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## On the Threshold of the Crisis of the Ages

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The conditions that would exist in our world just before Jesus' return, as foretold by the prophets, are now upon us. Never in the history of this world have there been so many signs manifested, telling us in no uncertain tones that the end of all things is at hand.

The world is being stirred with the spirit of war. Calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the breaking down of the morale in civilization, the decay of liberty in many countries of the world, the deadlock struggle between capital and labor, the healing of the deadly wound—all tell us where we are in this world's history. Men's hearts are failing them for fear because of the things that are coming on the earth. Well has Viscount Cecil of Chelwood, England's trusted statesman at the League of Nations, said: "All over the world life has become dangerous and uncertain. Men's hearts are failing them for fear. Every nation is suspicious of its neighbors; selfish individualism, masquerading as patriotism, is destroying the very foundations of civilization."

A special correspondent in London describes the present condition of Europe as follows:

"Heedless both of the lessons and objectives of the Great War, for which millions of men laid down their lives, Europe has reverted to the conditions of panic and suspicion which produced the conflict of 1914. . . . *Talk of war is universal.*

"Europe, as a whole, is arming as fast as its factories can turn out munitions, and as fast as man-power can be organized. The facts are no longer disguised behind a screen of peace-loving platitudes. They are proclaimed brutally, and without a tinge of shame.

"It is not difficult to find the cause. . . . Having disarmed Germany, the

victorious Powers (in the treaty of Versailles) pledged themselves to disarm. They were false to their word, and so Germany, after sixteen years, openly rearms. That, in the proverbial nutshell, is the situation. . . .

*"The terror of France, the fears of Russia, the anxiety of Italy, the panic of Austria—these are the spanners that may be thrown into the works, despite the best efforts of Sir John Simon and those behind him, in this country, who are laboring to bring order out of chaos.*

*"The alternative is clear; if some sort of 'new deal' is not made, the race for 'defensive armaments' must go on until Europe breaks under the strain, and we find ourselves, at last, face to face with the final war of annihilation."*

Not only from England do these apprehensions come, but it is reported "that the majority of Frenchmen expect war at any moment." Mr. H. H. Brasseur, a retired French exporter, states "that the war fever is intense

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**"Sound an alarm throughout the length and breadth of the earth. Tell the people that the day of the Lord is near, and hasteth greatly. Let none be left unwarned. . . . We have no time to lose. The end is near. . . . From the light given me of God I know that the powers of darkness are working with intense energy from beneath, and with stealthy tread Satan is advancing to take those who are now asleep, as a wolf taking his prey. We have warnings now which we may give, a work now which we may do; but soon it will be more difficult than we can imagine."** — *"Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 22.*

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throughout Europe, and that he would not be surprised if there was a call to arms this year."

We earnestly pray that the winds of strife may be held back a little longer until the work of God is finished here upon the earth, but we know that the final storm will soon break in all its fury. The last days of this world are to be full of trouble,—yes, such trouble as we have not yet witnessed. "Fearful tests and trials await the people of God. The spirit of war is stirring the nations from one end of the earth to the other. But in the midst of the time of trouble that is coming,—a time of trouble such as has not been since there was a nation,—God's chosen people will stand unmoved. Satan and his host can not destroy them; for angels that excel in strength will protect them."—*"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 17.*

In the great prophecy of our Lord, as recorded in Luke 21:25-28, the conditions of the last days are clearly given: "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

There were to be signs in the sun, moon and stars; and the last of these prophecies met its fulfilment in the great meteoric shower of November 13, 1833.

The next sign tells of the "distress" that would be among the nations, and of "men's hearts, failing them for FEAR,

and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth."

The great trouble in our world today is fear, lack of confidence among nations and among men. One nation cannot trust its neighbors, and so the mad race for armaments as we see it today. Men of money fear to invest it in productive work for fear of the instability of the governments, the growth of communism, and the attitude of the laboring class. Jesus well depicted the conditions today 1900 years ago. Our greatest statesmen of the present time bear witness to the truthfulness of His words. "Fear, haunting, restless, brooding fear, haunts the councils of every nation."—*Sir Austin Chamberlain*. "We have before us today a world sick with fearful doubts, weary with repeated disappointments, a world of troubled nations whose vital needs is courageous faith in each other. It is an era of potential plenty, when confidence should be supreme, yet we see in almost every land widespread distress and perplexity."—*Prince of Wales, Great Britain*. "Europe is haunted by a thousand fears. Its statesmen know that they are building on volcanic ground."—*Philip Gibbs*. "There are not many, even among

educators and statesmen, who comprehend the causes that underlie the present state of society. Those who hold the reins of government are not able to solve the problem of moral corruption, poverty, pauperism, and increasing crime. They are struggling in vain to place business operations on a more secure basis. If men would give more heed to the teaching of God's word, they would find a solution of the problems that perplex them. The Scriptures describe the condition of the world just before Christ's second coming."—*Testimonies, Vol. IX, pp. 13, 14*.

To the people of the world, these troubles are causing their hearts to faint for fear, because they do not know their meaning but to the trusting child of God, who believes His word, they are omens of good cheer of our soon deliverance, for Jesus says "then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." Luke 21: 27. Christians should never be cast down by the things that are coming on the earth, but rather, "look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Verse 28. Soon the hope of all ages will be realized, and Jesus will come.

dishonesties are practised in dealing with their fellow-men, which reveal the true state of the heart, showing its corruption."—*Id., p. 337*.

6. *What is ruinous to the church's spirituality?*

"To sell an article for more than it is worth, taking advantage of the ignorance of purchasers, is fraud. Unlawful gains, petty tricks of trade, exaggeration, competition, underselling a brother, . . . these things are corrupting the purity of the church, and are ruinous to her spirituality."—*Id., p. 494*.

7. *What advice have some church members heeded?*

"Satan has been the adviser of some. . . . Some have heeded this counsel."—*Id., p. 494*.

8. *What counsel has Satan given?*

"Do not be overconscientious in regard to honor or honesty; look out sharply for your own interest, and do not be carried away with pity, softness, and generosity. You need not care for the widow and the fatherless. . . . Leave them to look out for themselves. . . . Take care of yourself. Get all into your hands that you can."—*Id., p. 494*.

9. *When individual members of the church act wrongly, how is the church affected?*

"The influence most to be feared by the church is not that of open opposers, infidels, and blasphemers, but of inconsistent professors of Christ. These are the ones who keep back the blessing of the God of Israel, and bring weakness upon the church, a reproach that is not easily wiped away."—*Id., p. 493*.

10. *What brings the frown of God upon His people?*

"The favor of God is not enjoyed, for several reasons. His Spirit is grieved by the pride, extravagance, dishonesty, and overreaching which are indulged by some professing godliness. All these things bring the frown of God upon His people."—*Id., p. 491*.

11. *Why in a degree is the whole church responsible?*

"The church as a whole is in a degree responsible for the wrongs of its individual members, because they countenance the evil in *not lifting up their voice against it*."—*Id., p. 491*.

12. *What constitutes true Christianity?*

"The standard of the golden rule is the true standard of Christianity; anything short of it is a deception."—

## GUIDES TO DAILY LIVING

### A TESTIMONY STUDY—No. 2

1. *What stands as fraud in the ledger of Heaven?*

"Every advantage that is taken of fellow-mortals, be they saints or sinners, will stand as fraud in the Ledger of Heaven."—*Testimonies, Vol. IV, p. 490*.

2. *How should God's children treat even the wicked?*

"If you would always manifest kindness, respect, noble love and generosity, toward even wicked men, you might render effectual service to Christ."—*Id., p. 331*.

3. *What had we better not cultivate and why?*

"Petty sharpness is unworthy of a Christian." "Be careful not to cultivate the sharper's tact; for this will not stand the test of the day of God."—*Id., p. 540*.

4. *Who takes cognizance of even small transactions?*

"Deceit, falsehood, and unfaithfulness may be glossed over and hidden from the eyes of man; but not from the eyes of God. The angels of God . . . record in the books of Heaven these minor transactions which reveal character."—*Id., p. 310*.

5. *What solemn charges are laid against the remnant church?*

"The strictest integrity is indispensable to the formation of a righteous character. . . . There is an alarming lack of honesty even among Sabbath-keepers." "Many who profess to keep the commandments of God are dealing with false weights and false balances."—*Id., p. 310*. "A false balance is abomination to the Lord." Prov. 11:1.

"In the transaction of business, falsehoods are uttered and acted by God's professed people that bring His frown upon them; and a reproach upon His cause."—*Id., p. 312*.

"Thousands of little tricks and petty

# "REVERENCE MY SANCTUARY"

## GOD ASKS FOR A JOYFUL AND REVERENT WORSHIP\*

"Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together." Heb. 10:25  
 Bring offerings and come into His courts. Ps. 96:8  
 "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Ps. 122:1

### Reverence in the Meeting House

"Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." Matt. 18:20  
 The place is holy. Ex. 3:5  
 Every consecrated thing is holy unto Jehovah. Lev. 27:28  
 "Reverence My sanctuary." Lev. 19:30  
 "Mine house shall be called an house of prayer." Isa. 56:7

### Silence during the Service

"The Lord is in His holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him." Hab. 2:20  
 "Be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools." Eccl. 5:1

### The True Worship

God seeks true worshipers John 4:23  
 It is necessary that they "worship Him in spirit and in truth." John 4:24  
 Let us serve God with fear and reverence Heb. 12:28  
 You should know how to conduct yourself in the house of God 1 Tim. 3:15

### Participation in Song

Let us sing with joy unto the Lord Ps. 95:1  
 Praise Him with musical instruments Ps. 150:3-5  
 It is good to praise the Lord in song Ps. 92:1

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 "Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing," p. 195.

"Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Matt. 7:12.

13. When the church lives by this standard what will result?

"When those who profess the name of Christ shall practice the principles of the golden rule, the same power will attend the gospel as in apostolic times." —*Id.*, p. 196.

## Giving Attention to the Word

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom." Col.3:16  
 (See also Ps. 85:8.)

### Prayer

"Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." Ps. 29:2  
 "Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." Ps. 95:6  
 Those who wait on the Lord will have renewed strength. Isa. 40:31

### The Purpose of the Meeting

From Sabbath to Sabbath all flesh shall come to worship before God. Isa. 66:23  
 The Sabbath is a day of rest, a holy convocation. Lev. 23:3  
 And ye shall "call the Sabbath a delight." Isa. 58:13  
 "From even unto even, shall ye celebrate your Sabbath." Lev.23:32  
 "God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it." Gen. 2:3  
 "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Ex. 20:8  
 "For there is one God, and one Mediator." 1 Tim. 2:5  
 There is no other name by which we may be saved Acts 4:12  
 "We have an advocate with the Father." 1 John 2:1  
 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive." 1 John 1:9  
 The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from sin. 1 John 1:7  
 "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." Isa. 1:18  
 By grace you are saved. Eph. 2:5  
 Justified by grace. Rom. 3:24  
 "The just shall live by faith." Heb. 10:38

## THERE ARE VISIBLE MANIFESTATIONS OF TRUE REVERENCE

### Arriving at the Church

Come with joy and reverence before the time to begin.  
 Take a seat toward the front with calmness and promptness.  
 Bow the head in silent prayer.  
 Keep silent and in a reverent attitude while you wait.

### In Case of Arriving Tardy

Enter during an interval, or while a song is being sung.  
 Take a seat as near as possible to the door.

### During the Service

Remain silent, and always keep looking toward the platform. Speak only when it is necessary.

Refrain from reading letters, books, or periodicals.  
 Fix your attention on each part of the service.  
 Take part in the songs.  
 Remain awake and maintain the correct position.  
 Remain until the end of the service, except an emergency necessitates an early departure.

### During the Interval after the Sabbath School

Remain in the room, unless there is urgent need of leaving.  
 In case it is necessary to leave, do not go far from the church.  
 Enter before the prelude, if it has been necessary to leave.  
 Refrain from laughter and conversation in the auditorium.  
 Leave the room if a conversation is necessary.

### Leaving at the Close of the Service

Leave only after the last silent prayer.  
 Leave decorously, without conversation or laughter.

### In case of Necessity to Leave before the Silent Prayer

At the beginning of the service take a seat near the door.  
 Leave silently, without asking the companionship of others.

### During Prayer

Kneel toward the pulpit.  
 Bow the head and close the eyes.

### In Regard to the Children

They should be seated with their parents near the door.  
 They should be taken outside when they begin to cry or distract the attention of others.  
 They should not receive the attention of those who are seated near them.  
 They should not run nor walk about the church.  
 They should not have entertainment toys that make a noise.

### The Directors

Have the program ready before the hour for beginning.  
 Do not have an interval after the Sabbath school of more than ten minutes.  
 Begin and close the service on time.  
 Maintain a reverent and correct attitude.  
 Speak as little as possible on the platform.  
 See that order is maintained in the audience.  
 In prayer kneel toward the audience, with bowed head, closed eyes, with the hands in front of the body.

\*Translated from a Spanish booklet by Carlos E. Westphal.

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## Home Missionary Department

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### THE LORD HATH NEED

Peter lent a boat,  
To save Him from the press;  
Martha lent her home,  
With genuine kindness.

One man lent a cot,  
Another lent a room,  
Some threw down their clothes,  
And Joseph lent a tomb.

Simon lent his strength  
The cruel cross to bear;  
Mary spices brought  
His body to prepare.

What have I to lend?  
No boat! No house! No lands!  
Yet, Lord, I gladly lend  
The toil of heart and hands.  
—Author Unknown.

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### "A GOOD REPORT MAKETH THE BONES FAT"

L. V. Finster

Not only does a "good report" makes the "bones fat," but to be able to get a good report from every field except three in the Inter-American Division for the first quarter of this year makes us very happy. This shows faithfulness on the part of those who compile our reports.

The Upper Magdalena Mission, Central Colombia and the Cayman Islands did not send in reports this quarter. Pastor Knight, who recently lost his wife, has left the Cayman Islands, and probably no one has been left in charge of this work. Let us hope that we may welcome these missions in our next report.

You will be glad to know that 724 more persons reported last quarter than the quarter before. The amount of work done was also very encouraging.

God keeps a faithful record of every man's work. In writing to each of the seven churches in the book of Revelation, Jesus says "I know thy works." To the Laodicean Church, He says "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot." Revelation 3:15. Jesus not only knows what we do as churches, but a faithful account is kept of what each person does. "Angels keep a faithful record of every man's work."—*"Testimonies," Vol. I, p. 198*

"It were well . . . to remember the record kept on high,—that book in which there are no omissions, no mis-

takes, and out of which they will be judged. There every neglected opportunity to do service to God is recorded: and there, too, every deed of faith and love is held in everlasting remembrance."—*"Prophets and Kings," p. 639.*

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### THE DUKE OF GLOUCESTER AND THE BIBLE

When presiding at an annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Duke said:

"It would be a more peaceful world, if, in our personal and public affairs, we all made the Bible our final court of appeal and accepted its ruling as the law of life."

He (the Duke) is a regular church attender, the King and Queen having brought up their children in a sincere and quiet piety.—*Sydney Morning Herald Royal Visit Souvenir Supplement, Nov. 22, 1934.*

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## Missionary Volunteer Department

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### STARTERS AND FINISHERS

"I have been looking over your society this past week" announced the conference Missionary Volunteer secretary.

"Well, what do you think of it?" asked the Man-Proud-of-His-Society.

"O, it is running along well enough in a way, but I fear there is something wrong with it."

"Wrong!" echoed the M. P. O. H. S. "Why, I thought we had a pretty good society."

"So you had," agreed the secretary; "the past tense is correct."

"What do you think is the trouble?"

"That is what I have endeavored to discover. You remember that I was here last year about this time?"

"Yes, I do."

"At that time you had a Standard of Attainment class under way, did you not?"

"Yes, we did start one."

"How did it turn out? How many received certificates?"

"Why - er - none. We started with fifteen members, and kept along very well for a while; then the leader was called away, and we sort of gave the thing up."

"O, I see. And was there not also

talk of a campaign to increase the attendance at the meetings?"

"Yes, we did plan something of the kind."

"How did it work?"

"It started out pretty well at first; but later we got on track of a scheme that seemed to be better, and so we dropped it."

"I see. And how about the new scheme? You tried that, of course?"

"Yes, we tried it; but it did not work so smoothly as we thought it was going to, and so we soon gave it up."

"How did the convention succeed? I mean that big one, the one that was going to beat anything ever held in the town. The chairman of the committee was carried away with the idea."

The Man - Proud - of - His - Society flushed slightly.

"We completed our plans all right, but when we got into it, and saw how much time and work the thing was going to require, we decided we'd better give it up."

"So that's accounted for. The last time I was here I am quite sure that I was invited to a five-minute prayer service before the regular meeting. Did you forget to give me an invitation this time?"

"No, we have not held the meeting for several weeks. The committee started it, but after a while found that the members were not taking much interest in it, and so we decided not to bother with it."

"That is unfortunate. It was your society, I believe, that was to have earned this year fifteen Reading Course certificates, and have ten to complete the Bible Year. Have you neglected to put the stars on your chart lately? I see very few are up to date."

"O, we have taken credit for all we are entitled to, I suppose," reluctantly admitted the leader. "We did start out with that goal, but somehow we have fallen behind."

"It is very evident that you have," agreed the conference secretary. "Do you not realize now that there is something the matter with your society?"

"Yes, I see that there is something radically wrong."

"You have plenty of starters, but not enough finishers. You need to add the Glue family to your membership list. It is easy enough to start something, but the real test comes in finishing things. The record of completed

work is the record that other societies like to read."

"You seem to have located the trouble accurately," acknowledged the Man-Proud-of-His-Society; and I am greatly obliged to you. It is strange that none of us realized this condition before. I shall begin at once to finish my preparation for next week's meeting, which I started night before last and laid aside until a more convenient time."—*Adapted.*

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"No sparrow falls without His care,  
No soul bows low but Jesus knows;  
For He is with us everywhere,  
And marks each bitter tear that flows.  
And He will never, never, never  
Forsake the soul that trusts him ever."

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## Publishing Department

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### GOOD NEWS FROM OUR COLPORTEUR INSTITUTES

W. A. Bergherm

#### *Atlantic Colombia*

During May it was the privilege of the writer to attend two fine institutes for colporteurs. The first one was held in the Atlantic Colombia Mission in the city of Barranquilla. The young people of that field are responding nobly to the demands of this message. There were present twelve colporteurs. This may not appear to be a large number, but it represents a splendid increase over a year ago. The leaders of the field, Brethren Trummer, Larson, and Gonzalez, were greatly encouraged over the prospects. The colporteurs again unanimously adopted the cash-with-order policy, and are now working with whole hearts toward that end.

We were all interested in the experience of the colporteurs as related on the two Sabbath afternoons. One of the most perplexing problems to the colporteurs is the opposition of the priests, but God wonderfully blesses in every difficulty.

Two of the colporteurs told of how they had been arrested and held in prison for seven days, undoubtedly at the instigation of the priest. The people of Colombia are zealous in matters of religion. There are groups all over the republic that have been interested by the colporteurs, who are waiting for a minister to come. One of the colporteurs told how while working in a

small town, he was asked to give a talk that night. He consented to do so, and they gathered in the people of the town to the Catholic church, and there he addressed the people. He spoke of the coming of Christ and they were pleased with the message.

We were also pleased to have with us M. E. Lowry, the new union field missionary secretary, and his family. He has come to take the place of F. W. Steeves. Brother Lowry had just come from his former field of labor, the Caribbean Union, where he has spent something like eight years in the work. We feel confident that his arrival in the Colombia-Venezuela Union will prove a great blessing to the field. The help of Pastor E. M. Trummer was greatly appreciated also. The years of experience that he has had in the book work made his talks of practical interest.

#### *Panama Institute*

The second institute was held in Panama. There were ten colporteurs present at the institute held in Panama City and we believe some definite results will come. As is usually the custom, a time was given for them to relate their experiences. Space will not allow us to tell more than one of the many interesting stories that only colporteurs can tell.

One of the young lady colporteurs while visiting a certain family in Panama City presented her book to a mother and her little boy. She had no sooner started than the little boy exclaimed, "Why, mother, here is the book!" Of course, our colporteur was anxious to learn what was referred to. It proved that some years ago a prospectus, such as is used by colporteurs for this very book, "Ministry of Healing," had got into their home. They did not know how they got it, but there it was, with lots of names in it. The mother told how they had read and reread the pages of the prospectus, but would only get interested when the subject would be dropped, and that they had often wished they might have the complete book. The colporteur had little work to do to get that order.

That colporteur of long ago may have dropped out of the work, but the prospectus has continued on its mission through the years.

Brother Mattison, leader of the work in the Panama Conference, has been blessed of the Lord in securing some real results. Early in the year, four

of the students came down from our college in Costa Rica to work for their scholarships. All of the four returned the last of April more than happy, each with a full scholarship from the sale of books and magazines. It was a real demonstration of what can be accomplished by our student colporteurs during their vacation period.

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## Sabbath School Department

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### AN UNSOLICITED TESTIMONY

The following statement is unsolicited, but is a most interesting comment emphasizing the value of DESIRE OF AGES. Do we really prize this splendid volume as we ought?

"When nursing in Melrose, after we were married, I took some university extension class work conducted in the Chauncey Fremont High School, Melrose. One day in the literature class, the teacher, Miss E. McMillan, who had just returned from an extended trip and study of literature in Europe, asked us to come next day prepared to give three quotations from our favorite author, and let the rest of the class members have a test on telling the author by the style of language used.

"As it so occurred, I was the first one called on, and although there were about forty-eight in the class, not another one was called upon, and the whole time was taken up in the discussion of the author I quoted.

"After quoting a passage from DESIRE OF AGES, the entire class failed to name the author, and to my happy surprise the instructor said:

"Well, class, those are words from the pen of Mrs. E. G. White.' She then made a long speech, saying she knew nothing of religion. She stated, however, that she was able unblushingly to declare herself an authority on literature, and that it was a pity that Mrs. White's writings were not better known in the literary world. She then stated that she was going to make a bold and strong statement, but that she meant every word of it, and that was that 'of all writings, ancient, medieval, or modern, there are no writings so full of beauty, so perfect in every way, so pure, and yet so simple, outside the Bible, as the writings of Mrs. E. G. White.'

"Needless to say, I was proud to be a Seventh-day Adventist."

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## Educational Department

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### TRUE EDUCATION

L. L. Garbutt

"True education means more than the pursuit of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world, and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come."—"Education," p. 13.

Several years have passed since these inspired words came from the servant of the Lord. Each year's experience has confirmed the truthfulness of them. As one watches the increasing army of young people steadily marching through our denominational schools into the world and service for the Master and humanity, he is profoundly impressed with the fact that the world's system of education, commendable as it is, is inadequate to furnish the necessary training for such service.

Many seemingly loyal Seventh-day Adventists have fallen into the error of judging of one's success along educational lines by his intellectual greatness. Educators of the world stress the intellectual side of education or at best the physical and intellectual phases, paying no attention to the most important factor—the education of the heart, or the spiritual side.

What better definition for education could be given, than that of the Lord's messenger?—"The harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers." In this harmonious trio God has made ample provision for the training of the advent youth. Look where you may today and evidences are not lacking of the inability of those trained in worldly schools to solve the problems of life. How often we have heard of some brilliant and promising youth, trained in worldly schools, and on the road to success and fame come up to some crucial moment in his experience and fail to bear the strain? You ask the reason of this. The answer is clear. The education that is not three-fold does not weave into the fiber of youth the moral strength and resistance so necessary in these closing days of the world's history when

evil like some fierce monster lurks in the pathway of youth.

We are called to be a peculiar people. In this peculiarity lies our greatness. We can deviate from God's requirements only at the peril of our souls. With such a message as ours to give "to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people," in such a time as this; it is evident that specially trained messengers must be found. Where can such training be secured but in our own institutions?

There is an atmosphere of godliness, sacrifice, and fidelity pervading our schools. These essential qualifications are demonstrated in the lives of our earnest, consecrated teachers. What better illustration of the spirit of abnegation could be given than that seen in the lives of godly men and women who have said farewell to home and loved ones, braving the stormy deep and peculiar climate, in order to train others for service? Then how faithfully do our God-fearing teachers perform their duties. Is it any wonder that young people of sterling quality and true moral worth come from our schools? Parents and guardians are committing an injustice to themselves, and a greater injustice to their children, when they rob them of the advantages of a Christian education. The privileges afforded in our schools are worth the sacrifice. Association with Christian teachers make a lasting impression for good upon the lives of boys and girls as they pass through our schools.

Is it not surprising with such an array of evidence in favor of our own institutions, that the thought of sending their children to worldly schools should be entertained by Seventh-day Adventist parents. "The Lord calls upon the youth to enter our schools, and quickly fit themselves for active work. Time is short. Workers for Christ are needed everywhere."—"Counsels to Teachers," p. 493.

While the angels of mercy hold back the winds of strife, which must soon break upon a doomed world in relentless fury, may God help fathers and mothers to get their boys and girls into a "city of refuge."

"Are all the children in? The night is falling,  
The night of death is hastening on apace;  
The Lord is calling: 'Enter thou thy chamber,  
And tarry there a space.'  
And when He comes, the King in all His glory,  
Who died the shameful death our hearts to win,  
O, may the gates of heaven shut about us,  
With all the children in!"

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## Health Department

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### SPARE THE KIDNEYS

Some common practices and habits will be avoided by those who prize health and long life above the gratification of appetite. Tobacco contains a poison and seriously affects the kidneys. So also do intoxicating drinks.

The meat broths, formerly given invalids who needed special care, contain the very materials that, if left in the animal a little longer, would have been eliminated as urine. The excessive use of salt, and the use of condiments in general, disturb the functions of the kidneys.

Foods that have been robbed of their mineral content, or vitamins, are an injury to the kidneys, because they lay on them a burden of elimination, without providing the tonic which these missing elements contain.

The student of health principles may do much to aid and protect his kidneys:

By drinking an abundance of pure water.

By encouraging skin elimination through the cleansing bath, the cold spray, or cold mitten friction, and by physical exercise to the point of perspiration.

By encouraging two or three bowel movements every day.

By the use of some raw food daily.

By the preparation of foods in a simple manner, retaining the mineral salts and vitamins, and utilizing the juices in which they are cooked.

By the use of whole grain bread stuffs.

By the free use of fruits, and non-starch vegetables, both raw and properly cooked.

It is especially important that people suffering from weak kidneys have the limbs well protected, and that they guard the body against sudden changes in temperature.

It is said that a man's age is indicated by the condition of his arteries. This is another way of saying that life and health are measured by kidney efficiency.—E. A. Sutherland, M. D.

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"God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world."

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**WHEN THE SONS OF ABRAHAM MET**

*Vicente Rodriguez*

Sometime ago we moved to a house, which faced one occupied by three Jewish families. The first few days, of course, our children were eager to find some little friends, so they made advances to our little Jewish neighbors. However, for some unnecessary cause one of the boys picked up a large stone, intending to throw it at the head of my son. I happened to see it and intervened. Very gently I put my hand on the red head of the little son of Abraham, and kindly told him that he should not do that, that we are all brothers because we are sons of God, and that we ought not to use violence. It seemed that the malevolent spirit was caused by the heated discussion in regard to the one being a Christian and the other a Jew. Then the child, without throwing down the stone, went home.

Now things have changed. My wife, who is superintendent of the Sabbath school, invited some little folks to our house to rehearse their dialogues and some special songs for the 13th Sabbath program. The Jewish families manifested an amazing interest, and came to listen.

Then during the Harvest Ingathering campaign, I visited them, and they were surprised to learn that we kept the Sabbath of Jehovah. I gave them some tracts in the Jewish language, also some Polish periodicals, and they gave me a donation.

The other day the same child who had wished to hit my son, gave him a book called "The Traveler's Guide," which speaks many beautiful things of Christ and His love. Thus conditions have changed, and we are praying that God will aid us in winning these members of the Semitic race for Christ, as the Bible says that a "remnant shall be saved." We are hoping that our brethren will aid us with their prayers.

"It is the fragrance of our love for our fellow-men that reveals our love for God."

**REASON FOR LIFE**

*By Edgar A. Guest*

I don't know how to say it but somehow it seems to me  
 That maybe we are stationed where God wanted us to be;  
 That the little place I'm filling is the reason for my birth  
 And just to do the work I do He sent me down to earth.

If God had wanted otherwise, I reckon He'd have made  
 Me just a little different, of a worse or better grade.  
 And since God knows and understands all things of land and sea  
 I fancy that He placed me here just where He wanted me.

Sometimes I get to thinking as my labors I review  
 That I should like a higher place with greater tasks to do,  
 But I come to the conclusion, when the envying is stilled  
 That the post to which God sent me is the post He wanted filled.

So I plod along and struggle in the hope when day is through  
 That I'm really necessary to the things God wants to do.  
 And there isn't any service I can give which I should scorn  
 For it may be just the reason God allowed me to be born.

"God upholds and strengthens the one who is willing to follow in Christ's way."

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**NO DEFEAT TO THE WORD OF GOD**

*O. P. Reid*

The Lord through the prophet Isaiah in chapter 55:11, says, "So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Resting on this sure promise of God, the writer launched out in a series of meetings in January. These meetings, from the very beginning, were well attended, and the interest manifested was also gratifying. At the end of six weeks these meetings were concluded with a baptismal class of twenty-seven.

It was the privilege of the writer on May 11 to baptize twenty of these in the presence of a congregation numbering hundreds who left their business on the Sabbath to witness the scene. These

and two on profession of faith were added to the church.

Having five of the candidates still in the baptismal class, the writer in counsel with the mission superintendent and his church board, decided to set a goal of twenty-five more baptisms. Therefore, we have launched a big summer effort which we have already started in a hall seating between four and five hundred. It was opened Sunday evening, May 26, with almost a full house. The hall is situated in one of the most densely populated sections of the city of Nassau.

The results of these meetings are having lasting effects on the other islands of the group. One of the new members who came out as a result of the effort in January returned to the island from whence he came and has just written that by the help of the Lord he has convinced nearly all the people of his home town of the message and has started a new Sabbath school.

I, therefore, solicit the prayers of our brethren and sisters in behalf of this effort now in progress.



**THE WORK GROWING IN NARANJO**

*Peter Nygaard*

Eight months ago a member of the Adventist church in Santo Domingo City moved out into a place called Naranjo, where he started to visit and give Bible studies to his neighbors in his spare hours. Like William Carey he is saying with his life and activities that his business is to save souls but he fixes shoes to supply his physical needs.

Just a few days ago, he wrote: "We have ten ready for baptism and ninety-one members in the Sabbath school." During these eight months he has received just one visit from a mission worker.

To those who are doing less than their best we should like to say, "Go ye and do likewise." What a work we should see in a short while if every member would be just as active and willing as this brother. The Bible says that the Lord gave to every man his work. There is no room for the unoccupied, or the loafers, in the Lord's company.



"Give because you love to give—as the flower pours forth its perfume."  
 —Spurgeon

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**MY TRIP TO FRENCH GUIANA***A. A. Carscallen*

March 27, I boarded the French steamer here in Georgetown (British Guiana), and we sailed for French Guiana. Although it is a colony with a population of about 30,000 we have no work there, and there is not even a church member in that country so far as we know. Surely, so far as the last message is concerned, French Guiana is a neglected field.

Friday, March 29, we called at Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana, where we stopped for a few hours. While there I took advantage of the opportunity to call on a few friends, and to let them know that I would be back in a few days to visit them.

Sabbath morning we arrived at Fort Laurent, the first port of call in the French colony. I landed for a little while, and took a stroll about the town. Fort Laurent is not a large place, and as I cannot speak French, and knew no one in the town, I did not stay ashore long.

Sunday morning we anchored off *Isles de Salut*, or, in other words, the prison islands. We did not land there, and soon we were on our way to Cayenne which place we reached just after mid-day. Cayenne is quite a nice little town, and the climate rather delightful, being always tempered by a nice cool breeze from the Atlantic.

As soon as I was settled in the hotel, I went out calling. I soon found Mr. and Mrs. Drew who are keeping the Sabbath. I had a nice visit with them

but could not baptize them yet. It is quite easy to understand that he is not fully informed with regard to all points of the truth for he has been down there alone nearly all the time since hearing of this truth. I had a talk with them regarding many points of the message.

On Monday, April 1, Mr. Drew came to the hotel for me and took me around to visit the interested ones. We saw a number of people who have an interest in the message, and are anxious to learn more. Most of the interested ones are English-speaking but there are a few of the French also who like to get our literature. Tuesday morning we continued our visiting.

There is an opening in French Guiana and we should try to enter that field as soon as possible. However, we should have a French man to head the work there.

Most of the population of French Guiana is along the coast, and is not so much scattered as in the British and Dutch Guianas, and it seems that there are not many aboriginal Indians in the interior there either.

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**WILL CERRO IGLESIA BECOME  
THE EVANGELISTIC CENTER  
OF ALL THIS REGION?**

*José L. Chavanz*

Some years ago Brother Ellis felt his responsibility for Indian tribes in the interior of Panama, so he secured a location for his family among them. The devil, however, began his work of opposition. Brother Ellis had to endure some hard trials as did Job. At last his home was burned, destroying

Him

Once it was the blessing,  
Now it is the Lord.  
Once it was the feeling,  
Now it is His word.  
Once His gifts I wanted,  
Now Himself alone.  
Once I sought for healing,  
Now the Healer own.

Once 'twas painful trying,  
Now 'tis perfect trust.  
Once a half salvation,  
Now the uttermost.  
Once 'twas ceaseless holding  
Now He holds me fast.  
Once 'twas constant drifting,  
Now my anchor's cast.

Once 'twas busy planning,  
Now 'tis trustful prayer.  
Once 'twas anxious caring,  
Now He has the care.

all that he had except his faith. But the Spirit of the Lord opened the heart and home of a certain native family so the missionary family found shelter.

Brother Ellis continued his labors, but without any outward results until finally, after two years had passed, he met a sick Indian from Cerro Iglesia. Following the example of the good Samaritan, he took this man to his home. After some time this Indian's physical health was restored and he left the home of our brother with the love of Christ in his heart. This native, Pedro Montero, began to relate the great things that God had done for him. His brother-in-law, hearing of this experience, called on the man who had done so much for his brother-in-law.

So when Brother Ellis came to Cerro Iglesia, he had a very good reception, and after he had instructed the people in regard to present truth, in February 1931, thirty-three precious souls were baptized by Pastor Lorntz, who was president of the Panama Conference at that time.

The writer, who was then in San José, Costa Rica, seeking to gain a Christian education, received a call from God to start a school among these Indians, and today our hearts are made glad when we see what the Lord has done.

The membership of the Sabbath school is 113 in Cerro Iglesia and there are two branch Sabbath schools with fourteen members. The members are forming the habit of studying their Sabbath school lesson daily, and they bring their contributions each Sabbath. As the result of the church school we have



This primitive oven, made of kerosene tins, was used by Sister A. W. Cott at the Mount Roraima Mission. A log fire is kindled upon these tins, and when they are sufficiently heated the bread is baked inside the tins.



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Once 'twas what I wanted,  
Now what Jesus says.  
Once 'twas constant asking,  
Now 'tis ceaseless praise.

Once it was my working,  
His it hence shall be.  
Once I tried to use Him,  
Now He uses me.  
Once the power I wanted,  
Now the mighty One.  
Once I worked for glory,  
Now His will alone.

Once I hoped in Jesus,  
Now I know He's mine.  
Once my lamps were dying,  
Now they brightly shine.  
Once for death I waited,  
Now His coming hail.  
And my hopes are anchored,  
Safe within the veil.

—Selected.

Home of Brother Ishmael Ellis up among the Indians of Panama. His family is seen out in the pineapple patch. The older daughter has now gone to Costa Rica for training. The article by Brother Chavanz in this paper tells something of the founding of this Indian mission.



**GOOD NEWS FROM BRITISH HONDURAS**

**C. B. Sutton**

After the general meeting, Brother Baxter made a trip with me to Corosal. Nineteen were baptized. A few weeks later Mrs. Sutton and I returned, and after a series of meetings, ten more were baptized. Others were interested.

I spent about ten days with a small church twenty miles west of Stann Creek. At the close of the meetings seventeen joined the Bible class and the leader of the church is instructing them. We hope that this effort will bear fruit soon. Today I came in from a trip up Old River some thirty miles where we have a church of twenty-three members. They are alive and doing all they can to bring this truth before the people. Seven were baptized while I was with them, which brings their membership up to thirty.

Surely the time has come for the finishing of this work in the earth. Since the first of the year we have baptized seventy-five in this mission. We are sure the influence of the general meetings will be felt in all the churches. We are of good courage in the Lord and feel to press on and do all we can.

**HARVEST TIME IN BELIZE**

**R. T. Rankin**

As a result of the interest kindled by the general meetings in Belize, British Honduras, and fanned by the meetings which followed, we hope to baptize at least fifty souls.

The Lord has blessed us greatly and twenty-nine have already been buried in baptism. We have not yet set the date for the next baptism but we trust that our class will be larger this time. We have been praying for fifty converts, and I believe, God helping us, we are going to exceed that number. Remember this effort in your prayers.

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**SEIZING ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY**

In a personal letter received from Sister Plata, wife of Eugenio Plata in Pacific Colombia, she relates the following interesting experience:

"I want to tell you a rather interesting experience that my husband told me last night. During Harvest Ingathering, Brother Kinzer came in contact with a rich German who is opening up a colony in a mining district. When he found out about our work, he said he would like to have us put a school there, or whatever work we would like and he would help us.

"While Mr. Plata was in Buenaventura recently, he stayed at a certain hotel. A young man there became very sick and called for aid. Mr. Plata and the young colporteur, with whom he was working, did what they could to relieve him. It was a severe attack of malaria with vomiting and terrible pains in his stomach. As the vomiting did not let up, they called a doctor; but the doctor did not give him very much relief.

"Finally Mr. Plata thought to put a heating compress on his stomach. The young man nearly fainted when he found out that the compress was cold water. So many people have a horror of cold water treatments, but Mr. Plata was firm in his decision and put it on. In a short time the pain left and the young man went to sleep.

"The young man was profuse in his thanks. Mr. Plata began to ask him about his work. He found out that the man was at the head of the mines where the German wants us to start work. Mr. Plata told him about the offer and then told him that it was an Adventist who had given him the treatment. One can never tell what little acts of kindness will do towards opening up the way for new work."

some who are prepared to direct the Sabbath school and the rest of the meetings.

The church consists of sixty-four members, who are giving themselves to home missionary work, and we have fifteen candidates for baptism, as the result of their missionary work. Their testimonies and prayers in their own dialect would please you if you could hear them.

We have not neglected the youth. They have their meetings each Sabbath and lessons are presented to them from the Missionary Volunteer programs. Some have begun to take part in the Morning Watch and the Bible year.

We are beginning the construction of a new chapel. We carry sand from the banks of the San Felix River. There is also a mountain ridge near by from which we can secure wood for the construction of the building.

Under the existing conditions I firmly believe that the title of this article will become a reality, and that all the sacrifice and abnegation will have their recompense. Already the Lord has opened a door which no man can shut. We are advancing, according to the counsel of the committee of the division. Time will require more personal sacrifice, for we are told that this work will end with the same sacrifice as it began, and, therefore, we remember the words of the prophet, "not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

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"Good, the more communicated, the more abundant grows." —Milton

# "I will pour you out a blessing"

## HOW THE BLESSING CAME

W. R. Elliott

Thousands of Christian men and women, who are living today, have proved God, and in every instance they have found that He does pour out His blessings on those who return to Him a faithful tithe, as the following experiences of some who have proved Him show:

### Nine-tenths like the Widow's Cruise

"From the very moment that I returned the tithe to my heavenly Father, He has richly blessed me; and although for some years the increase was small, yet that nine-tenths which remained was as the widow's cruise of oil and barrel of meal—never failing. He has supplied our home with all temporal necessities of life up to this time, and I know that He who cares for the sparrow, who clothes the lily of the field, will never fail in the days that lie ahead.

"We praise His name, and exhort all who read these words to 'prove' the Lord of hosts, and render unto God the things which are God's."—*H. T. J. in Review and Herald.*

### Blessing Greater than I Could Receive

"One day several years ago, as I was reading the promise of God in Malachi 3:10, this question arose in my mind, 'What blessing could God give that would be more than I could receive?' I thought of health, strength, wisdom, money and several others, including spiritual blessings, but in each case it seemed that no matter how much I had, there would still be room to receive more. For some time I was puzzled in my mind as to how that promise could be applied to me. I did not have long to wait for the answer.

"I am so glad to be able to testify that God surely does hear and answer the prayers of His children. The week following, after what had seemed like a fruitless search, seven men came to me, within just one week, wanting me to work for them, and some of them, offered steady work.

"Like a flash there came back to my mind the question I had puzzled over. Here indeed was a blessing greater than I could receive. I had asked for work,

but I could only work for one man at a time, and God had sent seven men to look for me.

"Many times since then I have heeded God's command, 'Prove Me now,' and as I have with His help tried to fulfill my part of the contract, God has abundantly fulfilled His.—*E. S. L. in Review and Herald.*

### She Proved God

Several years ago in the state of Tennessee, U. S. A., there was a sister who began to keep the Sabbath and to pay her tithe, not-withstanding the opposition of her husband. He at last deserted her, leaving her with four small children to support and without means. She was able to secure a little work, and with the aid of friends got on for



**"The contributions required of the Hebrews for religious and charitable purposes amounted to fully one-fourth of their income. So heavy a tax upon the resources of the people might be expected to reduce them to poverty, but on the contrary the faithful observance of these regulations was one of the conditions of their prosperity. "I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes . . . and all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delight-some land, saith the Lord of hosts." —"Patriarchs and Prophest," p. 527.**



a time. At last winter came on, and the weather was very severe with deep snow covering the ground. The children had not enough clothing to keep them warm and were without shoes, and she had very little fuel to warm the house, and no money.

On one of the bitter days of the winter the crisis came. The smallest child was taken with pneumonia, and the others were cold and barefooted. She had no money to buy shoes, or for medicine, or to get a doctor, except ten dollars of tithe that she had in the house, but had not yet given to the church treasurer. Her need was great. Her baby was sick with pneumonia, and

the other children were cold, and likely to be hungry soon. What should she do?

Fearing the temptation to spend the tithe for these urgent needs might be too great for her to resist if the money remained in the house, she bowed on her knees and talked to God about it, and then arose and took the money and made her way across town through the deep snow and bitter cold to the home of the church treasurer and paid it into her hand, taking a receipt for it. She then made her way back home through the snow, without money to buy the things she needed so much for her sick baby and the other children.

That very day, and almost immediately, a trained nurse went to her home and took charge of the baby, nursing it through its illness, and furnishing all the medicines needed and all without cost. Also, on that very day, something moved on the heart of her husband, who had deserted her, and he bought and sent to the house four pairs of stout shoes for the children. God knew of our sister's faithfulness, and, in response to her prayers, provided for her more than the ten dollars would have bought, and thus rewarded her faith. She and the church treasurer both told me this story.



## THE LORD PROVIDED

Many years ago, shortly after becoming a Christian, being made familiar with the scriptural evidence regarding tithe-paying, I was placed in a position of financial difficulty which brought me to the place of acute poverty. Having a wife and small family, the burden was extremely heavy, and the more so when the day came in which, literally, the "cup-board was bare."

Previous to this my wife and I had in our prayers promised the Lord that we would be faithful in tithe-paying, after being greatly impressed by listening to a sermon on this important subject.

On the day in question, faced with starvation, I was sorely tempted to take the 23 shillings which were accumulated tithe—and all the money we possessed—to purchase food, which was our immediate necessity.

My wife counselled me against this step, being confident that God would help us in His own good time; and so for some time we debated the question,

I being ready to take this money for food, my wife firmly against my proposed action.

Suddenly I noticed my Bible on the table, and said, "Well, let us see what the Scripture says on the matter." So I opened it, and in Jonah 2:9 read these words: "I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord."

Convinced that God was speaking to me through His Word, I placed the money in an envelope, and took it round to the one who was responsible for collecting the tithe. That night my family retired to bed hungry.

In the morning the postman delivered a letter which, when opened, was found to contain a note for £1, and a slip of paper bearing these words: "The Lord has impressed me that you are in need. Please accept the enclosed from a friend."

No signature, no address—simply our heavenly Father supplying our needs after we had proved Him, as advised in Malachi 3:10, 11. To this day we do not know the name of our benefactor.

But God's blessing did not stop there. As a result of this experience I have consistently and faithfully paid tithe, and as a direct result have been blessed financially above my highest expectations as a colporteur-evangelist. Looking back on past experiences I can trace God's loving presence in my life from the day I obeyed His word: "Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse, . . . and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts."—C. L. K.

**"NOT ROOM ENOUGH TO RECEIVE IT"**

[Brother G. Hawkins accepted the message many years ago. Soon after he began to observe the Sabbath and pay tithe he enjoyed the experience told below.]

The first Seventh-day Adventist minister with whom I came in touch was Brother Durland, and his very first lecture captivated me. For nearly twelve months I listened to the unfolding of the message before I accepted it. Brother A. A. John soon joined Brother Durland, and if ever two workers blended together in the work they certainly did.

While these two brethren were with us, we were greatly privileged in having visits from Brethren Lane, Haskell, D. A. Robinson, and also Sister White. These dear pioneers greatly strengthened my faith.

One Thursday night two young men

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and I were walking home. the temperance hotel and the to say to the others, "Well, man in this town or even in accepts this message, I am convinced myself that I m live it at once."

They both said, "If you I said, "No, do not unless convinced personally."

When I reached home a large piece of cardboard it in large letters:

NOTICE  
No business will be done of sunset on Friday until day, as I believe this

This I put in set on Friday.

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"The spirit of Heaven. This est manifestation on the cross. I Father gave His and Christ, having He had, then gave might be saved. vary should appeal of every follower "Acts of the Apos

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"Talk about serving God, they are serving the devil, and they will soon be in the workhouse."

At the top of the street there was a very large factory where hundreds of people worked. The next morning the news had spread among all these people. They told others and hundreds upon hundreds paid me a visit to read my card. The news of it got into the evening papers, and in two or three days, thousands had become notified that a man in Wellingborough had become to keep "Saturday for Sunday."

Just imagine, if you can, the effect of hearing, "That's him, that's him!" as we passed down the street to the tent. At that time I was only making a very few boots each week, so I could see that I should be forced, as never before, to throw myself on the mercy

... this is, Do not be afraid our heavenly Father. From this, which I accomplished successfully, I began to multiply my output, making more and still more, God greatly blessing me beyond anything I could either ask or think. . . .

Through keen competition, and bad trade, things are certainly much harder now than in those old days, and one is driven to our heavenly Father who knows the needs of His children and will never forget them. He is the same today as ever.

Brother Haskell once told the crowd at the meeting, "The more you test this message the better it will shine." I believe that with all my heart. May the dear Lord rouse us all and fit us by His Spirit to finish the work and enter into the joy of the Lord.—*Southern African Division Outlook.*

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"Why, anybody, even a youngster,  
ought to know better than to sit out on  
a limb and saw between himself and the  
tree," was the general verdict.

It was an absurd thing to do, it is  
true. But do we not see the counterpart  
enacted every day by older folk than  
Mohammed?

When a parent threatens to remove  
his child from the church school be-  
cause of some trifling difference, the  
story of Mohammed comes back to me  
with force. A Christian parent willing-  
ly cutting himself and his children off  
from the agency God has given to aid  
in their salvation, inevitably faces dis-  
appointment.

While the church school is not a per-  
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of the best agencies God has in the  
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While the Christian parent has a tre-  
mendous task, he has at hand agencies  
for his instruction and aid unknown to  
our ancestors. "Where sin abounded,  
grace did much more abound." Rom.  
5:20.

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the  
prophet before the coming of the great  
and dreadful day of the Lord: and he  
shall turn the heart of the fathers to  
the children, and the heart of the chil-  
dren to the fathers, lest I come and  
smite the earth with a curse." Mal.  
4:5, 6.

Seventh-day Adventist parents have  
at their hand, in the Spirit of Prophecy,  
instruction for the training of children  
that is unexcelled by any secular author-  
ity.

"Thus saith the Lord, Even the cap-  
tives of the mighty shall be taken away,  
and the prey of the terrible shall be  
delivered: for I will contend with him  
that contendeth with thee, and I will  
save thy children." Isa. 49:25.

God has placed in the church various  
agencies for the help of parents. Hun-  
dreds of men and women, in answer to  
the call of God, have dedicated their  
lives to the work of helping to save the  
children. The church school teacher  
is one of these. The church school,  
with its devoted Christian teacher, is  
one of the agencies God is using to com-  
bat the satanic influences abroad in the  
earth.

The parent who fails to study and to  
heed the instruction which God has  
given, or who willingly separates himself  
from the agency which God has estab-  
lished for the salvation of his children,  
certainly cannot expect God to perform  
a miracle to save them.—Mrs. Mary  
E. Little in *Review and Herald*.



"With vegetables of all kinds, with  
milk, bread, and butter, you have at  
your command all the necessary resour-  
ces for a nutritious diet."—Russell H.  
Chittenden, *Sheffield Scientific School  
of Yale University*.

"I have not the slightest hesitation in  
saying that a vegetarian diet, supple-  
mented with fairly liberal amounts of  
milk, is the most satisfactory type of  
diet that man can take."—E. V. McCol-  
lum, *the Johns Hopkins University  
School of Hygiene and Public Health*.

Satan has many helpers. Many who  
profess to be Christians are aiding the  
tempter to catch away the seeds of  
truth from other hearts. Many who  
listen to the preaching of the word of  
God make it the subject of criticism at  
home. They sit in judgment on the  
sermon as they would on the words of  
a lecturer or a political speaker. The  
message that should be regarded as the  
word of the Lord to them is dwelt upon  
with trifling or sarcastic comment. The  
minister's character, motives, and ac-  
tions, and conduct of fellow-members  
of the church, are freely discussed. Se-  
vere judgment is pronounced, gossip or  
slander repeated, and this in the hear-  
ing of the unconverted. Often these  
things are spoken by parents in the  
hearing of their own children. Thus are

## WITH OUR MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

### SPEAK THE GOOD WORD

It isn't the thinking how grateful we are  
For the kindness of friends come to bless  
Our sorrow or loss,  
'Neath the weight of the cross;  
It is telling our gratefulness.

It isn't the love that they have in their hearts,  
And neglect or forget to reveal.  
That brightens the lives  
Of husbands and wives;  
It is telling the love that they feel.

It isn't the thinking of good to men  
That comes as a cooling drink  
To the famished ones  
Of earth's daughters and sons;  
It is telling the good that we think.

It isn't the music asleep in the strings  
Of the lute, that entrances the ear,  
And brings to the breast  
The spirit of rest;  
It is only the music we hear.

It isn't the silence of hope unexpressed  
That heartens and strengthens the weak  
To triumph through strife  
For the great things of life;  
'Tis the word of good cheer that we speak.  
—W. J. Lampton.

### HE OBEYED

There is a story on obedience told about an English army officer who had a boy fifteen years old. They lived in the suburbs of London, and the father went into the city every day. One morning, before leaving, the officer told his boy to be at the London Bridge at noon, and to wait for him there. Then the father went to the city, and while attending to his many duties, he became so busy that he forgot all about the boy till he arrived home late at night. His wife met him at the door and asked, "Where is Henry?" "Why," said the father, "he must be at the London Bridge. I told him to meet me there at noon, and I forgot all about it."

He hurried back to the city. It was raining and cold. But there on the bridge was Henry, who had waited all day because his father had told him to meet him there. That boy, Henry Havelock, became one of the greatest generals that England ever had. Later in life he said, "The best lesson I ever learned was the lesson of obedience." He was fit to command others because he had learned to obey.

One of the greatest things that Paul says about Jesus is found in the second chapter of his letter to the Philippians. "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient

even unto death, yea, the death of the cross."

So as every Junior strives to follow in Jesus' footsteps, he will remember to be obedient to God and to his parents.

"To obey is better than sacrifice."

### THE BROKEN BOUGH

Some years ago, a gentleman gave his son a small garden all his own, and a lovely young grafted tree to plant in the middle. The lad was proud of his tree, watered it carefully, and kept the weeds from growing around it, and was always on the watch to see that no one left the gate open so that the horses and cattle or sheep could get in to spoil it. As it grew steadily, he longed for the day when he would see the pretty pink blossoms and then the luscious fruit.

But one day, when in a thoughtless mood, he left the gate open. A young colt got in before he knew it, and in his frolic kicked off the graft. The boy's grief was indescribable, but his father, who was expert in the garden, managed to fix it again, so that it grew and flourished as the days went by.

The lad then left for school, preparatory to entering the ministry, and after several years he was appointed pastor of a large church where he became very popular. It was when he was in the midst of his labors that he became desirous of seeing the old home once more, and when opportunity arose, he was overjoyed to see his little garden still nicely kept, and the tree full of fruit.

While in bed at night, a storm arose, the wind howled, thunder and lightning with terrible force pealed and flashed. Thought the pastor, "I wonder how my tree will stand this tempest!" But the sky was black, as if every star had been blotted out, and the pelting rain and shrieking wind threatened revenge upon any who should dare to venture out. So he laid and listened until suddenly there was a loud snap, a heavy thud. The tree had broken and was forever ruined beyond repair.

In the morning the storm had abated, and the pious preacher went to see his ruined tree. Yes, it had snapped right where it was mended years ago. How

strange, he thought, that my neglect of years ago should receive its punishment after so long a time!

The next Sabbath he gave an address to young people, and with deeper fervor than usual, and touching earnestness, he told the story of the tree; and drawing the lesson, he added: "And now, dear young people and children, you must ever remember that in your young days you may be ever so careful, but in moments of carelessness, you may open the gate to your hearts and let the colt of some vice or other wrong into your hearts to break the graft of the love-tree that Jesus has given you to make you fruitful.

"You may patch it up for the present and go along through life for a time and all may seem well; but when some storm of temptation assails and tests you, you are almost sure to break at the very place where you have gone wrong in your youth or childhood. That is why Solomon urges you to 'Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not.'"

Jesus has planted you in His garden of eternal life. He is longing for you to bear precious fruit for His pleasure, but if you yield to sin now, if you give way to vice now, if you do wrong today, you are almost sure to disappoint Him in your older years. Many a man or woman has fallen into sin after they grew up, only to realize that the wrongs of their youth weakened them to meet life's later tests. Let all of us learn the sad lesson of the broken tree.—H. J. Edmed.

### ONLY THE SICK ONES WOULD FOLLOW

A friend who was traveling in the East heard that there was a shepherd who still kept up the custom of calling his sheep by name. He went to the man and said:

"Let me put on your clothes and take your crook, and I will call them and see if they will come to me."

And so he did, and he called one sheep, "Mina, Mina!" but the whole flock ran away from him. Then he said to the shepherd:

"Will none of them follow me when I call them?"

The shepherd replied: "Yes, sir, some of them will; the sick sheep will follow anybody."—D. L. Moody.

September 28

## Our Workers' Corner

### OUR YOUTH IN THE HOUR OF CRISIS

J. I. Robison

The crisis of the ages lies just before us. Yes, even now we are entering upon the final conflict which is to terminate in the glorious coming of our Lord and Saviour. The world is groping in darkness. A fearful foreboding is gripping the hearts of men as they see civilization tottering, and the stable financial institutions upon which international credit and business have been founded, failing in the hour of the world's greatest need.

For many years Seventh-day Adventists have been looking forward to this hour. The "time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation" has been a definite prediction that we have long believed would precede the coming of our Lord, and even now we see it breaking upon the world.

In such an hour as this our hearts go out to our young people who, in the bloom of youth's exuberance and without the experience that age alone can bring, are surrounded with all the modern enchantments of the evil one. Satan is endeavoring to keep our young people in a whirl of excitement, until probation's hour will be closed, every case eternally decided, and then he will rejoice in the bitter wail, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

We are told that, "It is Satan's studied effort to secure the youth in sin," and further that, "the enemy of souls is filled with intense hatred against every endeavor to influence the youth in the right direction."—"Messages," p. 454. So in our efforts to arouse our young people to a realization of the times in which we live, we must expect opposition. We will find that our efforts are sometimes thwarted; and right in connection with our most earnest endeavors there will be an outbreak of the wrath of the evil one as he attempts to destroy the good impression made, and to snatch away the blessings imparted.

But as workers together with God for the salvation of our youth it is surely "high time to awake out of sleep. . . . The night is far spent, the day

is at hand;" and what we do for our young people must be done quickly. The enemy has set his snares, thousands of our young people have been trapped and are held captive even today by the evil one. Oh, who will rescue these dear souls? How can we stand in the judgment to answer the question, "Where are the children and youth that I have intrusted to your care?" unless we can reply, "Those that Thou gavest me, I have kept, and none of them are lost."

### SUGGESTIVE TEN MINUTE MISSIONARY SERVICES

#### September 7

*Missionary Topic:* "Being a Good Neighbor."

*Text:* Matt. 25:35-40.

*Suggestions:* Every one likes a good neighbor. We should try to be to others just what we would like them to be to us. We are told: "Go to your neighbors one by one, and come close to them till their hearts are warmed by your unselfish interest and love. Sympathize with them, pray for them, watch for opportunities to do them good, and as you can, gather a few together and open the Word of God to their darkened minds."—*Review and Herald*, March 13, 1888. If this line of work is first attempted it will open the way for your neighbors to read a tract, or listen to a talk on some Bible truth, that otherwise they would not care to do. Be a good neighbor.

#### September 14

*Missionary Topic:* "Missionary Visits, the Highest Form of Missionary Work."

*Text:* James 5:20.

*Suggestions:* "There is need of coming close to the people by personal effort. If less time were given to sermonizing, and more time spent in personal ministry, greater results would be seen."—"Ministry of Healing," p. 143. A large part of Jesus' ministry was made up of personal interviews. In "Testimonies," Volume 9, p. 41, we read: "By personal labor reach those around you. . . . Preaching will not do the work that needs to be done. Angels of God attend you to the dwellings of those you visit. . . . By visiting the people, talking, praying, sympathizing with them, you will win hearts. This is the highest missionary work you can do."

#### September 21

*Missionary Topic:* "Soul-Winning Experiences."

*Text:* Mark 13:34.

*Suggestions:* The Saviour has appointed "to every man his work," and the church may appropriately ask for a report of work from every man and woman whose names are enrolled on its records. In addition to the verbal report rendered at this time, the leader might tell some of the results of the meetings that are being held by different workers in the field. Be sure to make the meeting interesting by having short reports. It would be greatly appreciated if you would write up some of the more interesting experiences that are given and send them in to your mission office, or to the Home Missionary Department, Box O, Balboa, C. Z.

*Missionary Topic:* "Bible Work by Laity."

*Text:* Acts 8:26-36.

*Suggestions:* An enlightened comment on the Scripture lesson, setting forth the application to laymen in the church today, is as follows: "This Ethiopian represents a large class who need to be taught by such missionaries as Philip,—men who will hear the voice of God, and go where He sends them. There are many who are reading the Scriptures who cannot understand their true import. All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to Heaven. . . . An angel guided Philip to the one who was seeking for light, . . . and today angels will guide the footsteps of those workers who will allow the Holy Spirit to sanctify their tongues and refine and ennoble their hearts."—"The Acts of the Apostles," p. 109. Contacts for Bible study are to be made in the following ways: (1) "Take your Bibles, and go forth to warn the world." (2) "Carry the word of God to every man's door; urge its plain statements upon every man's conscience." (3) "Let the workers go from house to house, opening the Bible to the people." (4) Invite your neighbors to your home, and read with them from the precious Bible and from the books that explain its truths."

Friend your salvation rests not upon your changeable feelings, but upon God's unchangeable fact. The fact of God is that Christ has borne our sins and has died in your place. No feeling of yours whether of joy or grief, exaltation or despondency, peace or distress, can possibly alter that great fact. Therefore, let not one fragment of your faith hinge upon your own moods or emotions; but let it rest implicitly in God's promises. In that you will find perfect peace and you will find it in that alone.

—James H. McConkey.

### CALENDAR

First Sabbath of each month, Home Missionary Day (Except in December it is the 21st).  
 September 7, Harvest Ingathering Day.  
 November 9, Colporteur Rally Day.  
 November 23-30, Week of Sacrifice.  
 November 30, Melting Pot for Missions Day.  
 December 7-14, Annual Week of Prayer.

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**DEATH OF R. E. GREENIDGE***L. V. Finster*

It is with sadness that we announce the death of our beloved fellow-worker, R. E. Greenidge, which took place at the Washington Sanitarium, Takoma Park, D. C., on May 27. Brother Greenidge gave himself to the Lord while still a young man, and went to the United States to seek a better training for the service of Him he loved. He took a nurse's training course, and returned to the Inter-American Division, where he and his good wife have labored along educational and medical lines for many years. When our school was started at Camaguan, Venezuela, Brother and Sister Greenidge were asked to take charge of this work. For thirteen years they labored to build up this school, and many young people have been influenced toward the higher ideals of life by the kind Christian example of our beloved co-worker. He also taught one year at our Las Cascadas school on the Canal Zone.

Brother Greenidge was always a true and loyal man, and all who knew him will miss his cheery life. Our brother now sleeps in death, but he died in the hope of coming forth in the first resurrection. O blessed hope! He leaves a wife and one son, also many friends and students to mourn their loss. His son, Luis Greenidge, who is just finishing his school work at Pacific Union College, has accepted the call to continue the work so well begun at the Camaguan school. Our love and sympathy go out to those who mourn.

**O'ER LAND AND SEA**

The division office family have the pleasure of having Brother C. J. Foster with them for a short time. He has answered a call to come down to supervise the erection of a house of worship for our Spanish church in Panama City. We are all rejoicing over the splendid progress that is being made in this building program.

Then in the latter part of June we had the pleasure of having Professor and Sister C. P. Crager with us at the division office. They have been visiting South America, and went from here to Costa Rica to attend the union committee meeting there and also to visit their daughter, Mrs. W. A. Wild.

**SPECIAL CALL FOR FASTING AND PRAYER**

A call for a day of fasting and prayer has just come by cable from the General Conference Committee. It reads as follows:

**"In view serious world conditions, financial perplexities, rumors of war, political unrest affecting progress of message, General Conference Committee calls for day of fasting and prayer throughout churches August twenty-four, for holding winds for finishing of work."**

We are passing this call on with the endorsement of the division committee, to our churches through the columns of this paper. The alarming situation now facing the entire world calls for deep humility of heart, and earnest seeking of God by every true Seventh-day Adventist.

We urgently appeal to the leaders in all departments of our work, to every church elder, and to the leaders of companies to place special emphasis upon this call to fasting and prayer that God may hold the winds of strife and war, and that He may pour His Spirit in great power upon His people for quickly finishing His work in our own hearts, and in all the earth.

"Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth out of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach. . . . Then will the Lord be jealous for His land, and pity His people. Yea, the Lord will answer." Joel 2:15-19.

**REMEMBER THE DATE:****SABBATH—AUGUST 24**

INTER-AMER. DIVISION COMMITTEE.

**"ALWAYS MORE, NEVER LESS"***Mrs. F. L. Harrison*

If we could have a full report for the first five months of 1935, we would see a splendid increase in our mission funds, as compared to the same period

of last year. Surely, we must be grateful to our heavenly Father as we realize that through the efforts of our brethren and sisters throughout the division our funds are showing an increase, and He is helping us to be faithful in our systematic giving week by week.

Only two of our unions have reported for the month of May, yet for the division, as a whole, we have an increase of \$2,781.47 or 15.38%. From Central America and Mexico we have only a four-months' report, while the figures for the Colombia-Venezuela Union include only those for January, February and March.

More than half of 1935 is in the past. Shall we not, individually put forth our best efforts during these last few months, that by our offerings we may send someone the gospel light who otherwise might never learn of Jesus and His soon coming?

**COMPARATIVE REPORTS OF MISSION FUNDS****For Five months of 1934 and 1935**

| <i>Name of Field</i>    | <i>1934</i> | <i>1935</i> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Bahamas Mission         | 269.23      | 456.51      |
| Cayman Isl. Mission     | 39.12       | 39.47       |
| Cuba Conference         | 1,386.62    | 2,015.54    |
| Haiti Mission           | 1,168.90    | 1,084.02    |
| Jamaica Conference      | 1,985.42    | 2,218.48    |
| Puerto Rico Mission     | 934.14      | 1,620.29    |
| Santo Domingo Miss.     | 1,750.46    | 1,676.75    |
| Antillian Union         | 7,533.89    | 9,111.06    |
| French West I. Miss.    | 207.16      | 180.85      |
| Guiana Conference       | 663.41      | 532.75      |
| Leeward Isls. Conf.     | 1,463.65    | 2,241.57    |
| South Caribbean Conf.   | 1,832.21    | 3,249.43    |
| Caribbean Union         | 4,166.43    | 6,204.60    |
| British Honduras Miss.  | 681.37      | 652.10      |
| Costa Rica Mission      | 309.28      | 327.66      |
| Guatemala Mission       | 197.87      | 200.32      |
| Honduras Mission        | 112.96      | 264.27      |
| Nicaragua Mission       | 176.40      | 199.01      |
| Panama Conference       | 1,332.71    | 1,231.18    |
| Salvador Mission        | 165.02      | 109.46      |
| Central Amer. Union     | 2,975.61    | *2,984.00   |
| Atlantic Colombia Miss. | 315.33      | 179.60      |
| Central Colombia Miss.  | 222.98      | 230.16      |
| Curacao Mission         | 127.95      | 184.58      |
| Pacific Colombia Miss.  | 195.53      | 132.09      |
| Upper Magdalena Miss.   | 143.10      | 127.08      |
| Venezuela Mission       | 410.98      | 321.32      |
| Colombia-Ven. Union     | 1,415.87    | \$1,074.83  |
| Central Mexico Miss.    | 528.76      | 418.55      |
| Gulf Mission            | 392.83      | 329.05      |
| Lake Misson             | 153.60      | 90.54       |
| Tehuantepec Mission     | 919.40      | 655.23      |
| Mexican Union           | 1,994.59    | *1,493.37   |
| Division Totals         | 18,086.39   | 20,867.86   |

\* 4 months report from the fields of this union.  
 § 3 months report from the fields of this union.

**Important: The above call to fasting and prayer should be read before the entire church at the Sabbath morning service, August 10, and repeated August 17.—Inter-American Division Committee.**