul-saving work.

In these days of activity, when so many special campaigns are being held, when the work on earth is rapidly nearing the end, every church member should be an active missionary. The church has the right to expect the officers to set the pace in every campaign and every effort that is launched for the finishing of the work. The local conference church is a member of the sisterhood of churches, and the officers of any local church should not desire to have their church adopt an attitude of indifference toward the praiseworthy efforts that other churches are fomenting. Every church officer should be a promoter, and should be the first one to adopt the suggestions made by the conference, and to try to have these suggestions adopted by the church. He should feel a special burden upon him concerning the part his church takes in every campaign. He may not be able to obtain results all at once, but he should keep the matter constantly before the church, doing all he can to help his members reach their goals. A true church officer will always defend the faith, as well as the good name of his church.

SPARKS FOR KINDLING GREATER FIRES

"The test of any work for God is its soul-winning results."—*L. V. Finster.*

"Think what it will mean to the work if all our young people take hold of these campaigns with all the enthusiasm of youth!"—*Mrs. E. E. Andross.*

"We wish to extend a hearty welcome to new believers to take part in the 1935 Big Week campaign."—*F. L. Harrison.*

"Let us pledge God today that we will make this Big Week campaign the best in our history, and God in turn will bless us."—*W. A. Bergherm.*

BIG WEEK

As you prepare for the BIG WEEK campaign, your first duty as officers of the church is to read everything the conference officers may send you regarding the subject, and in harmony with these instructions, commence to prepare and organize your church for active cooperation. If there is any phase of the work or plans that you do not understand perfectly, write immediately to secure greater INFORMATION. The church officers should gather frequently for prayer and mutual counsel, and should take care to order the necessary literature in time. Do not wait until someone from the conference writes, urging you to attend to this matter. It is your concern. The Lord, and your conference, depend on YOU, and expect you to attend to ALL the needs of your church.

1. — Study carefully all the instructions sent you regarding the campaign, and instruct your members accordingly.
2. — Hold frequent meetings of the church board, and carefully prepare beforehand all the plans for the campaign.
3. — Order all the literature necessary, and while doing so, try to have in mind a vision of the needs of your territory, and the capacity of your church, once it has been properly instructed and organized. Determine to do something worth while.
4. — Divide your territory in districts.
5. Make arrangements to receive punctual and accurate reports of the work done.
6. — Draw plans for the commercial or financial phase of the campaign.

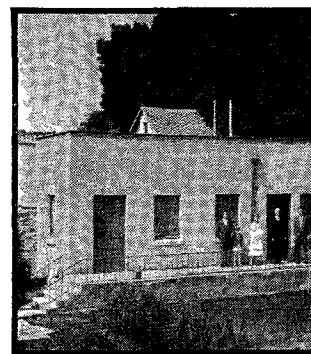
"The strength of an army is measured largely by the efficiency of the men in the ranks."—*Gospel Workers, p. 8.*

THE BIG WEEK FUND

L. V. Finster

The Big Week needs no introduction to our people; but in order to refresh our memories in these busy days, a few facts may be stated. The original purpose of this fund was to provide means for the erection of training schools, publishing plants, hospitals and dispensaries in various parts of the world. I think all our training schools in this division and the dispensary in Mexico have been materially helped from this fund.

Since the year 1922 the Big Week fund has given needed assistance to 375 different projects in all parts of the world. More than \$1,775,000 has been raised for this purpose, and not until the judgment will the full benefit be revealed. Only as the thousands of



Our dispensary

Every penny that is raised by our BIG WEEK, April 27 to May 4, assist in our schools, dispensaries

April 27 to May 3

saved people in the new earth tell of their experiences can the full story be known. Now it is impossible to estimate the great good that has been done.

This year the Big Week fund will be left in the fields raising the money, unless otherwise arranged by the union committee. Every field has its many needs. Some need schools, others church buildings, and others dispensaries, and still others need money to carry on their regular work.

In the Harvest Ingathering campaign we go to the world and ask for gifts for the cause of God, but in the Big Week campaign we go to the world to sell our literature which contains the message for this time. In this campaign we do not ask for gifts.

"Papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the message for this

time continually before the people. . . . The same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the truth as attend the work of the minister."—*"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 316.*

"The publications containing the light of present truth are to go forth to all places. Canvassing campaigns are to be organized for the sale of our literature, that the world may be enlightened as to what is just before us."—*"The Colporteur Evangelist," p. 30.*

Another privilege is now offered to every member of our churches to do their part in responding to the mighty call of heaven to carry the good news of the soon-coming Saviour to all the world. The results will be as follows:

1. Our literature will be placed in the hands of the people.
2. Souls will be saved in the kingdom of God.
3. Schools, dispensaries, and other needy objects will be helped.
4. Your soul will be refreshed by taking part.
5. A missionary spirit will be aroused in your heart and in your church to do other work for God.

AN INSPIRING TESTIMONY

It gives me great pleasure to express the joys that have come to my heart since I joined the canvassing ranks. "God has done wonderfully for me whereof I am glad." It makes me very happy when I look back and remember the day I left the Caribbean Training College after spending a period of nearly five years there. Had it not been for a kind lady who made me a present of two dollars when she noticed my de-

termination to enter the canvassing field, I would have left there to work for Jesus without one cent, but I was relying on His promises.

Just imagine, my canister was on the truck and I was ready to start on my trip when this lady called me and gave me \$2.00. I was two dollars rich. Many times it has caused me to remember the faith of Abraham. I was ready to start off. All preparations were made. I had no money, but somehow God supplied my need. Many days before leaving I made all kinds of plans to earn money, but in vain.

Since I have become a colporteur all my plans are changed, and truly the canvassing work has changed my entire life. "God has done wonderfully."

It has brought me nearer to Jesus.

It keeps me in close touch with God.

It has taught me humility, patience, kindness, simplicity, and one I shall never forget—

It has taught me how to pray.

It is my one and earnest desire to work for the Master here below and to do cheerfully and well whatsoever my hands shall find to do.—*Lionel D. Braithwaite in Footman's Echo.*

HOW TO CONQUER

W. A. Bergherm

Early in my Christian experience I found a statement that impressed me with such force, that I wrote it on one of the blank pages in the back of my first Bible. Every now and then I re-

"Let no church think it is too small to exert an influence and do service in the great great work for this time."
—*Spirit of Prophecy.*

MY PART

1. *Conference Workers*
A Day's Income
2. *Institutional Workers*
A Day's Income
3. *Lay Members*
Day's Income or
Literature Sales

"So vast is the field, so comprehensive the design, that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power."—*Spirit of Prophecy.*



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call this statement, and always get help from it. The following is the statement:

"The Christian whose religion is not a glorious reality can find a cure by beginning to pray for others with a sincere compassion for them. Such praying, persevered in, will bring fruitage to our own souls. Such praying will search our hearts."

One cannot engage in earnest prayer for others, but soon he will find ways and means to be of some helpful service to them, and it is when we give our selves in service to God and for our fellowmen that true happiness comes.

This principle is not only true of those who have been Christians for years, but we believe it applies also with equal force to the youth—those who are in the morning of their Christian experience. The good Book tells us: "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand." Eccl. 11:6. The Christian's life of service is often referred to as being yoked up with Christ. Truly such service affords much greater joy and pleasure than being yoked up with the enemy of souls—Satan. Again we are told: "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth." Lam. 3:27.

There comes to my mind the experience of one of our young lady canvassers. One Monday morning as she drew near to her first house, where she was to begin her work, a strange feeling of fear came over her. She tried to suppress it, but somehow she could not, and was just about to retrace her steps back to her room, when she thought of prayer. Finding a quiet pace in a park, she sat down and prayed earnestly to God. The dreadful feeling left her, and she started on her way once more for this house. Shortly after she had begun showing her book to the lady of the house, she was interrupted and the lady said:

"How glad I am that you have come with this book. Some years ago I bought a book entitled "Heralds of the Morning." It impressed us so very much, and many times have we prayed that some one would come to tell us more about the things contained in that book. Now you have come."

You can imagine the joy that filled this young sister's heart as she talked with this seeker for truth. How thankful she was that she had not surrendered to inclination that morning.

EARTHLY RICHES OR HEAVENLY TREASURE?

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Christ's soon-coming, and also the health book in which he showed a keen interest. He would like to have them right away. Could the young man bring them today?

Yes, he had a few of the books in the little place where he and his wife were staying. He would get them at once.

When he returned with the books he gained a ready entrance and the money was counted out in payment. The old gentleman wanted to show him his library. There, coporteur Fernando saw a collection of every health book which we publish in the Spanish language with the exception of the one he had just sold. There were even one or two in English.

On his way home the colporteur was thinking it all over. The Lord was directing him and in His Providence had made this sale possible this particular day. He had been almost out of funds; the rent was due; and his wife told him that very morning that she needed more money for provisions. The profits from the direct sale of these two books would take care of these immediate needs. The next day Don Pablo's chauffeur came to his humble dwelling.

"El señor asks that you come to his house. He wants to see you."

The young colporteur responded mechanically, "All right, tell him I'll be right up."

Now he was fearful. "I'm afraid Don Pablo wants to return the health book," he said to his wife after the chauffeur had gone.

"But we have used the money!" she reminded him.

"Yes, and I felt that God had provided it just at the time we needed it. Surely the Lord has some way out of this for us. Let's pray before I go."

And true to colporteur form—true to the spirit of hundreds of colporteurs in all parts of the world—young Fernando sought the Lord before he went out. Kneeling there with his wife he asked God's guidance and blessing.

Don Pablo met him cordially and when they were seated he began to ply the young man with questions relating to our denomination's medical work. At the close of their interview the elderly man mentioned his desire for further

visits with the colporteur. There was no mention of returning the book!

"What salary are you getting?" the affluent gentleman asked our colporteur one day after they had met several times.

"We are not paid a regular salary. We work on a commission basis."

"Then how much do you make each month?"

The colporteur made a few mental calculations. "Well,—about thirty dollars; maybe a bit more some months."

"Come work for me and I'll pay you much more than that."

Fernando was thinking. If he accepted, it meant that he would not have to worry about where the money was coming from when the rent was due, nor when the cupboard was bare. But his answer was clear and concise. I'm sorry I can't accept your kind offer, but I'm in the Lord's work and I couldn't leave this unless He would permit."

So in spite of attractive offers he chose to remain with that army of John-the-Baptists who are going into the remotest parts of this old world preparing the hearts of the people to meet their Redeemer. Ignoring earthly riches, he is laying up for himself treasures in Heaven.

Health Department

SIN AND POOR HEALTH

"Son, be of good cheer," Jesus said to the man who was brought to Him by his four friends to be healed of a physical malady. The man himself felt more concerned about his spiritual malady than of the physical. He was conscious that through his own sins he had brought this affliction upon himself. He was under condemnation. To heal this man of his physical malady it was necessary that attention should first be given to his spiritual and mental condition.

"Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee," the sweetest words that could have fallen from the lips of Jesus, for that man. The consciousness of sins pardoned made possible what followed. The multitude marveled, and glorified God.

Of what comfort is this to us? It is not a mere piece of history. It ex-

"Spiritual leadership always has a spiritual following."—*Elliott.*

presses God's thoughts toward all who are similiary afflicted. What Christ said to this man, He says to all. . . . There are many who suffer from physical maladi- es who can never be healed, until they, too, hear and receive the words, "Be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee." God's word alone when received can bring about such a change. Here is the promise: "My word . . . shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please. . . . Instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree." Isaiah 55:11-13.

The same mountains remain; the trees have undergone no change. The briars are still in evidence. No change has taken place on the outside. The change is within, but how different things appear without. "When a man's ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." Proverbs 16:7. There is health in such an experience. "Son, be of good cheer." —*Dr. D. H. Kress.*

PREPAREDNESS

"A wealthy man was suddenly confronted with the fact that he was dying. He sent for a lawyer to make his will; as he was willing away first one thing and then another, he came to his beautiful home, and directed that it be left to his wife and child. His little girl was an attentive observer and listened to all that was going on. As he willed his home, she said: 'Papa, have you another home in that land to which you are going?' The arrow reached his heart."

It is better to die than to sin; better to want than defraud; better to hunger than to lie. Let all who are tempted, meet Satan with these words: "Blessed is everyone that feareth the Lord, that walketh in His ways For thou shalt meet the labor of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee." . . . Happiness and prosperity will be the result of serving the Lord.—*"The Desire of Ages," p. 495.*

Satan's Publications

"The publications of Satan and his agents are increasing, their power is growing; and what we do to get the truth before others, must be done quickly."—*Early Writings, p. 96.*

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CUBA MISSION ORGANIZED INTO A CONFERENCE

A. R. Ogden

A general meeting was called to convene in Havana February 1-10, at which time there were delegates from each of the thirty-two churches in Cuba, with all of the workers and many believers. It was a happy privilege to have with us for this special occasion, Elder E. E. Andross, president of Inter-American Division, Elder F. C. Gilbert of the General Conference, and Elder L. K. Dickson, president of the Florida Conference. In addition to these general workers, all of the Antillian Union and Cuba Conference workers were present.

The studies and messages given by these workers were a source of great inspiration and blessing to our own people, and others in attendance. Elder E. J. Lorntz, as superintendent of the field, at the opening of the meeting,

THE FELLOWSHIP OF FOLKS

E. J. Ward

(Air: "Auld Lang Syne")

Come close and let us wake the joy
Our fathers used to know,
When to the little old schoolhouse
Together they would go.
And neighbor's heart to neighbor warmed
In thought for common good.
We'll strike that fine old chord again—
A song of neighborhood;

Out in the world we all have learned
The strain of toil and care.
It's dimmed the visions of our youth,
Of joys that all might share.
In thought for self, we've all but lost
That youth-born faith in men.
Come 'neath this common roof, for here
It kindles bright again.

The fathers clove the wilderness
And made a clearing here,
Then, at its heart, this friendly roof
They joined their hands to rear;
And here they met and talked and planned
A larger common weal.
Their future we are living now,
We, here, their pupose feel.

That little old schoolhouse is gone,
Its friendliness must stay.
The strength it gave our fathers' hearts
Our own hearts need today.
Great is the task that waits our hands;
The power of each is small.
Uniting in this common place
Comes forth the might of all.

gave the following interesting facts concerning the work in this field.

Early Workers

"The year 1935 marks the 30th anniversary of the organized Seventh-day Adventist work in Cuba. In May, 1904, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Moore, nurses from the Chicago Branch of Battle Creek Sanitarium (now the Hinsdale Sanitarium) came to Cuba as self-supporting workers under the direction of the foreign mission board. In 1904 Brother and Sister Otis Dart of Graysville, Tenn., joined them in self-supporting work. As there were a few other American church members living in different parts of the island and in the Isle of Pines, Elder Spicer advised Moore to organize all the believers into one church body to be called the Havana Church, in order that the tithes and offerings might be retained for the support of the work in Cuba. The first church was organized early in 1905 when Brother Zeller of Minneapolis, Min., visited the island and helped with the organization of the church. According to the best memories of the early believers, the church had a charter membership of thirteen. In 1905 Brother and Sister Snyder were sent by the General Conference to strengthen the work, and under their direction several companies of believers were raised up in various parts of the island. Among others who pioneered may be mentioned Brother and Sister Guy Homes from the Camaguay Province, and Sister Carnahan who conducted a school in San Claudio, Pinar del Río. After seven years of service Brother and Sister Snyder were compelled to leave for health reasons.

First Converts

"We have with us today the two first Sabbath keepers in Cuba still in active service as successful soul-winners and veterans in the cause, Pastor Pedro Cruz who later found and won our brother Pastor Manuel Avila. May God grant you many years of fruitful service in the vineyard.

And Now

"During the past two years we have organized seventeen churches which makes a total of thirty-two organized churches in Cuba at the present time, with several companies and groups of believers who may soon be organized into churches with a membership of 1,596. We are glad to report that prac-

tically every church has its ordained elder. A very successful church elders' meeting was conducted early in the year 1934.

Finances 1933-1934

"The biennial period began with perplexing financial conditions existing and we were compelled to lay off several workers and to make other readjustments in order to balance our budget. The tithe had been going down for several years. Strong campaigns, setting before our people their privileges and obligations to God in tithe paying were inaugurated. At the end of 1933 our tithe increased a little over \$200.00, but during 1934 it revealed an increase \$4,755.35 over the past year, averaging a little more than \$1,000.00 per month. We assure you of our unflinching loyalty to this work and message."

Conference Organized

Pursuant to action of the Inter-American Division committee at its recent council, authorizing the organization of the Cuba Mission into a conference, steps were taken at the opening meeting for carrying this into effect. The usual committees were appointed and the necessary steps toward organization perfected. Elder E. E. Andross, president of the division presided at the organization of the conference, with the writer as superintendent of the union mission and other general and union workers assisting.

Conference Officers

Elder E. J. Lorntz was unanimously elected as conference president. and Brother B. Bullard as secretary-treasurer. These with a strong committee of five others we believe will carry forward the work in Cuba in a good way during the coming period for which they were elected. Brother W. D. Kieser has recently come to Cuba as field missionary secretary. Cuba has always been a fruitful field in the sale of our literature, and undoubtedly much of the results we are seeing at the present time in soul-winning work is attributable to the seed sowing of our truth-filled literature. The Sabbath school and our young people's work is being carried by Brother Jaime Zaragoza. There are eighty-four Sabbath schools in Cuba with a membership of nearly 3,000 at the close of 1934, and at the conference session a goal of 4,000 members was set for 1935.

After the organization of the conference the workers and delegates set an

aim of 500 baptisms for 1935, with the determination to reach a net membership of at least 2,000 by the end of this present year.

We are especially grateful for the splendid help given us by Elders Andross and Gilbert, whose studies were greatly appreciated; also for the assistance of Elder L. K. Dickson of the Florida Conference. Your prayers will be appreciated in the interest of the onward sweep of the work in this field.

ON GROWING OLD

They call it going down the hill, when we are growing old,
And speak with mournful accent, when our tale is nearly told.
They sigh when talking of the past, the days that used to be
As if the future were not bright with immortality.
And, O, it is not going down, 'tis climbing higher, higher,
'Till we almost see the mansions that our souls desire.
And if the natural eye grows dim, it is but dim to earth,
While the eye of faith grows clearer to perceive our Saviour's worth.
Those by-gone days, though days of joy, we wish not back again.
Were there not also many days of sorrow and of pain?
But in the days awaiting us, those days beyond the tomb,
Sorrow shall have no place, but joy unmarred forever bloom.
Who would exchange for shooting blade the waving golden grain?
Or when the corn is fully ripe would wish it green again?
So, who would wish the hoary head, found in the way of truth,
To be again encircled with the sunny locks of youth.
It is not years that make men old,—the spirit may be young.
Though for the three score years and ten, the wheels of life have run,
God has Himself recorded in His glorious Word of truth,
That they who wait upon the Lord, they shall renew their youth.
They who are planted in the Lord, unshaken in their route,
E'en in old age shall flourish still, and still bring forth their fruit.
And when the eyes now dim shall gaze upon their King,
And ears now dull with age shall hear the harps of heaven ring
And on the head now hoary shall be placed the crown of gold,
Then shall be known the lasting joy of never growing old.

No Other Way

"Some will be reached by our literature who would not be reached in any other way. From our books and papers bright beams of light are to shine forth to enlighten the world in regard to present truth."—*Testimonies, Vol. VIII, p. 87.*

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A VISIT TO KLINGNA

Roger H. Brooks

I must tell you briefly about a visit to Klingna with a few of our Indian boys. Leaving on Sunday morning, we soon came to a creek. The water was deep, but the Indian boys plunged in and were soon across on the other side. The only way for me to get across was to do the same as they did so I swam across. Our journey then continued over a rough, and muddy road. We arrived at Klingna about noon and were heartily welcomed by the Indian brethren and sisters.

Just an hour before we arrived there, a heavy storm felled several trees, damaged plantations, and the house of one of our Indian brethren fell while his family and others were in it. But the Lord was merciful to them and not one was hurt. We praised Him for His great deliverance.

At 7:30 the bell was rung and we offered praise and thanks to God for the good attendance we had at our night meeting. During the following nights, also, good interest was shown by all present.

There is a fine church school conducted by Brother Fritze Brooks, who is in charge of the work over there. At present, meetings are held in one room of Brother Filiciano's large house, but already plans have been made for building a house of worship.

At Yulu five candidates are awaiting baptism, and others are interested. We trust that they will soon take their stand for the truth.

CIRICITO AND BEYOND

Ishmael Ellis

My trip to Ciricito was most enjoyable and I hope, profitable. We left Gatun February 4, to travel by gasoline launch for four hours, touching at Escobal and other ports on our way to Ciricito. Three of our brethren were at the port on other business, and were happy to see me, it being more than a year since they were visited by any of our

"The metal of your character will one of these days be rung down upon the stone of adversity or test,—



Dionicio Martinez

workers. They accompanied me to where our members live.

This meant a trip by cayuco up the river, which in some places is no more than six feet wide because of the tall grass growing on each side. The river is shallow in places so that one must get out and drag the cayuco. Leaving the boat we took our cargo on our shoulders and started afoot over very muddy roads. After crossing the river twice we reached the settlement about 8 p. m.

The next day was occupied with various problems, and a business meeting in the evening, at which the officers for the year were elected. They have been doing a lot of missionary work between Ciricito and a place called Las Marias in the Province of Coclé, and were anxious to have someone make the trip and strengthen the work out there. I was informed it was a day's journey and bad roads to travel. We were on our way the next morning on horseback. We found at El Nopo a family of six—all Sabbath keepers. Two hours more found us at El Silencio, where we met another group of believers. In San Cristobal we found some who are interested, but not yet ready to accept the message. We arrived at Las Marias just a little before dark.

This is the home of Brother Dionicio Martinez, who, with his family, form a nice little group of eight Sabbath keepers. We remained over night and organized a new Sabbath school, which will be known as the Las Marias Sabbath school, the first in this section of Coclé. We were sorry to leave this faithful family next day. The son was sick with

malaria and we could do little for him. We sent him some medicine from Ciricito a little later and trust he is much better by now.

As we returned, we stopped at El Silencio and held a meeting with the group there. The believers there have agreed to join with those of Las Marias. In this way we will have a membership of about fourteen, and with the help of our members at Ciricito and especially of Brother Victor Velasquez, who is giving plenty of his time to the work out there, we must soon hear some real good news from our new Sabbath school.

At El Nopo we stopped over night, studying together and taking some pictures. The brethren of Ciricito and Las Marias are pushing ahead and have reached as far as El Tambo, a good sized settlement near Penonome, the capital of the Province. They claim to have found some people all along the way who are interested in the message. Surely these are tokens that the Lord is inviting us to do a good work for Him in this part of the field. Pray for the work among these dear people.



BRITISH HUNDURAS

L. L. Garbutt

The work continues to forge ahead despite hard times. Our Sabbath school is on the forward march. Thanks to the use of devices to stimulate offerings and attendance; our offerings have increased from two dollars to between five and ten dollars, and our membership from ninety to one hundred and forty. The superintendent is making preparations for the "Investment" and this should bring in a nice little sum.

Our church school continues. What a grand and glorious privilege to have a part in preparing our boys and girls to help in the final movements. As I look into the faces of these dear children day after day, my great desire is to meet them in Heaven around the Father's throne.



I am glad to think
I am not bound to make the world go
right,
But only to discover and to do
With cheerful heart, the work that God
appoints.

—Jean Ingelow.

A COMMENDABLE PLAN

L. V. Finster

R. T. Rankin, of Honduras, writes the following:

"From an effort held in Tela we paid all expenses, and have a credit of \$23.73. Fourteen were baptized, and eight more are preparing to take the step soon; and, last, but not least, we have a church organized.

"From an effort held in Cortez we paid all expenses, and have a credit of \$7.50. Seventeen were baptized, and seven more are waiting for the next baptism."

If all our workers would be careful in their expenses, it would be possible for our missions to conduct many more public efforts.

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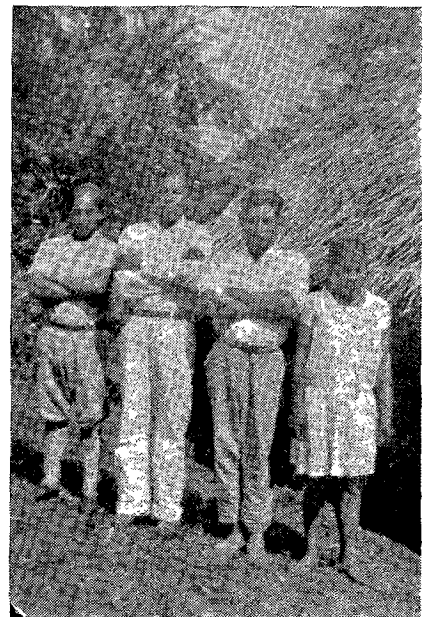
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A VENEZUELA SHADOW

R. Oral Garner

The 4th of August I had the privilege of visiting our believers in Acari-gua. This is the place where the charred book has exercised its influence. I found them of good courage in spite of many trials and sorrows.

I was very sorry to learn of the death of our dear brother, Juan Machado. The first of May I had visited him, and at



Sabbath school members, Las Marias, Panama.

Then it will be known whether or not you are genuine."

that time he was well and actively engaged in missionary work among his neighbors. The 24th of May, after having family worship, he sang "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus." He then went about his work, and shortly after, in the street, he had an attack of the heart from which he never regained consciousness.

He was a young man of thirty years and had known the Gospel for three years. Soon after hearing it he gave his heart to God. By faithfully studying the Bible, he found the Sabbath truth. Through the reading of the "charred book" of which many of the readers of the MESSENGER have heard, and which he guarded as a sacred treasure until the day of his death, he learned the way more fully. He, with others of his friends and family, began to keep the Sabbath and abstained from the use of pork and coffee. As we had no worker to care for this interest, they grew careless until I found time to visit them and study with Brother Machado. He renewed his consecration to God and began anew to obey the commandments.

Last year he was united in marriage with Maria Soto, who soon afterwards was converted, and they were a happy family, following in the footsteps of their Saviour. Through their faithfulness others are rejoicing in the message and are preparing for baptism.

We regret very much the loss of this dear brother, but feel sure that he will have part in the first resurrection on which the second death hath no power. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his dear wife and little baby and other relatives, and pray that God may keep them faithful until the end so that they may be reunited where they can enjoy the bliss of the eternal world where death and sorrow will be no more.

THE TWOFOLD LIFE

We must live a twofold life—a life of thought and action, of silent prayer and earnest work. The strength received through communion with God, united with earnest effort in training the mind to thoughtfulness and care-taking, prepares one for daily duties, and keeps the spirit in peace under all circumstances, however trying.—"Ministry of Healing," page 512.

Remember: BIG PLANS FOR BIG WEEK APRIL 27 to MAY 3

CHURCH BOARDS DIRECT ALL MISSIONARY WORK

Missionary leaders and church boards kindly take notice of the following changes made in our missionary organization at the 1934 Fall Council:

"WHEREAS, The General Conference session of 1930 adopted a recommendation providing that the church board be recognized in its logical sphere as the responsible authority for the general direction of the missionary work of the church, as of all other activities, thus dispensing with the former plan of a 'missionary committee'; and,

"WHEREAS, At the same General Conference session a recommendation was adopted providing for a missionary leader in every church, who may or may not be one of the church elders; therefore

"Resolved, That the missionary leader shall sustain the same relation to the church board as does the Sabbath school superintendent or Missionary Volunteer leader. It is provided, however, that the missionary leader is ex-officio chairman of the missionary sub-committee of the church board, where the board appoints such sub-committee in accordance with General Conference recommendation for missionary planning in large churches."

"WHEREAS, Under the former arrangement, the church missionary secretary served as the secretary of the missionary committee, and

"WHEREAS, The church board has been made directly responsible for the direction of all the missionary activities of the church; therefore,

"We recommend, 1. That the church clerk make a careful record of all the meetings of the church board, including such actions as have to do with the missionary work of the church.

"2. That the missionary secretary keep a record of those items of the church board business that have to do with the missionary work of the church."

SUGGESTIVE TEN-MINUTE SERVICES

May 4, 1935

Missionary Topic: A Combined Report.

Text: Acts 1:19.

Suggestions: On the first Sabbath of each month the church should hear a combined report of all the missionary work done during the past month. The church missionary secretary should obtain from the M. V. secretary a report of the work done by that society, and after reading the report, or having her do it, then make a combined report of all the work done by the church during the month. Care should be taken to touch upon the interesting points of work that has been done, and call attention to the things that need to be remedied. Make use of the blackboard, if possible, to visualize the facts and figures. Be sure to indicate how many members of the church have not had a part in the month's work, and do all you can to inspire everyone to take part in the missionary program.

May 11, 1935

Missionary Topic: Give Good Cheer to Patients in Hospitals.

Text: Ps. 41:1.

Suggestions: "Blessed is he that considereth the poor (Margin, sick); the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." Ps. 41:1.

With such positive assurance from the Word of God, we may well give study to best methods of bringing cheer and courage to the sick—both in institutions and in homes. Brief visits at the bedside, where circumstances permit, will prove to be a blessing, if the visitor carries a sympathetic atmosphere and a cheery, hopeful countenance. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine," the wise man said, and patients in hospitals greatly need such medicine. A bouquet of flowers will express the loving care of our heavenly Father, and will bring cheer and happiness. Perhaps a card bearing a text of Scripture will also be helpful.

May 18, 1935

Missionary Topic: Soul-Winning Experiences.

Text: Ps. 74:12.

Suggestions: The psalmist has furnished the keynote for this soul-winning experience service. His testimony is: "God is my King . . . working out salvation in the midst of the earth." Throughout all the years since David's time, this "working out salvation in the midst of the earth" has been going on, and we are now in the closing days of the earth's history, when the plan of salvation is to be completed. The Lord has revealed His purpose to "cut the work short in righteousness," and that He will make a quick work throughout the earth. Today the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit is being witnessed in many parts of the world, and every consecrated heart is being pressed into service. What experiences have come to the faithful members of our churches during the past four weeks? The recital will cheer every heart.

May 25, 1935

Missionary Topic: The Waiting World.

Text: Luke 21:26.

Suggestions: In all lands, near and far, there is a spirit of uneasiness, uncertainty, expectancy, which is a most impressive omen of the cutting short of the work of God on earth. It is wonderful to observe how God is going before His children to prepare the hearts of the people for the message due at this hour. "All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to Heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in."—"Acts of the Apostles," 2: 109. Are we individually doing our part to gather in the souls within our reach? What answer can we give these waiting souls in the day of judgment if we do not give them the light for this time?

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BIG WEEK LITERATURE

BIG WEEK will soon be here again, and of course every loyal Seventh-day Adventist will want to have some part in placing good literature in the homes. Why not begin to lay your plans so as to devote at least a portion of the Big Week time to this work.

You may have already decided what class of literature you expect to handle during the Big Week effort. If NOT,—you will surely find some publications in the following list that will meet with your approval.

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FAR AND NEAR

The past few weeks have been busy ones for the division treasury office. Brother Claude Conard, the General Conference auditor, was a temporary member of our compound family. We hope he carried a few pleasant memories with him as he sailed for South America, March 15.

Mrs. E.E. Andross has been spending the past couple of months in Central American republics with her husband, our division President. Our prayers attend them on their travels by air, land and sea.

We were glad to welcome Miss Mae Cole who arrived from Costa Rica to join her father, Brother J. W. Cole. Brother Cole has been in Balboa for some time in the interests of his work as Secretary-Treasurer of the Colombia-Venezuela Union. They left for their home in Medellin, Colombia, early in March.

Welcome to our new conference. And now we are one mission less. May Cuba's example as a mission continue in her experience as a conference. And may her aspirations prove an inspiration to other missions. We are grateful for Heaven's blessing that has made this transformation possible. We are reminded that it is the live fish that swim upstream. Brother W. D. Kieser writes: "Every worker is using the combination plan with *El Centinela*. The men believe in this plan and so it works. One colporteur took \$110.00 worth of orders in forty hours."

Brother and Sister J. M. Grounds arrived from California and we enjoyed a brief visit with them before they journeyed on to La Concepción, Panama, where their daughter, Mrs. F. A. Browers and family live. Sister Grounds is an aunt of Mrs. Geo. Chapman in Costa Rica.

A hearty welcome was accorded to Pastor George Nickle, Sister Nickle and daughter June, who have taken up residence in Colon, Panama. We rejoice with the Panama Conference in having a president once more. Brother Nickle will be remembered as a former worker in Colombia and Mexico. May divine blessing attend his labors in Panama is our earnest desire.

Pastor W. R. Elliott is happy to have his wife and daughter with him again in Port of Spain, Trinidad. We hope their health will be preserved for another term of service to missions.

Special Notice: Word has been received that the Leeward Island Conference address is now Bridgetown, Barbados, instead of St. John, Antigua. We trust the new location will prove profitable to the conference office and also to the field in general.

Brother Finster is having a busy time in Colombia and reports a splendid attendance at the meetings.

Brother Bergherm sends word that Mexico is giving strong support to Big Week interests.

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"WORDS TO WRITERS"

In this new little booklet, "Words to Writers," is contained much timely advice to those who write. The author, Miss Mable Hinkhouse, is both a writer and a proofreader who has been connected with one of our main publishing houses for years and is speaking from practical experience.

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ONWARD

"Always More! Never Less!"

F. L. Harrison

One prominent man has said that "Adversity is a stimulant to thought and action. This is true with the individual, the community, the nation, and the world at large."

Fresh in the minds of all are the years of depression through which we have passed—the greater portion of the world has experienced an economic depression. Since the year 1929 we have seen our tithe and mission funds gradually decrease in most of the fields until recently. It seems now that in some

of our fields the conditions have changed, and gradually our funds are beginning to increase again, for which we are profoundly thankful. Our final reports for 1934 have come to the division office—they show that each union has had an increase over 1933, the increase being \$7,367.66, and the Antillian Union showing the largest gain.

By the time that final report will come to the readers of the MESSENGER we will be well along in the year 1935. May this year even show greater advancement in our offering for missions than 1934.

COMPARATIVE REPORT OF
MISSION FUNDS
1933 and 1934

Name of field	1933	1934
Bahamas Mission	416.19	595.69
Cayman Isl. Mission	187.89	244.97
Cuba Mission	2,690.79	4,066.42
Haiti Mission	3,341.94	3,492.52
Jamaica Conference	7,500.05	10,176.79
Puerto Rico Mission	3,297.98	3,214.62
Santo Domingo Miss.	2,982.54	3,258.21
Antillian Union	20,417.38	25,049.22
French West I. Miss.	536.34	963.76
Guiana Conference	1,896.28	1,931.96
Leeward Isls. Conf.	3,306.74	3,394.61
South Caribbean Conf.	4,275.80	4,801.89
Caribbean Union	10,015.16	11,092.22
British Honduras Miss.	1,806.82	2,468.78
Costa Rica Mission	1,389.85	1,735.00
Guatemala Mission	934.94	1,091.92
Honduras Mission	878.19	718.78
Nicaragua Mission	634.96	561.53
Panama Conference	5,234.30	4,796.89
Salvador Mission	1,083.49	893.29
Central American U.	11,962.55	12,266.19
Atlantic Colombia Miss.	915.89	1,151.89
Central Colombia Miss.	1,086.22	959.45
Curacao Mission	1,399.46
Pacific Colombia Miss.	496.25	1,043.66
Upper Magdalena Miss.	551.65	405.46
Venezuela Mission	2,804.60	1,750.76
Colombia-Venezuela U.	5,854.61	6,710.68
Central Mexico Miss.	1,903.92	1,987.56
Gulf Mission	1,518.53	1,872.85
Lake Mission	572.89	528.18
Tequantepec-Yucatan M.	2,753.35	2,859.15
Mexican Union	6,748.69	7,247.74
Division Totals	54,998.39	62,366.05
	Difference	\$7,367.66

"Most people live in quotation marks all their lives. They would die in them if they could, and go to someone else's heaven. But folks are really more interesting than other folk, if they would only dare to be it."

"God often digs the wells of joy with the spade"