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God's Plan for Perfecting Character

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Today hundreds of doors are open before the messengers of God; thousands of voices are heard, appealing in the most tender tones, saying, "Come over and help us." Funds are urgently needed for the support of God's messengers as they respond to these calls for help. Is it because God is impoverished that sufficient help cannot be provided?

"The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, saith the Lord of hosts." "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Hag. 2:8 and Ps. 24:1.

Why then should God's treasury ever be depleted? He is now testing the loyalty, the integrity of His people. "God sees that there is no other way to save man than to cut away from his life the selfishness which, if retained, would degrade the whole being."—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 49.

God is leading us daily with His bounties. "He gives to us regularly, freely, abundantly. Every earthly blessing is from His hand. What if the Lord should cease to bestow His gifts upon us? What a cry of wretchedness, suffering, and want would go up from the earth! We need daily the un failing flow of Jehovah's goodness."—*Id.* pp. 49, 50.

Shall not we, the recipients of His blessings, show our gratitude by giving of our means to help those who are perishing for the bread of Heaven? God would have us make these souls the objects of our compassion. If we would know how God regards them, we need only to look to Calvary where Jesus made the supreme sacrifice of His life to bring salvation within their reach.

"In return for the great love wherewith Christ has loved you, you are to bring to Him your thank offering. You are to make a gratitude offering of yourself. Your time, your talents, your

means,—all are to flow to the world in a tide of love for the saving of the lost. Jesus has made it possible for you to accept His love, and in happy cooperation with Him to work under its fragrant influence. He requires you to use your possessions in unselfish service, that His plan for the salvation of souls shall be carried forward with power. He expects you to give your undivided energies to His work."—*Id.* p. 50.

"The cause of present truth is suffering for men who are loyal to a sense of right and duty, whose moral integrity is firm, and whose energy is equal to the opening providence of God."—"Testimonies," Vol. III, p. 23.

ONLY A TENTH

One tenth of ripened grain,
One tenth of tree and vine,
One tenth of all the yield,
For ten months' rain and shine.
One tenth of lowing herds
That browse on hill and plain,
One tenth of bleating flocks
For ten months' plenteous gain.

One tenth of all increase
From counting room and mart,
One tenth that science yields,
One tenth for every art.
One tenth of loom and press,
One tenth of mill and mine,
One tenth of every art
Wrought out by gifts of Thine.

One tenth of glowing words
That glowing dollars hold,
One tenth of written thoughts
That turn to shining gold.
One tenth! and dost Thou, Lord,
Ask but this meager toll,
When all was made by Thee,
And Thou dost own the whole!

One tenth! what gracious love
In all Thy ways we see,
With royal bounty blessing those
Who pay Thine own to Thee

—Author Unknown.

To be "loyal" is to be "constant and faithful in any relation implying trust or confidence." God has reposed confidence in us by taking us into His family and making us His children. He has made us the stewards of His goods. "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." 1 Cor. 4:2. Shall we prove faithful in the discharge of our stewardship by returning to God the tithe of all our income from every source? And also by making liberal offerings to His treasury from the nine-tenths that are ours after the tithe has been paid?

God expects of every one of His children perfect "loyalty" and "moral integrity." Integrity is "wholeness; honesty; rectitude; purity." Are we each measuring up to this standard? God is today preparing a people for translation at His glorious appearing. Nothing short of perfection of character will stand the test of that trying ordeal. "Such qualifications as these are of more value than untold wealth invested in the work and cause of God."—*Id.* p. 23.

God is not in need of our money, but He must employ some method of cutting away our selfishness, and of helping us to taste the true joy of self-sacrificing love. This was found only in calling us, His children, to share in His sacrifice by permitting our time, our talents, our means,—all to flow to the world in a tide of love for the saving of the lost. O, let us each, in happy cooperation with Him, enter heartily into this wonderful plan.



"But who am I, and what is my people that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee."—*David.*

THE BLESSING PROMISED IN MALACHI

"This boy has not joined the church as yet, but has embraced the Sabbath truth and is looking forward to baptism in the future. He has been working in a garage and receiving about \$1.50 per week for the time he worked.

"Several weeks previous to my visit, he brought home his pay check which was very small, and mentioned to his mother that he did not see how he could pay tithe on that small amount. But after some consideration, he decided to be faithful in this respect.

"On the Friday before I arrived, his employer came to him and raised his wages \$4.00. The boy feels that this is part of the blessing which God has promised in Malachi three."—*Lake Union Herald*.

EVERY NEED WAS SUPPLIED

The subject of tithing was brought to my notice quite a few years before my conversion, but not until I had given my heart fully to Jesus did I understand its real meaning.

Very early in my Christian experience there came a test which strengthened my faith in such a way that I shall never forget. I was ill and had been attending a hospital as an out-patient until my purse was well nigh empty and there was no one to whom I could appeal for help. I had some money in what I called my tithe tin and I was tempted to use it as I thought I could pay it again. However, I decided on second thoughts to pay the tithe and trust God for the future.

Imagine my joy when that same night along same a visitor who, without any hint or suggestion from me, gave me a present of money remarking that perhaps I needed it. This was followed later by a similar gift from another source. In less than a week I had more than double what I had paid in tithe. Many times since has God been true to His word in similar trials.

My husband and I have had continual evidence of God's providing care for His faithful children and it would take pages to tell of the many times that our prayers have been answered in regard to money matters. God has ways and means that we know nothing of. "The honour of His throne is staked on His promises" and He invites each one to "Prove Me now."—*Present Truth (English)*

GOD PROVIDED THE STOCKINGS

It was a week before I was to graduate from college. I very badly needed a new pair of stockings, and my shoes wanted repairing. I had no money of my own, but did have five shillings tithe in hand. Can you understand how a graduate would feel when she knew that her fellow-graduates had new shoes and other accessories necessary for such a special occasion?

Strangely enough, it was Friday afternoon, and in the evening I had to go to a near by village to take a cottage meeting, my subject for the evening being, "The Tithing System"! As I sat darn-ing stockings, I had a hard struggle with myself. The suggestion came to me that I could easily borrow that five shillings tithe, and pay it back later. Yet I asked myself, How could I do such a thing and urge others to be faithful in tithe-paying?

Finally I got down on my knees and prayed earnestly that God would supply

I took the study on "tithing" in that cottage meeting.

A week passed. How my faith was tested! Then the day before graduation I received a registered letter. Upon opening it I found two pounds inside, which enabled me to go into town and buy new shoes and stockings, besides providing money for my fare home, too.

Thus did God fulfil His promise to supply all needs.—*Selected*.

THE HOUSE WAS SOLD

A few years ago I adopted the Bible system of tithing.

For a time all went well. Then came a day when God permitted my source of income to be taken away, and the test came. I had a difficult situation to face without future prospects. My only possessions were fifty shillings tithe due, and a house that I had been unable to sell for over three years. The temptation came to withhold the tithe until circumstances were more favorable.

Then there came to me the promise of God in Malachi 3:10. I stepped out in faith and paid it, trusting Him Who had promised.

Within four hours the Lord sent the means to earn nearly three times the tithe, and inside a month my house was sold.

The Lord asks us to prove Him. I have done so and praise His name He has never failed.

I should never hesitate again to tithe under any circumstances. May others receive as great blessings by rendering to the Lord His own.—*Present Truth (English)*.

WHY STAND YE IDLE?

Why stand ye here all the day idle?
The Master is looking for men.
The fields are all white for the harvest,
He has called you again and again.

Oh, brother! while yet He is calling,
And mercy still knocks at the door,
Go out in the highways and hedges,
And bring in the helpless and poor.

The sun will soon set o'er the mountains,
Our work here on earth soon be done;
Let us hasten, so when the night cometh
We may hear the glad plaudit, "Well done."

He will give us a seat at that table,
Laden with fruit from that heavenly place;
We shall dwell in His presence forever,
And then we may look on His face.

—J. R. Wilbur.

my every need, and help me to be faithful to Him.

When I arose I noticed a postcard on my bed which I had failed to see before. It was from a friend from whom I had not heard since the beginning of the school year, saying she had just remembered that my graduation was near at hand and she felt impressed to write, asking whether there was anything I was needing, and would I write by return!

To me, this was a direct answer to my prayer. I felt that I had not been allowed to see that card until I had been tested as to whether I should borrow the tithe or not. I wrote at once, relating my experience. That evening I truly felt that the Spirit of God was present when

ALWAYS MORE! NEVER LESS!

F. L. Harrison

The final reports for the year 1934 have been received at the Division office since the last MESSENGER has been sent out to the field. Our hearts have been cheered as we realize the work that is being done in the various fields of the Division, and the final results for the past year. There were 3,956 baptisms during 1934, which is the largest number that have been baptized in any year in this Division. The net gain in membership totaled 2,433 making the membership at the end of the year stand at 26,100, and the Sabbath school membership totaled 38,263. Our statistical report shows there were 520 churches, and the following number of laborers in the

Division: ordained ministers 91, licensed ministers 54, licensed missionaries 192, book and periodical canvassers 165, making a total of 509 laborers throughout the fields. The tithe totaled \$119,461.94, and the mission funds \$62,366.05; there was a gain in tithe of \$17,020.59 in 1934 over 1933, and a gain in mission offerings of \$7,367.66.

It is encouraging to see our funds increasing, and we believe that this is as it should be with the increasing demands that are coming for help from many places. We expect to see a much larger ingathering of mission funds during 1935 than during 1934, we believe that in all our work that the motto "Always more, never less" should apply. If each member will give just a little more systematically each week, think of what it will mean when we reach the end of the year! We shall be interested in watching the report of each mission during the months of 1935, which will appear in the MESSENGER. We know that the Lord's blessing will rest upon each believer as he endeavors to do faithfully his part in connection with the advancement of the Message.



THE BLESSING OF PAYING TITHE

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ply it as they see fit, even in what they may regard as the Lord's work. . . . A very plain, definite message has been given to me for our people. I am bidden to tell them that they are making a mistake in applying the tithe to various objects, which, though good in themselves, are not the objects to which the Lord has said that the tithe should be applied. . . . One reasons that the tithe may be applied to school purposes. Still others reason that canvassers and colporteurs should be supported from the tithe. But a great mistake is made when the tithe is drawn from the object for which it is to be used—the support of the ministers."—*Vol. IX pp. 247, 249.*

The ministers of God who give all their time to His sacred work, are to be supported from the tithe. "If we have sown unto you spiritual things," argues the apostle Paul, "is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? . . . Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? . . . Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel, should live of the gospel." 1 Cor. 9:11-14.

Not only does the Lord promise a blessing to those who are faithful in paying their tithes, but He promises a curse on those who do not. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: For ye have robbed Me." Mal. 3:8, 9. One of these curses is poverty and want. "There is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Prov. 11:24.

"For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; then He openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction, that He may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man. . . . Lo, all these things worketh God oftentimes with man." Job 33:14-17, 29.

Offerings

Besides the tithes, the Lord expects us to bring Him offerings from the ninth-tenths which remains with us. This offering must be given "willingly with his heart." Ex. 25:2. "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:6, 7.

"The work of God, which should be going forward with tenfold its present strength and efficiency, is kept back, like a spring season held by the chilling blast of winter, because some of God's people are appropriating to themselves that which should be dedicated to His service."—*Review and Herald, October 13, 1896.*



THE RADIANT LIFE

"Prayer makes God real. God is the source of all joy, and if we come into contact with Him, His infinite joy comes into our lives. Would you not like to be a radiant Christian? You may be. Spend time in prayer. You cannot be a radiant Christian any other way. Why is it that prayer in the name of Christ makes one radiantly happy? It is because prayer makes God real. The gladdest thing upon earth is to have a real God. I would rather give up anything I have in the world, or anything I ever may have than give up my faith in God. You cannot have vital faith in God if

you give all your time to the world and to secular affairs, to reading the newspaper, and to reading literature no matter how good it is. Unless you take time for fellowship with God, you cannot have a real God. If you do take time for prayer you will have a real, living God, and if you have a living God you will have a radiant life.

"They looked unto Him and were radiant." Psalm 34:5, (American Revision).

—Selected.



OUR SABBATH SCHOOLS

W. L. Adams

The record of our Sabbath schools for the past two years is a very remarkable one. I wish to give just a few facts that will help us to see what has really been accomplished in this department.

At the beginning of the year 1933, we had a membership of 28,833, while at the close of the year 1934, our membership was 38,263, an increase of 9,430, or an average gain of 4,715. We will probably gain this year 5,000 members, and if we do, we will reach our goal of 42,500 members by the end of this year.

During the year 1933, our offerings to missions through the Sabbath school were \$33,452.15, while for the year 1934, these offerings amounted to \$36,942.99, or a gain of \$3,490.84. That is a very excellent showing.

The average attendance has grown from 27,880 at the beginning of 1933 to 35,211 at the close of 1934, or a gain in this item of 8,331. This is also a very good gain, which we hope can be maintained. It is our ideal to have the attendance at the Sabbath school prompt and regular.

This matter of the reports on the prompt and regular attendance and the daily study of the lesson has given us much concern. It seems that in the field there is a very great difference in the opinions that prevail. Some are inclined to be quite lax in the giving of Honor Cards and the Book Marks, these being given to those who do not deserve them according to the plans of the General Department. The plan that must be followed is as follows:

1. The teacher of the class must see that the person who gets the card or the book-mark has been present and *on time* each Sabbath for the quarter.

2. The teacher must be sure that the member has studied the lesson each day during the quarter. In the case of chil-

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Educational Department

OF INTEREST TO CHURCH OFFICERS

Elders, Sabbath school superintendents, deacons and deaconesses have responsibilities of a very important character. While their work on behalf of the church occupies only a portion of their time, it is, in its way, just as sacred as that of the worker who gives all his time to spiritual things. An efficient church officer can do much to lighten the cares of his pastor. Efficiency in an officer of the church is largely a matter of supervised study of the problems involved, and systematic training. The Home Study Institute is offering a series of valuable lessons for church and Sabbath school officers which are replete with timely instruction. Busy men can usually cover the work of the course in about six months; but the Institute allows them a full year. The cost for tuition and books is very reasonable. The course is highly recommended by our leaders, and is giving excellent satisfaction to the growing numbers of church officers who are taking it. For full particulars concerning this and many other interesting courses carrying full school credit that you can take in your own home, address

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Health Department

MIRACULOUS HEALING

Our attention has been called to an article in the *Memphis Press Scimitar* of April 13 which carries the account of the miraculous healing of Homer Moore, one of our Adventist youth of Memphis. M. M. Young, secretary of the Negro Department, assures me that the newspaper account is authentic. We quote a portion of it herewith:

"Records at the hospital reveal that Homer Moore, twenty years of age, was injured in a fall while working on a government barge near Helena last fall. From Sept. 7 to April 8 he lay prostrate on a bed—first in Helena and then here. Many physicians, both government doctors and physicians in private practise, examined him. Tests for spin-

al paralysis were made. Brain specialists were called in. Nothing could be done for him.

"He was helpless. Nurses would turn back the cover, lift the paralyzed arm to take his pulse. Every drop of water was given him through a tube. Every particle of food—soft foods like mush—was given to him in a spoon by a nurse or convalescent patient. The muscles in his throat were affected. His voice was almost gone and it was necessary to watch his moving lips to understand his wants, nurses said. At the last, because it seemed useless, no medicines were given him—only nourishment to keep Homer alive.

"Nurses passing the cot would see his lips moving. Homer was praying . . . sometimes he was singing, if you could call the faint whisper that . . . singing 'No, Not One,' his favorite hymn.

"'Friday morning' the nurse said 'Homer refused to eat. I tried to persuade him to take a little chocolate malted milk but he wouldn't take it. He refused food again in the afternoon and on Saturday morning. It was apparent he was fasting and praying and so we let him alone.'

"Sunday afternoon his cot was moved out on the porch where other patients were taking sun baths. The worn, wasted patient lay sleeping in the sunshine in a long, white operating gown—the only type garment he had worn during the months of helplessness. Suddenly those on the porch—a physician, a nurse and a number of patients—were astonished to see Homer rise up in bed, place his bare feet on the floor and begin walking.

The negro youth in his trailing white robes was like an apparition. Those of his race watching in unbelieving astonishment could have been little more astounded if a ghostly form had appeared in their midst.

"'Got up,' Homer chanted, interrupting the nurse's recital. 'Got up. Walked straight. The Lord gave me power.' He walked the length of the porch. Then he asked for his shoes and kept walking, all over the place. He has been walking since."—*South Western Union Record*.

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It is good economy to try to keep well. Someone has said that "the amount spent for sickness is about equal to the amount spent for education."

"No lot is so hard, no aspect of things so grim, but it relaxes before a hearty laugh."—*Geo. S. Merriam*.

Home Missionary Department

WORK FOR EACH ONE

Surely the hour is getting late. *How many are called to service in the work of God?*

"Every soul whom Christ has rescued is called to work in His name for the saving of the lost."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 191.

"Each has his place in the eternal plan of heaven. Each is to work in co-operation with Christ for the salvation of souls. Not more surely is the place prepared for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God."—*Id.*, pp. 326, 327.

What are we told about the idler and the slothful Christian?

"There will be no idler, no slothful one, found inside the kingdom of heaven."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VI, p. 434.

What is the greatest help that can be given our people?

"To every one who becomes a partaker of His grace, the Lord appoints a work for others. . . . Many would be willing to work if they were taught how to begin. They need to be instructed and encouraged.

"Every church should be a training school for Christian workers. Its members should be taught how to give Bible readings, . . . how best to help the poor and to care for the sick, how to work for the unconverted."—*Ministry of Healing*, pp. 148, 149.

What message should ring in all our churches?

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

What should be done without delay?

"There should be no delay in this well planned effort to educate the church members."—*Vol. IX*, p. 119.

How will we finish the work we have failed to do in time of peace?

"The work which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity, she will have to do in a terrible crisis, under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances."—*Vol. V*, p. 463.

What did the servant of the Lord see taking place in the closing work?

"In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great re-

formatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great day of Pentecost. Hundreds and thousands were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifested. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence."—*Vol. IX, p. 126.*

When will these scenes occur?

"The great outpouring of the Spirit of God which lightens the whole earth with His glory will not come until we have an enlightened people that know by experience what it means to be laborers together with God. When we have entire, whole-hearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of His Spirit without measure, but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not laborers together with God."—*Christian Service, p. 253.*

What has our Heavenly Father done for us?

"Our work has been marked out for us by our Heavenly Father. We are to take our Bibles and go forth to warn the world. We are to be God's helping hands in saving souls—channels through which His love is day by day to flow to the perishing."—*Vol. IX, p. 150.*

Whose duty is it to organize these classes in Bible readings, literature distribution, welfare and Dorcas work, and home hygiene?

"Those who have the spiritual oversight of the church should devise ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to every member of the church to act some part in God's work."—*Vol. IX, p. 116.*

"That which is needed now for the uplifting of our churches is the nice work of wise laborers to discern and develop talent in the church—talent that can be educated for the Master's use.



"A man may be wrecked as is a ship. Conscience is an anchor. Terrible it is, but true, that, like the anchor, conscience may be carried away."—*Victor Hugo.*

"I will place no value on anything I have or may possess, except in its relation to the kingdom of Jesus Christ."—*Livingstone.*

Missionary Volunteer Department

TEMPTATION

A story is told of a man who once asked an Eastern king if he could tell him how to avoid temptation.

The king told the man to take a vessel brimful of oil and carry it through the streets of the city without spilling one drop, says an exchange.

"If one drop is spilt," said the king, "your head shall be cut off." And he ordered two executioners, with drawn swords, to walk behind the man, and carry out his orders.

There happened to be a fair going on in the town, and the streets were crowded with people. However, the man was very careful and he returned to the king without having spilt one drop of oil. Then the king asked:

"Did you see any one whilst you were walking through the streets?"

"No," said the man, "I was thinking only of the oil; I noticed nothing else."

"Then," said the king, "you notice how to avoid temptation. Fix your mind firmly on God as you fixed it on the vessel of oil. You will not then be tempted to sin."—*Selected.*



DIVISION COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUED

M. V. Society in Training Schools

"WHEREAS, Our M. V. organization has been called into existence for the purpose of helping to save and to train our youth for the Master's service, and,

"WHEREAS, The attitude assumed by the young people toward the various lines of missionary endeavor while pursuing their course in the training school will determine the mold they will put on the work wherever they labor after leaving the school,

"We recommend, That in all our training schools we conduct strong M. V. societies to direct the students in their missionary endeavors, to stimulate them along lines of self-improvement, even while in school, and to keep ever before them the great purpose for which they are being trained—that of winning souls while in school, as well as after entering upon their life's work."

Denominational Endeavor Course

"WHEREAS, Our future workers will be recruited largely from the young people trained in our schools, and

"WHEREAS, Their efficiency in promoting the various lines of denominational endeavor will depend to a great extent upon the training and experience they have received while in school,

"We recommend, That, wherever possible, a credit course in denominational endeavor be offered in each of our training schools, and that all ministerial students, prospective Bible workers, and church school teachers, be required to take the course as a pre-requisite for graduation;

"2. That material for this course be provided in outline form by a committee composed of the

secretaries of the various departments, in the division and union conferences or missions;

"3. That in schools where it is impossible to offer a credit course in denominational endeavor, arrangements be made to hold a convention near the beginning of each school year, at which time the plans, the purposes and organization of the various departments may be fully explained to the students;

"4. That these conventions be held under the direction of the departmental secretaries of the division, union and local organizations, assisted, where possible, by the union director and the directors of the local fields in the territory where the school is located;

"5. That wherever possible, local pastors and workers be invited to attend these conventions in order that the students may receive the benefit of a discussion of problems fresh from the field."

Publishing Department

THE LITERATURE MINISTRY BRINGS RESULTS

Esther Pierce

Elder C. B. Sutton of British Honduras told some very interesting experiences of colporteurs in his field. The following two experiences show that souls are the result of the sale of our literature. There are many islands along the coast of Spanish and British Honduras and it is on one of these that the first experience occurred.

A colporteur went up to one of these islands a few years ago and sold some books. There are 800 people living there. One man after reading the literature, wrote to the Pacific Press for more literature. The same colporteur who sold the books was sent up there, together with a young man who had been teaching in Belize, to hold a series of meetings. A group of believers was raised up as a result.

Another colporteur who attended the colporteur institute in Belize was sent up to the northern border of Honduras and sold a few books in a village of Catholics. One of our sisters hearing of the interest in this place, went up there, spending some time with these people and instructing them in the things of God. We found that she had given them thorough instruction. Brother Sutton was asked to come up and see them. He was surprised to see the number of interested ones.

The priest from another village was already there. He had told them that if any died among those who were interested in the truth there would be no one to conduct their funeral. While Elder Sutton was there the sick baby of one of those interested died. It seemed provi-

dential that this happened while he was there, for it proved that the priest was mistaken, there was someone to take charge of the funeral. Today that whole family is rejoicing in the truth.

After the funeral the people were called together for a Bible study on baptism, and at the close thirty-two signified their desire to be baptized. Surely the Lord has set His hand to do a quick work in the earth. There were seventeen women and fifteen men.

Along with the crowd which assembled at the baptism was the priest with his pencil in his hand, taking down the names of the people who were baptized. It really meant something to these dear people to take this step. They were all living on leased land and this land was owned by Catholics. Yet all seemed glad to take their stand for the truth. They found that this truth was worth more than houses and lands. A little later fifteen more were baptized, and still later five more. Several are waiting for baptism.

A nice church of adobe with a thatched roof and whitewashed walls was put up by the members themselves. This little building now houses a happy and growing company all because one faithful colporteur did his part.

Sabbath School Department

READY! BOOK III "BIBLE STORIES FOR THE CRADLE ROLL"

By *Rosamond D. Ginther*

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HOLDING UP THE TORCH ALONE

A. Orville Dunn

In the French Islands the schools are in session on the Sabbath, so Brother Chovino, a young school teacher, and his wife found themselves in a real difficulty; but they courageously took their stand for the Lord and said, "We can not transgress the Lord's holy Sabbath day, come what may."

Brother Chovino asked the school director for Sabbath free from duty, but the only answer was a mocking laugh. He was told to forget such things and stay by the teaching profession. He was offered promotion if only he would give up his convictions. Things drifted along until the Sabbath before the opening of the present school term. That morning the administrator sent for him. Before presenting himself at the office, Brother Chovino stopped at the home of our colporteur in Pointe-a-Pitre and the two young men knelt in prayer, asking that God might give wisdom to meet the issue.

Brother Chovino went to the office and was told, "Well, Mr. Chovino you are assigned to the six-grade school at Prise-d'Eau, and you will be the principal." He asked the Lord to give him wisdom and then replied, "With the Sabbath free, of course." The official became angry and mocked him, telling him that he was crazy, that such a thing could not be granted. Our young brother said, "I can not say as to that, but I know that I can not transgress the Sabbath of the Lord, so I ask you to accept my resignation." The official looked at him astonished and said, "Well, we shall transfer you to St. Martin and there you can be free on your Sabbath."

Last November, while in St. Martin, I had the privilege of kneeling on the

shore of the mighty Atlantic with Brother and Sister Chovino as they consecrated their lives to the service of the Master. I then led them into the water for our first Seventh-day Adventist baptism, I believe, on the island. It was a beautiful morning and they were happy to take their stand fully with God's people. In the afternoon we celebrated the ordinances together. I left them up there alone but they are of good courage and rejoicing in the blessed hope.

Just before leaving Guadeloupe I had the privilege of baptizing Brother and Sister Petremont in a beautiful mountain stream near Basse Terre, the capital of Guadeloupe. They are our first believers there and are both young people. Already they have two friends interested in the truth. Sister Petremont and Sister Chovino are cousins. It is a real inspiration to me as I think of these isolated couples bravely taking their stand for the Master and seeking to win others to Him.

Here in Fort-de-France we have a fine group of Missionary Volunteers who have been working hard in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. The total amount raised by the church is a bit more than three thousand francs and our M. V. members have brought in two thousand francs. Last Sabbath I had the pleasure of distributing four of the Jubilee buttons to those who had raised ten dollars or more in the campaign. Three of them went to our Missionary Volunteers.

We are thankful to see such strong young men and women coming into the truth. More than half of those baptized this year are young people and they are working hard to win others. We have a fine group of young people preparing for baptism here in Fort-de-France.

Our young people are happy to send greetings to the other Missionary Volunteers and ask your prayers in behalf of the work in the French islands.



GIVING

"One gift well given is as good as a thousand; a thousand gifts ill given are hardly better than none." —*Dean Stanley*

"To give and to lose is nothing, but to lose and to give still is the part of a great mind." —*Seneca*

"The spirit of liberality is the spirit of heaven." —*Mrs. E. G. White.*

THE 1844 CHART

Many years ago a stranger handed Elder Babcock a copy of the old 1844 chart here in Georgetown, telling him that the chart came from the Mt. Roraima country. It has been a mystery to us how that chart ever got to that Indian field.

Brother Carscallen now reports that an old Indian chief up on the Venezuelan border says that when he was a little boy a teacher came to their country and taught them about the Sabbath and the second coming of Christ. This old chief says that the teacher of long ago did the same work and taught the same things that our missionaries are now teaching.

Our workers judged from the age of the chief that all this must have occurred some sixty years ago. It seems most likely that this teacher took the 1844 chart with him when he went to this interior field. This makes us wonder how far afield the 1844 movement went.—*Field Gleanings.*

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A GROWING CHURCH

C. B. Sutton

The Lord has worked wonderfully for the dear people of Pembroke Hall, British Honduras. A colporteur sold a few books in that village and the people became interested in the truth. Sister Gill, who was living nine miles away, learned of their interest, and went over to the village to give them Bible studies.

The whole village became interested and began to attend the studies, and, as a result of her faithful work, thirty-two responded when the call was made, for those who wished to follow their Lord through the watery grave. Since then twenty more have taken this step, and a large class is now waiting for some one to come to baptize them.

The fifty-two members of that church have all come out of the Catholic church. It was a high day in the village when the first baptismal service took place. The priest was present. He wrote down in his note book the names of all who were baptized. These members have put up a nice little church 30x18, close to the Catholic church. It is reported that since the baptismal service the Catholic Church has not been opened.

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IN THE NETHERLANDS WEST INDIES

L. Astleford

A number of years ago a young man by the name of Joseph Lancry was traveling on a steamship between New York and South America. This young man noticed a missionary lady on the ship, and she was carrying a very beautiful Bible. He had never seen a Bible in his life, and so as soon as she laid it down and her back was turned, he stole it. Soon he became very interested in it. He was working on the ship, and so placed this Bible away among his belongings intending afterwards to read it. But before he had read very much of the Bible someone stole it from him. However, before he lost the Bible he had become interested in God's Holy Book.

Arriving in Curacao he searched around and with difficulty secured a copy of the Scriptures, which he eagerly read. There he learned the truth about the seventh-day Sabbath, and not knowing that there was another Seventh-day Adventist in the world, he commenced to keep the seventh day. He began to cast about to see if there were others who were following the Bible. He visited the Protestant church for two consecutive Sundays, but was very little interested in what he heard, and resolved never to go back again. And for one month he kept the Sabbath alone. Then some of his former friends commenced to make fun of him. And in their derision suggested that he must belong to the people living in Mundo Nobo, Curacao, who keep the Sabbath.

He made further inquiry, and learned that there was a Seventh-day Adventist church in Curacao. He was so glad to hear this that he got drunk. He then came and visited the church. It so happened that the sermon that morning was on temperance, and as he went away from the church he resolved never again to touch intoxicating liquors. That was about three years ago. And he has never tasted liquor since. He continued to visit the church and has given up his tobacco and other bad habits. Shortly after this he was baptized and has been

a faithful member of our church ever since.

Recently he was offered a job of the equivalent of \$68.00 a month on condition that he would quit the Seventh-day Adventist church and come back to the Catholic church, to which he replied that 1900 years ago there was a man called Judas who betrayed Jesus Christ for thirty pieces of silver, and that he does not care to be the Curacao Judas Iscariot. He now believes that the woman whose Bible he stole was a Seventh-day Adventist missionary.

MEXICAN UNION MISSION

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PERSECUTED FOR THE TRUTH

C. E. Wood

For more than two years we have received a call to send a worker to visit a group of people living out in the mountains. This place is about four days ride from the nearest railway station. Finally the call was answered and one of our workers went to visit them.

He started all alone on this trip of four days on foot and horseback to reach this place. He found a small company keeping the Sabbath and he had the opportunity of instructing them further in the truth as he remained with them eight days. The people accepted all his instruction and left their work absolutely during these eight days, remaining with him all day long listening to his teaching. They had four meetings each day, the last one continuing late into the night.

Opposition arose and on Thursday the people went to the Presidente Municipal and asked permission to kill our brother, but the President refused this permission saying that he was doing nothing out of the way and to leave him alone.

Everything continued in peace until Sunday night. A meeting was held that evening and after it had closed they went back to the small hut to partake of some food. While they were eating, the dogs made an uproar outside the hut. Soon the wife came in and told her husband that there was a mob outside armed with *machetes* and guns and that they wanted to talk to him. After he left, the wife told our worker that a mob had arrived to kill him. The man

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"GOD'S COVENANT WITH ME"

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And,

"I Will Rebuke the Devourer

for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts." Mal. 3:10, 11.

PROVING THE LORD

W. R. Elliott

Some years ago I knew a family who were very poor, and entirely dependent on the husband's labor for a living. For sometime he had been out of work, and was seeking employment. He finally secured work some distance from home and went away to be gone for some time. He was able to leave only a very little money with his wife for the support of herself and the children. On this they must live until he drew his pay for the month's labor before he could send anything.

The time passed quickly and before he could send them any money to buy food, their little supply had given out, and a morning came when there was no food in the house for breakfast.

The mother was perplexed, for her children were hungry and asking her for food, and she had no money to buy with except one dollar and it was the Lord's tithe. Must she take it and buy bread for her children? There seemed no other way out for her, and yet she felt that it would be wrong to spend the tithe in that way, and scarcely knew what to do. She took the dollar out of the trunk, called her children about her and told them it was tithe, and they ought not to use it, not even to buy food, and then she and her little ones knelt down and told the Lord all about their distress and hunger and asked Him to help them in their trouble. While on her knees she told the Lord she would not spend the dollar of tithe, and asked Him to help her. She arose from prayer, went to the trunk and placed the money in the bottom of it and relocked the trunk.

In a few minutes some little thing called her to go out of the yard and down an old unused path a little way,

and there in the path lay a bright silver dollar before her. She picked it up, gave thanks to God for so quickly, and in such an unusual way, giving her the answer to her prayer, and then went to a store some distance away and purchased food for herself and children. It lasted until the husband was able to send them money on which to live.

I heard her relate this story of God's loving care one day in a testimony meeting at the church, and no one could convince her that God did not give her a direct answer to her prayer that day as she and her little ones knelt before Him and told Him of their hunger, and asked Him for help.

In the text in Malachi the Lord says "Prove Me . . . if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing." This poor woman did it, and the Lord did not disappoint her but supplied her need.

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A TITHE COVENANT

At the beginning of 1934 our believers throughout the North American Division were invited to sign a Tithe Covenant Card. On one side of the card was "God's Covenant with me" and on the other side, "My Covenant with God."

So great were the blessings derived from this both to the church and to the believer that the brethren assembled in Autumn Council recommended that the plan be repeated during 1935.

Read carefully "God's Covenant with Me" and then "My Covenant with God." When your heart is fully in tune with this beautiful covenant sign your name on the blank. If desired these can be clipped from the paper and fastened together back to back and kept in your Bible for reference during the year.

THE SACRED TITHE

C. E. Moon

We arrived late at the Gonzalez home and were received by this sister and her sixteen year old daughter, Adela.

We had heard already the sad story of this widowed sister. Her faithful Christian husband had been laid away to meet the Life Giver some twelve years before, and mother and daughter had been true to the message although in all these years no worker had visited them.

We had some very interesting public services in the town hall where it seemed that almost everyone came out to hear the Word of God.

We found the home of this sister of the very humblest type, and as they placed before us their best, it was of the very simplest country fare of beans and tortillas. It was apparent that the few cents earned by the sale of ginger cakes which Adela baked in an adobe oven were scarcely enough to provide sufficient food. A few boxes and worn native chairs were about the extent of the furniture.

What impressed me most was the simple, fervent Christian atmosphere that seemed to brighten the home. Before I left, the mother took me over to a corner of the room and opened up a dust-covered, old-style native trunk and drew from its musty interior a well-aged bag of old coin. She counted out twenty-nine pesos of the old large kind that were used in early days and then said in subdued but impressive tones as she thought on these words so long ago spoken by her husband, "My husband called me to his side as he passed away and told me as he gave me these pesos. 'These are the Lord's tithe, they are sacred. Keep them until someone comes from the mission.'"

I thought to myself, how many times the pinch of dire need perhaps has visited this home, but always these words. "These are the Lord's tithe, they are sacred," had kept them from using the Lord's money.

May God help us to realize that the tithe is the Lord's, that it is sacred unto Him. May we be as faithful in returning to Him His own as this consecrated Mexican sister.

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GOD IS FAITHFUL

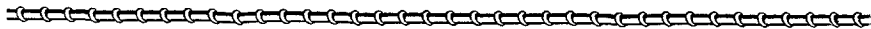
Henry E. Baasch

The following lines contain the experiences of a faithful sister, such as she relates it in a personal letter. This sister is mother of a large family. The family has tasted the pangs of poverty; they are poor in this world's goods but possess that treasure which is hidden with Christ and of which nobody can rob them. She writes as follows:

"We received from my father the sum of \$200.00 and paid them out for urgent necessities without remembering, at the time, that part of that sum was the Lord's. After we began to meditate upon it, we counseled with Pastor Trummer in Málaga, who informed us that we were, indeed, debtors of this tithe, because we were both already converted when we received the money. Moreover, the debt increased by and by to \$40.00 and we had, at that time, nothing with which to pay it. In those days we were again refreshed by Pastor Trummer and also by Sister Noema; we then made a promise to the Lord. It was the following: that of all the help that we would receive from my father's house, we would pay the half toward that just debt.

"After this, we promised ourselves to make savings and I also offered to give all the earnings from my sewing, and, finally, I also promised to dedicate part of all my other earnings. Today we have practically paid our debt. There remain only \$7.00 but they are already earned and I shall soon be able to pass them on, because I feel sure that the Lord will permit that these be paid me without delay so that I may remit them."

"The reason why we wish that other brethren know about this experience is that they may recognize how the Lord is blessing his sons in proportion to their fidelity. Today we have everything we need, being prospered in our work without suffering losses as before. To us God has fulfilled His promise, and today we are enjoying the blessings of the Lord mentioned in Mal. 3:10-12. So, then, we bless the hour in which, through the goodness of God, we received the Message of Truth with the complete light of the holy gospel."



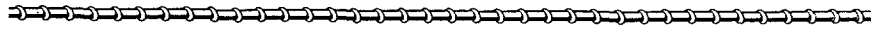
"MY COVENANT WITH GOD"

"Having accepted Christ as my personal Saviour from sin, I gladly consecrate myself and all that I have to the work of bringing the blessings of salvation to others. I acknowledge God as the owner of all things, and that it is a Christian duty and privilege to render to Him the tenth of my income; that 'it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful'; therefore,

"I do hereby solemnly covenant with God that I will render to Him an honest tithe, paying it to the church treasurer, and that I will do my best as God shall prosper me in making liberal offerings for the support of our world-wide mission work."

Name

Date Church



THE BLESSING OF PAYING TITHE

L. V. Finster

"Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts." Mal. 3:10-12.

The blessing in store for those who pay tithe is, therefore, not only spiritual, but also temporal. God promises that destructive pests shall be rebuked from destroying our fields. If so, brethren, how can we afford not to pay tithe, even from a temporal standpoint. When a man does not pay his tithe, he forfeits all claims to God's promised blessings in a spiritual way and in addition there rests upon him the curse of God.

The command to bring "all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house," is written in the imperative mood. It is a command from the Lord, the Owner of the universe, to His servants here on earth. We are to bring all the tithe into the "storehouse," or treasury, "that there may be meat" or sustenance, "in Mine house," or "the church of the living God," (1 Tim. 3:15). If all members of the church would obey the above command, there would be an abundance of money to carry forward the work of God.

"If all, both rich and poor, would bring their tithe into the storehouse, there would be sufficient supply of

means to relieve the cause from financial embarrassment, and to nobly carry forward the missionary work in its various departments."—Mrs. E. G. White.

How God Pays His Ministers

As Creator and Upholder of the earth, God can rightfully say, "The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine." Haggai 2:8. "For every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. . . . For the world is Mine, and the fulness thereof." Ps. 50:10, 12. We are His stewards, and not owners. He has reserved one-tenth of all the increase of the earth for Himself. "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord." Lev. 27:30. From this tenth that is holy, the Lord pays His ministers. "And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation." Num. 18:21. One tenth of our income is holy unto the Lord, as well as one seventh of our time.

God has placed His means in our hands for faithful distribution. He asks us to render unto Him His own, before we use any part for ourselves. "Before any part of our earnings is consumed, we should take out and present to Him that portion which He claims." "When that which God claims is rendered to Him, the remainder will be sanctified and blessed to our own use. But when a man robs God by withholding that which He requires, His curse rests upon the whole."—Mrs. E. G. White.

"Let none feel at liberty to retain their tithe, to use according to their own judgment. They are not to use it for themselves in an emergency, nor to ap-

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GENEFICENCE IN ORDER THAT

CREATOR."—Vol IX, p. 225.



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of the house pleaded with the mob for some time but they finally became impatient and would listen no longer. They broke in the back wall and thrust their *machetes* through the wall in an endeavor to find our brother. He then decided that it was time to flee for his life so started out across the field. After going a short distance he tripped over the uneven ground and fell. The mob caught him and taking him by the arms they walked some distance. They then asked him what his business was and he told them selling books. They asked to see his authority and he produced his identification card. It so happened that the folder containing his card also contained all his money. The men told him they were conscientious men and to prove it they would now let him go. He told them that he could not go without any money and asked for at least half of what he had in the folder. Without any hindrance from the men, he reached in and took out 20.00 pesos in bills. He then asked that they show him the road. The leader directed the other men to wait and he conducted our brother to the highway. He spent a part of the night in a cornfield but a dog found him and made such a disturbance that he decided to move on, and finished the night in a dry river bed. At daylight he started the long trip back home. He lost his way several times and had very little to eat for the few coins soon were spent and no one would accept the bills in that out of the way place.

After a few days he reached home, thankful that this life had been spared although he had lost all his books and personal belongings on this eventful trip.

THE INDIANS WAITING**C. E. Moon**

A brother heard of an interest further in the mountains some three or four leagues. He determined to visit these interested people. He found these Aztec Indian believers keeping Sabbath and they said that some eight years ago a man came through and sold them a book "Patriarchs and Prophets." "We could not read it very well, but one of our boys came home and he read it to us. It told of God's Holy rest day and so we all determined to keep it."

There they were, some sixteen Aztec Indians, keeping the Sabbath and wait-

ing for God's messenger to teach them more of the truth. What rejoicing at the arrival of our brother to tell them the whole story, and of the soon coming of Jesus!

We are finding many such experiences that tell us very clearly that God is sending His Spirit before us to touch these simple hearts and prepare them for His coming.

How many are still waiting, longing, praying toward Heaven with tear dimmed eyes awaiting the long-delayed messenger? May we hasten His return by our faithfulness in returning to the Lord His own.



"Those who decide to do nothing in any line that will displease God, will know, after presenting their cases before Him, just what course to pursue. And they will receive not only wisdom but strength."—*D. A. p. 668.*

Constantly He went about doing good. In the temple and the synagogues, in the streets of the cities, in the marketplace and the workshop, by the seaside and among the hills, He preached the gospel and healed the sick. *His life was one of unselfish service*, and it is to be our lesson book. His tender, pitying love rebukes our selfishness and heartlessness."—*"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 31.*

WITH OUR MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

THE REWARD OF FAITHFULNESS

All have heard of Colgate's soap; many all over the world use it. This article is not to advertise it, but to tell the story of the blessing of tithing in the life of the manufacturer William Colgate.

"Many years ago a lad of sixteen years left home to seek his fortune. All his worldly possessions were tied up in a bundle, which he carried in his hands. As he trudged along, he met an old neighbor, the captain of a canal boat, and the following conversation took place, which changed the current of the boy's life:

"Well, William, where are you going?"

"I don't know," he answered, "Father is too poor to keep me any longer, and says I must make a living for myself."

"There's no trouble about that," said the captain. "Be sure you start right, and you'll get along finely."

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LOYAL BELIEVERS**A. R. Ogden**

The final reports for the year 1934 show that our 11,000 baptized believers in the Antillian Union have turned into the Lord's treasury the sum of \$49,240.33 tithe, which is a gain for the year of \$11,142.38 over 1933. Considering the economical condition and other unusual events that have taken place in our field, we feel that this increase of more than \$11,000 speaks more eloquently than words of the loyalty and devotion of our people in returning to the Lord the portion which He claims as His own—the tithe. Surely the Lord is fulfilling His promise, "I will open the windows of heaven," to those who are faithful in returning to Him His own in the sacred tithe.

The Lord ordained two holy institutions—the Sabbath, requiring one-seventh of man's time for spiritual rest and devotion; and the other, one-tenth of his income as acknowledging that "the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof."

"William told his friend that the only trade he knew anything about was soap and candle making, at which he had helped his father while at home.

"Well," said the old man, "let me pray with you once more, and give you a little advice, and then I will let you go."

"They both kneeled down upon the towpath (the path along which the horses which drew the canal boat walked); the dear old man prayed earnestly for William and then gave this advice: 'Some one will be the leading soap maker in New York. It may be you as well as anybody else, I hope it may be. Be a good man; give your heart to Christ; give the Lord all that belongs to Him of every dollar you earn; make an honest soap, give a full pound, and I am certain you will yet be a prosperous and rich man.'

"When the boy arrived in the city, he found it hard to get work. Lonesome and far away from home, he remem-

bered his mother's last words and the last words of the canal boat captain. He was then led to 'seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,' and united with the church. He remembered his promise to the old captain, and the first dollar he earned brought up the question of the Lord's part. In the Bible he found that the Jews were commanded to give one tenth; so he said, 'If the Lord will take one tenth, I will give that.' And so he did, and ten cents of every dollar were sacred to the Lord.

"Having regular employment, he soon became a partner; and after a few years his partner died, and William became sole owner of the business.

"He now resolved to keep his promise to the old captain. He made an honest soap, gave a full pound, and instructed his bookkeeper to open an account with the Lord, and carry one tenth of all his income to that account. He prospered; his business grew; his family was blessed; his soap sold and he grew rich faster than he had ever hoped. He then gave two tenths, then four tenths, then five tenths.

"He educated his family, settled his plans for life, and gave all his income to the Lord. He prospered more than ever."—*Selected.*

TWO KINDS OF HOBBIES

Two kinds of hobbies I have had in my life—the profitable and the unprofitable kind. The hobby that I now consider unprofitable to me was the playing of football while in high school. I made the team in my freshman year and played for four years. True, I learned many lessons which will be of benefit to me, such as to play fair, to be a good loser, discipline, and so on; but while learning these things I was forced to neglect the work that was set aside for me at home. Another thing that I can appreciate now was the risk I ran in being disabled for life. I was very fortunate in this respect, however, as I was only injured once, and that in the last game that I played.

Now for a minute to consider the hobby that I think is very profitable to me:

In 1929 I joined the 4-H Club of Davidson County. I chose registered Jerseys as my project and bought three heifer calves. During the years I have won many ribbons, seven trips to different cities and over \$1,000 in cash prizes.

My herd has increased so that I now have thirteen cows and ten heifers. I have my own milk route which I cover before coming to school and which is paying for my education; so you see why I consider this a very profitable hobby.

Besides these things which I have earned, I have also had practical experience in this line and have learned to take responsibility early, which I know will help me in dealing with other problems I shall meet in life.—*Adapted from article by Lyman Davis, in Madison Survey.*

Christian Home Circle

LETTERS

Martha Snell Nicholson

The one I love went way out West
To make a home for me, as best
He could. And he would write to me
From far away so tenderly,
It seemed he bared his very heart,
And we were not so far apart!
I'd read his letters o'er and o'er.
He'd tell me what to do before
I came to him, and what to bring,
And how to find the way. I'd sing
All day, and dream about that home,
And how he'd greet me when I'd come.

What would he think of me
If, when I saw him, I should say,
"I was so busy every day
I never read your words to me,
The words you wrote so tenderly!"

The Lord I love went on ahead
To make a home for me. He said
He would come back again. And He,
O gracious love, He wrote to me!
He knew I was so weak and blind
And foolish that I could not find
The road alone. He told me things
That all earth's wise men and its kings
Have never guessed, yet I foreknow
If I but read His Word. And, oh,
Such depths of love on every sheet!
My soul is trembling at His feet.

What would He think of me
If, when I saw Him, I should say,
"I was too busy every day
To read what Thou didst write to me;
I really hadn't time for Thee!"

HONEYSUCKLE

It was in winter-time that I saw it first—a scraggy, spindly affair that I scarcely noticed as I busily exclaimed over the ingenious idea of having a glass covering between the back door and the back gate.

When I saw it again it was early summer, and the garden was a riot of flowers and the herbaceous borders were things to dream of. Presently my friend led me round to the back of the house.

"Shut your eyes and smell!" she demanded.

I obeyed her and drew in a draught of the sweetest perfume I know. It spanned the years like a bridge to the very first home I could remember.

"Honeysuckle!" I cried, "where is it?"

I opened my eyes and glanced about, and then I saw it. A mass of cascading beauty hanging down under the glass roof; great trails of it peering inquisitively in at the kitchen door. And I realized that the scraggy, twisted little mass of twigs and stems that I had scarcely noticed on my previous visit had evolved into this thing of fragrant loveliness.

"But why did you plant it round at the back?" I objected. "It's so sweet that it deserves to adorn the front door, where all the passers-by can see and enjoy it, too.

"Ah," said my hostess with a smile, "and what about us. You see, we use the back door much more than the front, so that we have the benefit of the honeysuckle—we simply keep the door open all day and the home is scented with it. We have plenty of flowers in the front garden, and why should people keep all their best flowers in the front anyway?"

I was rather non-plussed. Of course, there was no reason why they should, except that they usually do.

But it was not till later on, when the train was bearing me back to the dusty city that it suddenly dawned upon me what a lesson that honeysuckle taught!

So many of us put all our choicest flowers in the front garden of our lives for the world to admire, and anything that is left over is good enough for the back—all the flowers that don't grow well and that we don't care about are bundled in there out of the way, comforting ourselves with the thought that nobody will see them, so it doesn't matter.

The influence of our homes should have the invigorating element of that glass-covered porch which concentrated the rays of the sun onto the honeysuckle and made it such a joy to behold.

Is that what our home does for us, or is it just a place where we put our

STATISTICAL REPORT

NAME OF CONFERENCE OR MISSION	Number of Churches	3	Members added during quarter				Members dropped during quarter				10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
			2	4	5	6	7	8	9											
		Membership at Beginning of Quarter	By Baptism	By Prof. of Faith	By Letter	By Death	By Apostasy	By Letter	Missing	Entire Church Membership at Close of Quarter	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Licensed Missionaries	Book and Periodical Canvassers	Total Laborers	Total Tithe Receipts	Tithe Per Capita	Total Offerings to Foreign Missions (except as reported under 20)		
1 Antillian Union	3	1	5	..	9	
2 Bahamas Mission	12	421	20	..	..	1	1	..	..	439	2	..	3	1	6	829.92	2.06	27.82
3 Cayman Isls. Miss.	3	89	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	95	1	..	1	2	2	111.64	1.47	75.98
4 Cuba Mission	32	1,447	187	..	11	7	15	27	..	1,596	7	4	11	12	34	3,107.47	3.10	336.53		
5 Haiti Mission	55	2,327	334	..	..	..	..	..	14	2,647	8	3	15	6	32	1,684.61	.88	456.27
6 Jamaica Conference	88	5,019	291	6	18	13	48	26	439	4,808	11	5	24	16	56	5,480.15	1.23	2,950.60		
7 Puerto Rico Miss.	14	642	34	2	3	3	5	2	..	671	5	5	6	11	27	1,724.25	3.15	214.42		
8 Santo Domingo Miss.	10	699	48	..	1	3	3	..	..	742	3	2	8	6	19	1,018.43	1.64	30.56
Union Totals	214	10,644	920	8	33	27	72	55	453	10,998	40	20	73	52	185	13,956.47	1.55	4,092.18		
9 Caribbean Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	10	..	14	..	..	..
10 French W. I. Miss.	5	124	21	..	2	..	..	..	..	145	..	1	3	3	7	456.71	5.44	326.26
11 Guiana Conference	23	1,234	64	..	1	23	22	..	..	1,254	4	1	10	10	25	1,152.65	1.11	449.53
12 Leeward Isls. Conf.	30	1,960	143	..	7	10	13	7	..	2,080	5	2	5	5	17	1,997.21	1.23	206.66		
13 South Carib. Conf.	55	3,357	133	4	24	8	36	26	7	3,441	8	..	9	11	33	3,324.00	1.24	404.07		
Union Totals	111	6,675	361	4	34	41	73	33	7	6,920	18	7	37	29	96	6,930.57	1.28	1,386.52		
14 Central American U. Br. Honduras Miss.	17	775	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	787	1	2	10	..	13	..	..	..
15 Br. Honduras Miss.	17	775	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	787	1	2	10	..	13	..	..	..
16 Costa Rica Miss.	7	322	10	..	5	..	3	4	4	326	..	1	2	..	3	724.05	3.11	682.19		
17 Guatemala Mission	4	274	9	..	3	3	..	2	..	281	1	1	2	6	11	297.00	1.39	450.75		
18 Honduras Mission	3	44	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	42	1	..	2	1	4	191.71	4.68	418.47
19 Nicaragua Mission	5	223	10	..	..	..	1	2	..	230	2	..	2	6	6	283.76	1.98	121.29
20 Panama Conference	30	1,462	31	4	17	5	28	27	..	1,454	2	1	3	1	7	2,511.97	1.78	1,103.55		
21 Salvador Mission	6	305	2	..	..	2	..	..	3	302	1	2	2	3	8	364.26	1.33	498.67
Union Totals	72	3,405	74	4	25	10	32	37	7	3,422	9	9	25	14	58	5,569.76	1.97	3,860.94		
22 Colombia-Ven. Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	4	..	..	..
23 Atlantic Colombia M.	7	347	..	..	2	2	10	..	..	337	1	..	4	3	9	576.50	2.43	276.14
24 Central Colombia M.	8	208	91	..	..	..	5	..	53	241	1	..	1	3	5	981.72	7.38	221.83
25 Pacific Colombia M.	6	251	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	275	1	..	1	5	1	386.49	3.07	381.28
26 Upper Magdalena M.	3	167	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	172	..	1	2	3	6	232.87	1.60	31.19
27 Curacao Mission	2	60	1	..	3	..	4	..	1	59	1	..	1	..	2	264.34	6.61	1,044.41		
28 Venezuela Mission	9	395	14	..	1	..	..	3	..	407	2	..	8	4	14	691.98	1.90	534.40
Union Totals	35	1,428	135	..	6	2	19	3	54	1,491	7	3	23	14	49	3,133.90	3.00	2,489.25		
29 Mexican Union	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	4	..	8	..	..	..
30 Central Mex. Miss.	13	732	125	..	..	..	..	..	..	857	1	3	6	13	23	1,129.80	2.26	416.76
31 Gulf Mex. Miss.	21	693	25	..	..	3	14	..	..	701	5	..	7	15	27	888.75	1.44	755.92
32 Lake Mission	6	249	12	..	1	..	..	8	..	253	1	4	1	7	13	559.80	2.84	167.90
33 Tehuantepec Miss.	48	1,385	84	..	..	11	..	..	..	1,458	5	3	4	14	26	1,157.50	1.17	737.69
Union Totals	88	3,059	246	..	1	15	14	8	..	3,269	13	13	22	49	97	3,735.85	1.62	2,078.27		
34 Inter-Amer. Div.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	12	..	18	..	..	..
35 Antillian Union	214	10,644	920	8	33	27	72	55	453	10,998	40	20	73	52	185	13,956.47	1.55	4,092.18		
36 Caribbean Union	111	6,675	361	4	34	41	73	33	7	6,920	18	7	37	29	96	6,930.57	1.28	1,386.52		
37 Central Am. Union	72	3,405	74	4	25	10	32	37	7	3,422	9	9	25	14	58	5,569.76	1.97	3,860.94		
38 Col.-Ven. Union	35	1,428	135	..	6	2	19	3	54	1,491	7	3	23	14	49	3,133.90	3.00	2,489.25		
39 Mexican Union	88	3,059	246	..	1	15	14	8	..	3,269	13	13	22	49	97	3,735.85	1.62	2,078.27		
Division Totals	520	25,211	1,736	16	99	95	210	136	521	26,100	91	54	192	158	503	33,326.55	1.62	13,907.16		

manners as well as our feet into carpet slippers? Is it just a house into which we can come in and say as we so frequently do:

"At last! Now we can do as we please!"

It is an almost unbelievable fact that we are often at our worst with those we love most! We are so used to keeping the choicest flowers of our smiles and kindness and civility for the front gardens of our lives and neglect what lies behind the scenes.

So many of us never even start to appreciate our homes until they are far beyond our reach, and then what an aching gap it leaves, and how vividly there comes to our minds all the little things we might have done to make it an even dearer place.

"A garden is a lovesome thing" and

surely the garden of our lives should be the most lovesome garden of all. Don't put all your choicest blooms in the front borders; keep a few of the sweetest for the home folks!

"SHE WILL DO HIM GOOD"

An industrious and virtuous worker's wife has her part in God's cause. Proverbs 31 gives a list of her industries and virtues, and then adds: "A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." "Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." She will never be so taken up with the "cares of this life" that she cannot "pray without ceasing" for him while he battles away with his field problems.

The *Eficiencia* tells about a colpor-

teur's wife in Chile. I quote her statement as reported: "Friday morning, just before leaving the house for his territory, my husband said: 'Pray for me today.' He seemed rather heavy hearted and discouraged. So when he was gone I spent time in prayer, asking the Lord to give him good courage and two orders before dinner.

"When my husband returned for dinner, he was of good courage, and began telling me how the Lord had blessed him with three orders, and that he must shortly leave for an appointment he had made to meet a lady's husband, who could be home only at noon. We prayed together now, thanking God for His blessings and guidance. Then my husband quickly made his noon call, and took another order for the large book."

"The heart of her husband doth safe-

FOURTH QUARTER, 1934

Statement of the Mission Funds of the Inter-American Division For the Year 1934

	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
	Total Sub-bath School Contributions (to Foreign Missions)	Mission Offerings Per Capita	Total Contributions for Home Mission Work	Total Contributions for Local Church Work	No. of Sub-bath Schools	Membership	Goal per Week per Member	Membership 1932	Goal to Date	Amount Raised	Amount Short	Amount Over	Average per Week Per Member
1													
2	234.17	.65		179.70	16	409	.08	403	1,676.48	595.69	1,080.79		.03-
3	51.29	1.67			6	159	.08	76	316.16	244.97	71.19		.06+
4	791.31	1.13		363.12	84	2,947	.12	1,001	6,246.24	4,066.42	2,179.82		.08-
5	696.74	.61	6.29		72	4,849	.08	1,905	7,924.80	3,492.52	4,432.28		.04-
6	1,456.60	.99	129.50	392.70	114	6,542	.08	4,451	18,516.16	10,176.79	8,339.37		.04+
7	474.48	1.25	186.68		31	1,287	.20	550	5,720.00	3,214.62	2,505.38		.11+
8	491.14	.84	2.70	96.64	18	2,361	.20	621	6,458.40	3,258.21	3,200.19		.10+
	4,195.73	.92	325.17	1,032.16	341	18,554	.10+	9,007	46,858.24	25,049.22	21,809.02		.05+
9													
10	101.16	5.09		111.34	11	188	.18	84	786.24	963.76		177.52	.22+
11	391.56	.81	35.00	409.69	32	1,485	.07	1,041	3,789.24	1,931.96	1,857.28		.04-
12	715.41	.57	4.99	228.66	34	2,411	.08	1,622	6,747.52	3,394.61	3,352.91		.04+
13	776.91	.44		516.03	68	3,421	.08	2,683	11,161.28	4,801.89	6,359.39		.05+
	1,985.04	.62	39.99	1,265.72	145	7,505	.08-	5,430	22,484.28	11,092.22	11,392.06		.04-
14													
15	495.60	2.10	17.60	58.83	30	886	.15	515	4,017.00	2,468.78	1,548.22		.09+
16	303.22	4.23	.12	169.06	11	428	.28	233	3,392.48	1,735.00	1,657.48		.14+
17	93.36	2.55	32.64	32.28	16	393	.28	213	3,101.28	1,091.92	2,009.36		.10-
18	77.13	12.09			2	63	.28	41	596.96	718.78		121.82	.34-
19	99.22	1.54	15.85	30.00	12	334	.28	143	2,082.08	561.53	1,520.55		.08-
20	832.66	1.37	2.97	476.27	33	1,480	.15	1,409	10,990.20	4,796.89	6,193.31		.07-
21	92.09	2.16			12	305	.15	274	2,137.20	893.29	1,243.91		.06+
	1,993.10	2.07	69.18	766.44	116	3,889	.18-	2,828	26,317.20	12,266.19	14,051.01		.08+
22													
23	199.20	2.01			24	575	.25	237	3,081.00	1,151.89	1,929.11		.09+
24	284.63	3.81		80.20	9	394	.25	133	1,729.00	959.45	769.55		.14-
25	122.86	4.00	4.26	20.93	14	317	.25	126	1,638.00	1,043.66	594.34		.16-
26	73.37	.72		16.66	11	245	.25	146	1,898.00	405.46	1,492.54		.05+
27	101.67	28.65		49.71	2	88	.25	40	520.00	1,399.46		879.46	.67+
28	231.79	2.10	.86	131.72	13	532	.25	364	4,732.00	1,750.76	2,981.24		.09+
	1,013.52	3.35	5.12	299.22	73	2,151	.25	1,046	13,598.00	6,710.68	6,887.32		.12+
29													
30	343.61	1.52	62.99	134.54	71	1,760	.20	501	5,210.40	1,987.56	3,222.84		.08-
31	342.40	1.78	31.14	27.57	42	1,986	.15	617	4,812.60	1,872.85	2,939.75		.06-
32	80.11	1.26	2.20	11.43	10	243	.15	197	1,536.60	528.18	1,008.42		.05+
33	447.04	1.20		72.36	106	3,075	.12	990	6,177.60	2,859.15	3,318.45		.06-
	1,213.16	1.43	96.33	245.90	229	6,164	.10+	2,305	17,737.20	7,247.74	10,489.46		.06+
34													
35	4,195.73	.92	325.17	1,032.16	341	18,554	.10+	9,007	46,858.24	25,049.22	21,809.02		.05+
36	1,985.04	.62	39.99	1,265.72	145	7,505	.08-	5,430	22,484.28	11,092.22	11,392.06		.04-
37	1,993.10	2.07	69.18	766.44	116	3,889	.18-	2,828	26,317.20	12,266.19	14,051.01		.08+
38	1,013.52	3.35	5.12	299.22	73	2,151	.25	1,046	13,598.00	6,710.68	6,887.32		.12+
39	1,213.16	1.43	96.33	245.90	229	6,164	.10+	2,305	17,737.20	7,247.74	10,489.46		.06+
	10,400.55	1.18	535.79	3,609.44	904	38,263		20,616	126,994.92	62,366.05	64,628.87		.06-

ly trust in her. . . . She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life." Prov. 31:11, 12.

HEALTH HINTS

Old and young should learn how to cook more simply.—"Testimonies," Vol. IX, page 161.

It is wrong to cook merely to please the appetite.—*Id.*, Vol. I, page 681.

All are required to make persevering effort to be in the best possible condition of bodily health.—*Id.*, Vol. I, page 619.

If ever there was a time when the diet should be of the most simple kind, it is now.—*Id.*, Vol. II, page 352.

Vol. II, page 64.

We are composed of what we eat.—*Id.*, Vol. II, page 61.

BURDEN-BEARING IN THE HOME

How unequally the burdens of the home are often distributed. What would make light burdens if properly divided are crushing burdens if bound upon one back. When mother toils early and late—toils and perspires and grows thin and weary—while Mary and Susie live a butterfly life of pleasure and enjoyment, a never-ending merry-go-round of parties and picnics, ice cream and frolics, we say: "Poor mother!"

Then sometimes it is "Poor Father!" He must labor early and late while the boys are off to the ball game and the fishing pool; and alas, as they grow older, to the poolroom. And father's shoulders droop, and he is always weary, but the boys are too busy having a good time to think about father.

Then sometimes it is an elder brother or sister who seems to carry the family burdens, on whom the other children shake off their burdens, on whom the responsibility and care and hard work falls that should be divided equally with the others. "Oh, ma, let Em do it; she doesn't mind," the younger artful dodgers say. "Oh, pa, I want to go fishing; John can finish that work without me," some younger slacker says, instead of hustling and helping the hard-working elder brother, and then both having a wonderful half-day at the old fishing pool.

But parents are often to blame for this state of affairs. They would be shocked if told that they taught their children to be selfish. Some children have never had a fair chance to be use-

ful, industrious, helpful; never had a fair chance to do anything except go to the dogs, and their parents have shod them for the journey.

Is this unjust—is it? Tell me of one child who has always been pampered, waited upon; always had everything he

or she wanted regardless of the needs or the rights of other members of the family, and never had a chance to acquire habits of industry and helpfulness, that has made a real success of life. They are as scarce as the proverbial hen's teeth.—*Selected.*

Our Workers' Corner

GIVE A PENNY AND REAP A MILLION

It has been a real inspiration to receive the reports from the several divisions and observe the courage and fortitude with which our brethren have labored in the Ingathering, and how untiringly they have worked in the face of so many obstacles. Have you ever figured out that just one penny a day per member given by our world-wide constituency would bring to the treasury in a year more than a million dollars? God has definitely called our attention to the times in which we are living and pointed out the conditions which would prevail, and He has told us that, "If the hearts of God's people were filled with love for Christ; if every church member were thoroughly imbued with the spirit of self-sacrifice; if all manifested thorough earnestness, there would be no lack of funds for home and foreign missions."—*Test.,* Vol. VI, p. 450.

At the present time there is certainly a great lack of funds for both home and foreign missions, and we believe that God calls on His leaders for a greater endeavor to fill the hearts of our people everywhere with love for Christ and a spirit of sacrifice so that the lack may be made up. Surely He is able to supply all our needs that the work may go forward. In our effort during the year to come may we stress the spiritual phase of our message and believe that God will make up the lack.—*W. H. Williams, Gen. Conf. Under-treasurer.*

SUGGESTIVE HOME MISSIONARY TEN-MINUTE SERVICE

June 1

Missionary Topic: The Care of the Poor
Text: Matt. 25:34-45

Suggestions: In the Bible explicit instruction is given the church in regard to the care of its own poor, but we are also to be interested in the afflicted and suffering all around us. We are told

in the instruction by the Spirit of Prophecy that "in the world today, where selfishness, greed and oppression rule, many of the Lord's true children are in need and affliction. In lowly miserable places, surrounded with poverty, disease, and guilt, many are patiently bearing their own burden of suffering. . . . For these the Lord has a special care, and He calls upon His people to be His helping hand in relieving their wants. Wherever there is a church, special attention should be given to searching out this class and ministering to them.—"Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 255. But in doing this work "in caring for the world's poor, they should appeal to the world for support," Id. p. 286. It is the Lord's purpose that His people should be the connecting link between the need and the source of supply, between the very poor and the wealthy; and in this way the power of the truth touches the hearts and lives of both classes. Seventh-day Adventists should so live the truth before the world that they can go to the more wealthy and solicit means to help the needy in their neighborhood. What can you do for the poor in your neighborhood?"

June 8

Missionary Topic: Medical Missionary Workers
Text: Luke 10:1,9

Suggestions: "Yes, I am a firm believer in the medical missionary work," states an ardent Christian worker, "but, of course, that applies to doctors and nurses engaged in missionary work, and not to a person who has no medical training. I am willing to do my part in sending out literature, and in holding cottage meetings, or Bible studies, with the people in their homes; but as for being a medical missionary that is not my line." Just wait a minute, brother or sister lay worker, before coming to your final conclusion, and read again a statement found in "Testimonies," Vol. 7, p. 62, which you have possibly overlooked. This is what it says: "We have come to a time when every member of the church should take hold of medical missionary work. The world is a lazar-house filled with victims of both physical and spiritual disease. Everywhere people are perishing for lack of a knowledge of the truths that have been committed to us. The members of the church are in need of an awakening, that they may realize their responsibility to impart these truths." The light that has been given to Seventh-day Adventists on health reform and simple treatments for the sick places us on vantage ground where we can help many who are in need all around us.

June 15

Missionary Topic: Soul-Winning Experiences
Text: Rev. 3:20

Suggestions: The message which our Saviour, after His ascension to heaven, sent back to His church in the last stage of its history is recorded in our text. Christ represents Himself as standing at the door of the heart and knocking, ready to enter and take up His abode if the door is opened for His welcome. But this blessed state of communion and fellowship is not a state of inactivity, but rather one of intense earnestness in seeking to bring others into the same fellowship. Our heavenly Guest ever bids

us "Go," and He accompanies us as we go. When He has control of our lives He will speak through us to reach the hearts of those who are searching for the better way. Many should be able to bear testimonies from month to month of what God is doing through them in helping some needy souls.

June 22

Missionary Topic: Placing Literature in Public Libraries

Text: Hab. 2:2,3

Suggestions: Public libraries and reading rooms offer to us one of the most wonderful opportunities for reaching multitudes of men, women, and youth with the gospel as presented in our books and periodicals. Many thousands of people visit these libraries and reading rooms regularly, and we know that already many people have found the truth in our literature in these places. Would it not be possible to supply *El Centinela*, *Signs of the Times*, *Life and Health* and the *Message Magazine* in the public library in your city? Our large books, such as "Steps to Christ," "Ministry of Healing," "Christ's Object Lessons," are also very appropriate to be placed in libraries. A good way to make the librarian feel that our literature is in demand is for our own people to call for the different periodicals and books when they visit the library. It will soon be seen that these should be placed in the library. We appeal to our church members to investigate this avenue of spreading the truth and see if some literature cannot be placed in the library in their city.

June 29

Missionary Topic: Dorcas, the Needle Woman.

Text: Acts 10:36-42.

Suggestions: As a model of practical Christianity the biography of Dorcas, who lived in Joppa by the sea, in the earliest days of the apostolic church, has been recorded in Holy Writ. The life of this noble Christian woman has inspired thousands of women to make the commonplace duties of life a channel of loving service for the Master. The trouble with a good many people is that they are too high up that they are not willing to get down to the humble duties of trying to help the needy around them. Every church should have a Dorcas Society where the sisters can meet regularly and make over cast-off garments for those in special need; but where it is impossible to have a Dorcas Society, every Seventh-day Adventist woman should be a living example of what Dorcas was to the people in her neighborhood." The Lord Jesus will give you the wages that are your due; your reward will be in accordance with the spirit in which your work was done." God will give to the earnest worker the same reward that comes to the one who accomplishes more. It is the principles by which the work is governed that determines the thought.

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HEALTH and TEMPERANCE LITERATURE

The world-wide attitude of today is "eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die." The temperance question has come to the forefront of late, as never before. As Seventh-day Adventists, we have a duty to perform in getting the temperance message to the world. A much more extensive circulation of temperance and gospel literature is needed. The right opportunity may only come once. Be prepared for it.

Here is a fine list of temperance and health literature:

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NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

The following paragraphs from Elder and Mrs. Andross, who are making a tour of the Central American Union, will be of interest to all.

"We had a very interesting time visiting the Indians (Guatemala). Most of the report we will hold over till we return. You will be happy, however, to learn that twenty-six were baptized on this trip. Seven couples were married previous to one of the baptismal services. The trip was a very pleasant one, though the roads are very dusty just now. I wish you could all have been present at the Indian banquet that was served us just before we left Momostenango."

"Doubtless you have heard something about the boat that went down on the rocky shores of Utila. Thursday afternoon we went out in the bay at Belize (British Honduras) to bid our believers from the islands and the north coast of Honduras good-by. The weather was a bit cloudy and threatened to bring cold rain. We felt sorry to have them start with such a big crowd on board. We prayed that they might have a safe passage, and once in the night I woke up and prayed for them. When we got back to Guatemala, I received an air mail letter from Brother Garbutt saying that four o'clock Friday morning they were frightened by a terrible crash. The captain did not think they were so near land and did not have the search light on. Brother Garbutt said that when they saw what had happened, they thought certain death awaited all of them in the boiling waters. They had crashed into a reef about twelve feet from the high rocky coast of Utila—north coast, I think—and by stretching a cable to the coast, they were all—119 of them—brought safely to land. In the group was the old mother of Brother R. Gideon Jones (secretary-treasurer of the Santo Domingo Mission).

"Brother Garbutt said that the doxology never sounded so sweet as when the refugees stood on that shore and sang it together. Soon they sent out searching parties to find someone to rescue them. But some had to wait till the next day. We feel so thankful that the Lord held His protecting hand over the dear people, though, of course, we are sorry that they lost all the things they had with them.

"I am He that holdeth thy right hand."

AT REST

Knight: Carrie Adelia Knight was born in New York state in 1861 and passed away in Kingston, Jamaica, January 28, 1935, at the age of seventy-three years. She leaves her husband, Elder Knight, two daughters and a son, and many friends to mourn their loss.

Elder and Sister Knight were married in 1880. About one year after their marriage they accepted the Seventh-day Adventist faith, and at once began to engage in missionary activities in connection with the church. For a while they engaged in colporteur work together, then Sister Knight was called to connect with the office staff of the *Signs of the Times*, where she did efficient service. Because of active missionary endeavor Brother Knight was soon called to the ministry. His wife gladly joined him in this sacred calling, and has ever stood by his side as he has gone forth to herald the gospel of salvation.

Brother and Sister Knight labored in the western conferences of the United States until 1903

THE SUN SMILES ON

The sun smiles on, the ice gives way
Slowly the work is done.
Ah, slowly, too, when hearts are hard,
Love's victory must be won.
But never a moment the sunbeams rest,
Or fear their cheerless toil.
They just smile on, the cold ice yields,
Its hardest features spoil.

The sun smiles on; no winter's frost
Can bid its smiling cease;
The icy waste cannot withstand
Its whispering touch of peace.
No battle rage or clamorous war
Is ever heard, but still
The deepest icy fastness yields
When challenged by its will.

The sun smiles on, the storm departs
Before its conquering nod.
It tells of life, while bringing peace
Just like the smile of God!
O weary heart, smile on, smile on!
Dark clouds will disappear.
Sometime a glorious morn will rise,
Without a cloud or tear.

—R. Hare.

when they answered the call to connect with our mission work in Panama. They remained there four years and then returned to the United States where they again took up active conference work. In 1916 the Caribbean Union called for their services, and they labored in British Guiana, Trinidad, St. Kitts and the Virgin Islands for a period of thirteen years. Six years ago Brother and Sister Knight were transferred to the Antillian Union Mission, and were assigned the Cayman Islands as their field of labor. God has blessed their untiring, united efforts and three church buildings have been erected to the glory of God in the Cayman Islands. Sister Knight was the secretary-treasurer of the Cayman Islands Mission and looked after several lines of departmental work. Pastor Knight was superintendent.

In January they went to Kingston, Jamaica, on a little business trip. They had a rough voyage, and as the boat lurched in the heavy sea, Sister Knight was thrown against the corner guard of her berth, and sustained what was thought to be a slight injury. The pain seemed to subside, but after several days it returned in an aggravated form, and became very excruciating. She seemed to be somewhat relieved, and hopes were entertained that she was recovering. However, death came very unexpectedly.

The funeral services were held in the North

Street Church in the city of Kingston, Jamaica, January 9, 1935. Pastor C. E. Andross, assisted by Pastor B. A. Meeker, had charge of the services. Sister Knight leaves her husband lonely but not discouraged. He is buoyed up with the fond hope of the great reunion of the children of God in the day when Christ shall claim His own. Our sympathies go out to our bereaved brother, and to all the loved ones of the deceased.

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OUR SABBATH SCHOOLS

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dren, the parents must assure the teacher that the child has studied his lesson daily.

3. If the member has actually been present and on time every Sabbath of the quarter and has studied his lesson each day (not merely seven times) he may have the Honor Card.

4. When four such cards have been received in succession, he is entitled to the Book Mark for One Year.

5. When he gets four more in succession, he may get the Second Year Book Mark. This does not mean that he must have a solid two years of attendance and study, but that he has two series of four Honor Cards in succession. The other Book Marks follow in the same order.

We have known of many cases where this regulation has not been followed. We ask that all teachers and officers in our Sabbath schools see that this plan is followed. We must not allow this laxity, or we shall have to abandon the entire plan. We ask your cooperation.

The recommendation at the time of the last General Conference was intended to cover the extreme of the conditions mentioned. There is very little variation allowed in our plans, and it is only in case of an extreme flood, when it is not possible for the Sabbath school to assemble, that the recommendation was to cover. We must have a decided reform in many places, or we shall need to abandon the whole plan. We must adhere to our plans which apply all through the field, and should apply alike in all places.

We confidently expect that the year 1935 will show a very decided improvement in all lines of Sabbath school work. Let us keep our objectives clearly before us, and work to the finishing of the cause of God in the earth.

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